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DATE: July 18, 1967

FROM

Martin F. Richman

First Assistant

Office of Legal Counsel

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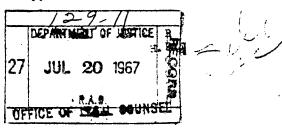
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Department of Justice File Materials.

On July 11, Carl Belcher brought up the materials described in the two annexed memos of July 7, which had been found in a broken package in the United States mail in Los Angeles. Upon inspection, these were found to be a large red envelope containing personal checkbooks and cancelled checks of Dave Slawson and a manila work folder of his concerning Warren Commission matters which had arisen in 1966-67 while he was employed in this Office.

In view of the reference to FBI reports and official papers in the annexed memos, Mr. Belcher and I went through the manila folder item by item. Although it was a voluminous collection of loose papers, I was able to identify most of the items rapidly through prior familiarity with almost all of them. For the most part, these papers consisted of Slawson's desk copies of memos he had written in this Office, extra copies of other papers relating to our work in connection with the Warren Commission exhibits, newspaper clippings, and some personal correspondence relating to Slawson's interest in the Commission investigation, in which he had been an assistant counsel prior to coming to this Office.

Included in this folder, however, were three items which appeared to be Department of Justice file copies. Two of these are carbon copies of FBI reports which had been forwarded to Charlie Simms for information, and the third is a Justice information copy of a USIA cable.



Presumably these had been passed on to Slawson for his information. All three are unclassified and relate to information concerning books critical of the Warren Commission report. I removed these three items, and they are attached to the original of this memorandum for the Department files.

The balance of the work folder and the red envelope have been mailed to Slawson in Los Angeles.

cc: W. David Slawson

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Mr. William M. Byrne, Jr. United States Attorney Los Angeles, California

Attention: Mr. John Van de Kamp Assistant V. S. Attorney

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This letter will acknowledge the telephone conversation between you and Mr. Vinson and the receipt of the personal effects and documents of W. David Slawson which were forwarded by you to he with a copy of your memorandum and the memorandum of the Post office Department to you.

Mr. Elawson was employed by the Office of Legal Counsel. and the documents other than personal effects which were forwarded to us were documents which related to the work Mr. Slawson performed in the Office of Legal Counsel. Accordingly, we have discussed this matter with that Office and it is making an appropriate disposition of the documents and is accepting the responsibility for forwarding to Mr. Slameon his personal effects and personal papers.

Your ecoperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

PRED M. YIMSON, Jr. Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division

CARL W. RELCHER Chief, General Crimes Section

CC: Mr. Martin Richman Office of Legal Counsel