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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. LEE RANKIN, General Counsel

FROM: Howard B. Wilson

RE: Daily Report from Dallas
Thursday, March 26, 1954

Mr. Rankin called this evening and stated that depositions were taken last evening from Reserve Officer C. O. Amett, Detective D. R. Archer, Sgt. E. J. Mandy, and Reserve Officer H. J. Housh. The Rankin deposition went on until half past one last night and again this afternoon (Thursday) from 4 to 6:45 p.m.

During the day the following depositions were taken by the designated members of the staff:

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Staff Member</u>
Det. D. H. Conbeat	Messrs. Hubert & Griffin
Det. D. L. Bonty	"
Det. J. C. Watson	"
Det. W. J. Cotshaw	"
Capt. Salomon	"
Res. Officer W. J. Gowan	"
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Vladimir	Mr. Jensen

Mr. Hubert proposes for tonight the depositions of six Reserve Officers - H. P. Holly, H. H. Elias, R. L. Mayo, W. E. Worley, K. H. Croy and A. R. Brock. For tomorrow, Friday, March 27th, please call for depositions of Huey Reyna and Police Department radio dispatchers Francis Cohen and J. Jackson Lowrey.

Mr. Hubert also informed me that he had received information from Dean Storey to the effect that the reporter in the Ruby trial has not yet begun preparing the transcript. Apparently Ruby has filed a lawyer's oath and the reporter is uncertain as to whether he will be compensated for his work. The State of Texas will pay in the event that Ruby's lawyer's oath is rejected. Dean Storey

will be here Monday, March 30, on his way to Europe for 4 weeks. I think we should try to persuade the Texas officials to instruct the reporter to begin work as soon as possible.

I asked Mr. Ebert to ask Mr. Griffin to prepare a memorandum regarding his deposition of Detective Dean. Mr. Griffin is in Fort Worth and will be back in Washington on Saturday. United States Attorney Sanders talked with District Attorney Wade and feels that this difficulty has been smoothed over. The United States Attorney agreed with Wade that, if this contest took place, it was unacceptable to the Commission.

I informed United States Attorney Sanders regarding the agreement reached today between you and Attorney General Carr as to the availability of the transcript in Dallas. Mr. Sanders informed me that he was prepared to keep one copy of all the deposition transcripts in his office and permit Carr's representative to read them there. According to Mr. Sanders, Mr. Spitzer has already left Dallas with two copies of the transcript of a few depositions, so that arrangements will have to be made to return one of these to Mr. Sanders.