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SUBJECT: (Optional) Warren Commission requests

FROM: Donald G. Vorhis x 7486 R 9271
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Fred:

Herewith are all but one of the original request letters you asked for yesterday. Can't find the Richard E. Sprague file at this point, so I can't help you with that one.

D. G. Vorhis
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Department of Justice
Washington

OCT 17 1968

Dr. Robert H. Bahmer
Archivist of the United States
National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Dr. Bahmer:

I have been asked to reply to the informal inquiries which you and the Deputy Administrator of General Services, Joe E. Moody, have made to this Department concerning the authority and procedures for releasing for public disclosure certain of the documentary material that was produced or acquired by the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (the Warren Commission).

The Commission has, of course, completed its investigation, submitted its report, and transferred all of its records, papers, and other documentary material to the National Archives for preservation. Many scholars and other persons are anxious to study that material.

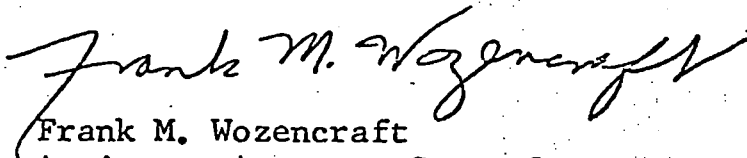
Last year, the Executive departments and agencies which had furnished documentary material to the Commission developed certain guidelines for determining which of the items they had furnished could be released to the public. As a result of the applications of those guidelines, approximately two thirds of that material has been made available to the public.

Since the Commission did not provide any guidance or impose any restrictions in this regard at the time that its files were transferred to your agency, since the Commission is now out of existence, and since your agency is now the receiver and custodian of the records of the Commission, this Department believes the Administrator of General Services, acting through you and your staff, is now in the same legal and administrative position with

respect to the records, papers, and other documentary material transferred to your agency by the Commission, as the Commission was prior to that transfer.

Consequently, we believe that your agency has the authority and obligation to review that material and to determine which of it should be made available to, or withheld from, the public at this time, and to conduct subsequent reviews of such material at reasonable intervals until all of it is released. In this regard, we believe it would be appropriate for your reviews of that material to be made in conformity with the guidelines which were developed and applied by the various Executive departments and agencies with respect to the material they had contributed to the Commission. However, we do not consider those guidelines as imposing absolute standards for the release or disclosure of Commission-produced material in your custody. If in any specific case a sound legal basis exists for withholding or for releasing any such material notwithstanding provisions of the guidelines, your agency should, of course, disregard the guidelines. Similarly, if sound archival or other principles or reasons, not inconsistent with law, exist for disregarding the guidelines in some particular case, we believe that it would be appropriate for your agency to disregard the guidelines in that case. If any significant legal problem should arise in this regard, the Department of Justice will, of course, be happy to assist you in any way that we can.

Sincerely,



Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

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CORRESPONDENCE

VOLUME I:

List of documents to be reviewed by Mr. Sturbitts and/or other
LA branches: (copies attached)

WAVE-8049, 22 Nov 63

WAVE-8129, 24 Nov 63

WAVE-8130, 24 Nov 63

WAVE-8133, 24 Nov 63

WAVE-8149, 22 25 Nov 63

SAGO-6153, 23 Nov 63

MONT-8398, 23 Nov 63

MONT-8397, 23 Nov 63 (HUM-2414)

VOLUME I: EUR check

OTTA-1271, 23 Nov 63

MEXI-7052, 24 Nov 63

VOLUME II

LIMA-4809, 26 Nov 63

DIRECTOR-85069, 26 Nov 63

DIRECTOR-85039, 26 Nov 63 - the question here involves State & FBI

DIRECTOR-85066, 26 Nov 63 - ditto above

VOLUME III

MDST-28531, 28 Nov 63 - see document with note - definitely should not
release portions marked

EX-10896, 29 Nov 63 - check with COB

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EUR (Check)

~~MEXI-78~~ MEXI-7071, 27 Nov 63

OTTA-1274, 27 Nov 63

OTTA-1280, 27 Nov 63

VOLUME IV

WAVE 8447, 3 Dec 63

WAVE 8455, 3 Dec 63

VOLUME V

WAVE-8658

TX-1886, 6 Dec 63

VOLUME VI

WAVE 8736, 9 Dec 63

DIR-87746, 9 Dec 63

VOLUME IX

WAVE 8809, 10 Dec 63

WAVE 8789, 10 Dec 63

DIR 87985, 10 Dec 63

VOLUME X

DIR 90487, 20 Dec 63 (check with SE)

MEXI-7488, 20 Dec 63 (check with SE)

WAVE-8949, 12 Dec 63

DIR-88643, 12 Dec 63

UFG-4286, 19 Dec 63

UFGA-13059, 13 Dec 63

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WAVE 9371, 19 Dec 63

HCSA-10374, 13 Dec 63

DIR-88864, 13 Dec 63 (Argentina)

BUEN-0766, 13 Dec 63

BUEN 0768, 13 Dec 63

MEXI-????, 14 Dec 63 - why in Oswald file?

VOLUME XVII

CSCI 3/779,297, 26 Dec 63

WAVE ~~8KXX~~ 9679, 27 Dec 63WAVE 9680, 27 Dec 63

VOLUME XVIII

Covering

/MEMO for HELMS re Verson (believe this COG agent AMPALM-26 -- see
vol. XIX notes)

VOL. XIX

BUEN-0850, 2 Jan 64 (re MEDVEDEV)

DIR-92766, 6 Jan 64 - AMPALM-26

DIR-92767, 6 Jan 64 "

VOL. XXII

WAVE-0173, 9 Jan 64

~~WX~~ MEXI-7776, 14 Jan 64 - re AMPALM-26 (involves some FBI info)

WAVE-0569, 15 Jan 64 - AMPALM-26

MEXI-7819, 17 Jan 64 - also A-26 (source of MEXI info is sensitive &
should be withheld)HGGA-7205, 8 Jan 64

VOL. XXIV

UFGA-13576, 16 Jan 64

UFGA-13737, 24 Jan 64

UFGA-13736, 24 Jan 64

UFGA-13772, 27 Jan 64

XAAZ-35876, 29 Jan 64

WAVE-1283, 30 Jan 64

WAVE-1465, 4 Feb 64

DIRD-88386, 29 JAN 1964

VOLUME XXV

UFGA-13907, 13 Feb 64

VOLUME XXXIII

~~MONTEVIDEO~~~~KX~~ KINGSTON 1226, 2 Apr 64VOL 35
XAE-809, 30/4/64 -
COG

VOLUME XXXIV

UFGA-15239, 15 Apr 64 (Note: para. 3.a. marked for non-release
involves sensitive source methods for Mexico)

X SX-10946, 8 Apr 64 - Nic desk check para (2)

VOL 37 - XAAZ-27212
14 May 64 - COGVOLUME ~~XXXX~~ 43

HTPA-01340, 16 Jun 64

~~XXX~~ XAAZ-17378, 12 Jun 64 - Costa RicaCSCI-3/781543, 5 Jun 64 - if released, review with COG & GUAT, but is
answer to FBI memoVOLUME ~~X~~ 48

WAVE 0767, 19 Aug 64

VOLUME 49

DIR-49570, 14 Sep 64 (SE review)

MEXI-0898, 17 Sep 64 (SE Review)

PRIN-2754, 15 Sep 64 (Haiti)

XAAZ-22874, 14 Sep 64 - COG

VOLUME 51 (all review with COG)

WAVE-3387, 16 Sep 64

UFGA-17923, 29 Sep 64

XAAZ-22938, 21 Oct 64

XAAZ-22876, 4 Nov 64

WAVE-4342, 6 Nov 64

WAVE-8130, 24/11/67 - Copy not in file, but a
"dummy" is.

VOLUME 52 (review with COG & EUR/Germany)

HMMW-13244, 30 Dec 64

DBA-94347, 31 Dec 64

CSCI-316/02545-64, 15 Dec 64

VOLUME-56

FPMA-19675, 15 Jan 68: involves one Luis CASTILLO who claims hired by
WOFIRM to kill Kennedy--should be checked with COG.
Unable to copy document because of blue ink.

VOLUME 55 - this involves case of Thayer WALDO (201-043967) - held by OPS/IT
(they should review)

DIR-26897, 10 Aug 67


MEXI-2463, 12 Aug 67

MEXI-2454, 12 Aug 67

16 December 1975

Mr. Randall:

According to telcon between Mr. Savige (Info & Priv) and Mr. Johnson of Nat'l Archives on 12 Dec 75, CIA apparently needed to review for declassification of material on Lists 1, 1A, 2 and 2A (see attachments) just the documents which were forwarded to us along with the lists by NARS. Mr. Paul Hartman reviewed the documents (also attached and has made appropriate notations for declassification.


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Downgrading?