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Dr. James B. Rhoads
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Attention: Marion M. Johnson

Dear Dr. Rhoads:

This responds to your request to the Attorney General for the views of the Department of Justice as to whether two classified documents (described below) maintained in the records of the Warren Commission may be declassified. Because these documents relate primarily to the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Director of that Bureau was asked to review them. The Director has completed his review and has advised us as follows:

1. The Bureau interposes no objection to declassification of the letter dated April 24, 1964 addressed to Bureau Director J. Edgar Hoover by J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the Warren Commission.

2. The Bureau, after consultation with the Central Intelligence Agency which has an interest in the matter, likewise interposes no objection to declassification of the subject portion of the report of Special Agent James F. Morrissey, dated March 11, 1964; specifically pages 23-35 of Commission document 651.