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Honorable William B. Saxbe
Attorney General
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

We have received a request for a mandatory review under Executive Order 11652, Sections 5(D) and 11, of certain security classified records of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (the Warren Commission) that are now 10 years old. These records consist of pages 23-35 of Commission Document 651 (Report of Special Agent James F. Morrissey, Washington, D.C., March 11, 1964; FBI File No. 105-32555) and a letter addressed to Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the Commission, on April 24, 1964.

Enclosed are copies of the guidelines prepared by the Department of Justice in 1965 for the review of the Commission's records and a letter of August 17, 1966, from Assistant Attorney General Wozencraft of the Office of Legal Counsel authorizing the National Archives to conduct reviews of the records created by the Commission. I shall appreciate it if you will review pages 23-35 of Commission Document 651 and the letter from Mr. Rankin to Mr. Hoover, which we will make available to you upon the request of your action officer, in accordance with the terms of E.O. 11652 and inform me of any objection you may have to the declassification of these records or any part of them. If you feel that the records or any part of them should retain a security classification, please inform me of the level of classification required and the relevant basis for the classification listed in Section 5(D) of E.O. 11652. If you think the records should be declassified but withheld from research as a whole or in part under an exemption from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) other than subsection (b) (1), please inform me of that exemption and of any relevant guideline.

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The following members of our staff will be pleased to furnish any further information you require: Mr. Mark G. Eckhoff and Mr. Marion M. Johnson (Code 13, Ext. 23171).

Sincerely,

James B. Rhoads

JAMES B. RHOADS
Archivist of the United States

Enclosures

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