

Secret Service
MEMORANDUM

Hubert, Jack

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TO: Mr. Howard Willens
FROM: Leon D. Hubert

I spoke to U.S. Attorney Barefoot Sanders at approximately 10:30 this morning and told him that the FBI would be able to take pictures of the Ruby documents in possession of District Attorney Wade in Wade's office. In other words, it would not be necessary for the documents to be taken out of the office. I told him also that the FBI had advised us that this could be done in approximately one day's time and that the purpose for taking the pictures was twofold, one to assist in the investigation and two as a permanent record for the Archives. Sanders then stated that he understood the position better than he had yesterday and would contact Wade and let me know. He called me back about 1:10, but I was at lunch; nevertheless, we spoke at about 2 o'clock this afternoon. He told me that at first Wade seemed to go along with the idea but as the conversation continued, Wade began to have some doubts. Wade stated that he wanted the assurance the FBI would not put the pictures in the possession of the U. S. Department of Justice. Wade indicated that he would therefore prefer to have the Secret Service do the job. As I understood the matter, Wade seemed to come to the point ultimately as the conversation progressed that if the documents were made available for photographing under any circumstances, it would be upon condition that the documents would never be made available to the Department of Justice. Sanders, of course, advised me that he was not in a position to make such a commitment. Apparently Wade would have no objection to the project so long as the Commission alone was involved, but expressed his doubts of acquiescing in the project unless he could be given the assurances stated above.

Sanders advised further that Wade said he would think the matter over and would contact Sanders tomorrow morning, Thursday, April 9th. Sanders said he would let me know as soon as he has heard from Wade.

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CC: Hubert chron file
Mr. Rankin

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