

MINUTES OF STAFF MEETING - APRIL 3, 1964

Convened at 10:15 a.m.

Present: Messrs. Slawson, Stern, Goldberg, Ely, Mosk, Willens, Redlich, Griffin, Hubert, and Rankin.

Mr. Rankin stressed careful, accurate and competent work -- discussed the outline.

Stern suggested we begin immediately to correct typographical and grammatical errors in the transcripts and have them printed up. This would facilitate use of them by the staff and the Commissioners. Also, these transcripts will be published with the report. Mr. Rankin, with the help of Mr. Willens and Professor Redlich, will assign this task.

Dr. Goldberg raised the possibility of a bill in Congress allowing the Commission to copyright the report. Professor Redlich was asked to consider this.

Discussion of the Outline

Mr. Rankin suggested a narrative prior to or after the analytical discussion. We will examine this between paragraphs 2 and 3.

Dr. Goldberg suggested mentioning a few historical and other items: past assassination attempts, the fact that historically Presidents travel.

Problem of Ruby case - change possibility of Ruby being mentally ill to claim of this possibility. This question will be reserved.

Added will be a chronology prepared by the IRS.

Mr. Slawson pointed out difficulties with V - Possible Conspiratorial Motive - How do you prove a negative.

We should make a checklist of every published claim. Everyone in the particular area should deal with these -- will be in supplement. Then we could have examples in the body of the report.

Uniform citations.

Professor Redlich will draw up a new outline.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.