

December 10, 1997

Mr. James P. Hosty
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Dear Mr. Hosty:

In response to your recent telephone call in which you asked about the progress of our search for the "18 items of derogatory information" that Bouck mentioned during his Warren Commission testimony, I enclosing a document your information. The February 17, 1964, memorandum from Stern to Rankin concerns security measures to protect President Kennedy. As you know, Dr. Joan Zimmerman of the Review Board staff has thoroughly checked for the list that you have asked about, but she has not been able to locate a succinct list. She did ask me to mail a copy of this record to you as it reports on the lack of liaison among Government agencies regarding Oswald.

With regard to release of the audiotapes and other materials from our interview with you in November, 1996, I am very sorry that we have not been able to send them to you yet. The FBI reports that they are nearly finished with their review of the materials. Again, I will send them to you as soon as the Bureau clears them for release.

The December 5, 1975, December 12, 1975, and December 13, 1975 transcripts of your testimony before the Church Committee have been approved for release by the FBI. The December 5 and December 13 transcripts were transferred to the JFK Collection on September 8, 1997. Although the FBI originally considered postponing the release of portions of your December 12, 1975, testimony, they decided that they would release it in full. I am enclosing the December 12, 1975 transcript with this letter.

As always, I hope that you and Mrs. Hosty are doing well. Thank you for your continued interest in our work.

Sincerely,

Laura Denk

Enclosures