

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR ROBERT CANTOR (DRAFT)

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1. Were you a stenographer for Ward & Paul during the period when the firm worked for the Warren Commission, and did you in that capacity provide stenographic services to the Commission?
2. Do you recall whether you provided stenographic services for any of the Commissions Executive Session meeting and, if so, which ones?
3. Can you recall the names of other stenographers and/or stenographic typists from Ward & Paul who worked on Warren Commission business? Do you know where any of those individuals are located today? (Prompt if necessary with other names we know about.)
4. How did the process work: that is, how would stenotapes be transported, transcribed, returned to the Commission, etc? What was the nature of the Commission's and Ward & Paul's security measures vis-a-vis the stenotapes and transcripts? Do you have any reason to believe that any tapes or transcripts were kept by Ward & Paul and not returned to the Commission?
5. Do you know if Ward & Paul's records would/should include billings slips or other records that would indicate if a stenotape and transcript had been made for any given Commission meeting? What Ward & Paul employee would have been in charge of such billings and records?
6. The final Executive Session of the Warren Commission was held on September 18, 1964. Were you present at this session? Do you know who else was or may have been? Do you have any information or knowledge about the proceedings of this meeting? Do you know if a Ward & Paul stenographer was present at this meeting? If so and if a stenotape was made, do you know if it was ever transcribed? Have you seen such a stenotape or transcript? (Show Mr. Cantor the copy of the "minutes" of this meeting). The first page of these "minutes" appears to be the beginning of a verbatim transcript. Do you agree? What explanation would you offer for this?
7. Subsequent to Ward & Paul's work with the Warren Commission, you were apparently called back to verify or otherwise examine a stenotape you had made of one of the Commission's meetings? Can you tell us the circumstances surrounding this incident, and what was at issue?