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Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel  
President's Commission on the  
Assassination of President Kennedy  
200 Maryland Avenue, N.E.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lee,

Enclosed is the draft for Chapter VIII: Presidential Protection  
with comments attached and other notes on the draft in red ink.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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- p.20, top Scanning building - What do they look for? Has it ever helped? Was it satisfactory procedure?
- p.21, top Checking building - Is this a reasonable step? What are they looking for? What can they hope to get?
- p.30 Drinking incident - This is well handled. In the same line, should the SS rules be examined and evaluated?
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- (In this chapter should be inserted the materials under headings "Background" and "Motorcade" of Chapter 2, which are relevant only to the question of security measures and their adequacy. See, for comments thereon, notes to Chapter 2.)
- Part C -
- p.32 PRS file Rearrange sentences.
- p.33, top; )  
p.33, L1.7-8) 10-20 "clear risks" Were these more dangerous, or just without permanent residence?
- p.44, L1.5-8 Lee's work at TSB and motorcade route - Is there any reason for thinking PRS would have connected them?
- p.44, bottom Oswald & SS interest - On what criteria would Oswald have been investigated?
- p.52, top Oswald's case reopened - Is this all that was done?
- p.54, par.1; )  
pp.55-56 ) FBI interview in MO - Did Oswald tell Quigley why he wanted this interview? What was discussed?
- p.56, L.10 Investigation of Lee - Does this mean FBI did not know where he was living? If so, it seems inconsistent.
- p.58, top Mexico & State Dept. - Could something have been done by State at this point?
- p.58, L1.7-10 P.O. address change - Why wasn't this known until Oct.? How was it learned?
- p.58, bottom Hosty looks for Lee - Straighten this mess out.
- pp.59-60 Hosty interviews Mrs. Paine - What was purpose of investigation? What was he looking for?
- p.62, L1.3-4 Oswald's case not urgent - Are there criteria established for priority among cases?
- p.67, bottom FBI Agent Theory - Delete bracketed sentences.

- p.69, bottom FBI - This could have been done but not reported; this statement assumes required procedures were followed.
- p.69, par.2 FBI - Rearrange, & shorten as marked.
- p.71, par.1 Hosty address, etc. - Hosty's license number was also in book -- explain.
- p.73, top Marguerite's theory - Rewrite sentence.
- p.73, bottom CIA denials - This phrasing is not good - what about CIA informant in Soviet embassy in Mexico City?
- p.75, bottom CIA Liaison - It's more than ironic!
- p.77, par.2 SS & other threats - Proof, examples of this?
- p.80, par. 1 SS & report on Oswald - This is repetitious.
- p.80, par.2;) Other agencies & SS - This conclusion should be amplified -  
p.81 ) by existing criteria, by best possible criteria, etc.? Is parenthesis correct? What about method?
- p.83, L.4 FBI Changes - What classification do defectors consider?
- p.85, Ll.6-8 New criteria - Is it possible to have criteria which are practical and which would have covered Oswald?
- p.87 Conclusion - personal liberty dangers - Recommendations by Comm? Any criteria to be suggested at least as minimal?
- Part D
- p.88 Scope of Comm's work - Is this correct? I suggest dropping first hal.
- p.89, bottom SS Study - Is this really secret? Has it been given to Comm members?
- p.91, top Recommendations - Meaning unclear.
- p.92, par.1 Role of President - Poor sentence for report
- pp. 93-94 Speed of travel - Delete.
- p.96 Role of Protection - What is protection against? Analyze dangers.
- p.99, par.1 "National mood," "elementary caution" - These are unnecessarily vague and general
- p.99, Par.2 Armored car - Is this realistic - Will LBJ ever use it? Or any President?

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Agents on and in car

- JFK told them not to ride on  
platforms! - Could Kellerman have  
got to back seat?