

AFFIDAVIT OF LEODIS C. MATTHEWS

On first being duly sworn affiant states as follows:

1. My name is Leodis C. Matthews.

2. I am a member in good standing of the District of Columbia Bar.

3. I was employed as staff counsel for the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) in the late 1970's.

4. During the time I was employed as staff counsel for the HSCA I was directed by G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Staff Director for the HSCA, to review certain Secret Service files at a Secret Service office. It was my understanding that Robert Goff, then-Secret Service Chief Counsel and G. Robert Blakey confirmed by a letter dated December 28, 1977 that I would have complete access to Secret Service files concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. I also reviewed the preliminary survey report and investigative material leading to cancellation of President Kennedy's trip to Chicago of November 2, 1963. In addition I reviewed the 1963 Secret Service files and records including COS classified materials stored at the Federal Records Center in Suitland, Maryland with respect to communications between field office agents, White House detail and Secret Service headquarters for Presidential trips to a number of U.S. cities from March 1963 through November 1963.

5. I conducted a thorough review of the Secret Service reports and files because I was looking for information about the Service's attitudes, methods and procedures of providing Presidential protection.

6. I recall taking copious handwritten notes during my review of Secret Service files. I further recall requesting photocopies of certain files, although I do not believe the photocopies were given to me during the visit in which I requested them. The copies would have been sent to the HSCA by the Secret Service at a later time.

Leodis C. Matthews

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
_____ day of July, 1995.

Notary Public