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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 25, 1964, requesting that a polygraph examination be afforded Jack L. Ruby. After conferring telephonically with Mr. Arlen Specter of your staff, a tentative date for the polygraph examination was set for July 16, 1964, at 1:30 p.m.

In accordance with your desire that Ruby's attorney, Mr. Joe H. Tonahill, and a representative from the Dallas District Attorney's office be present at the interview, Mr. Tonahill and Mrs. Eva Grant, Ruby's sister, were interviewed on July 10, 1964. Mrs. Grant has a power of attorney to act for Ruby. Mr. Tonahill and Mrs. Grant advised they had conferences and consulted with Dr. L. J. West, Psychiatric Department, University of Oklahoma, and Dr. Norman E. Weaver, psychiatrist, Dallas, Texas, who have been examining Ruby. They stated these psychiatrists have informed them it would be foolhardy at this time to give Ruby a polygraph examination due to his mental state.

Mr. Tonahill stated that both psychiatrists are familiar with the operation of the polygraph and that due to Ruby's delusions, persecution complex and present mental condition they positively recommend against his taking the test. Mrs. Grant stated she was taking full responsibility and was respectfully declining to make Ruby available for a polygraph examination.

Mr. Tonahill and Mrs. Grant both stated they desired to express their gratitude and appreciation to Chief Justice Earl Warren for his desire to comply with Ruby's request that a polygraph examination be afforded him.

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Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade was interviewed on July 10, 1964, and stated that while he would not have any objections to Ruby's being given a polygraph examination, if the examination is given he desires to insure that Ruby be questioned in great detail with particular reference as to his activities and when he first decided to kill Oswald. Mr. Wade was advised that in the event the polygraph examination is given, it will be given at the specific request of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy and that any questions he desired to have asked would have to be taken up with their representatives.

Inasmuch as Mr. Tonahill and Mrs. Grant have declined to make Ruby available for a polygraph examination, no further action will be taken concerning the request set forth in your letter dated June 25, 1964.

This will confirm the conversation of Mr. James H. Malley of this Bureau with you on July 10, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

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