Memorandum

TO: MR. I. W. CONRAD

FROM: MR. W. D. GRIFFITH

DATE: 3/9/64

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

My memorandum to you dated 2/26/64, set forth information that Life Magazine, purchasers of the original Zapruder assassination film, did not desire to permit "frame by frame" projection of the assassination film before the Commission for fear of possible damage to the film; that, however, Life Magazine had offered to make available slides of each picture represented on the assassination film, and the Commission had asked the Life Magazine representative to prepare such slides. My memorandum further set forth that arrangements were being made for the Laboratory to look at these slides following preparation by Life Magazine.

The New York Office has now advised that the initial test slides were made available to that office and are being forwarded by New York to the Laboratory. Mr. Eisenberg of the Commission staff on 3/6/64, telephonically requested that the FBI Laboratory review these test slides upon receipt in order to determine whether a full set of these slides would be of value in further examination of the Zapruder film. He requested that if the FBI Laboratory found the slides to be of value, that Life Magazine be advised to go ahead with the preparation of the complete set that Life Magazine had initially volunteered to produce.

ACTION:

The slides will be examined promptly upon receipt in the Laboratory and the Commission will be appropriately advised.

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1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. Rosen (Mr. Malley)
1-Mr. Sullivan (Mr. Lenihan)
1-Mr. Callahan (Mr. Gauthier)