Draft Talking Points - For KCBS - 1/23/96

- 1. Our mandate is to pursue records that are relevant to the assassination and make them available to the American public..
- 2. There were reports over the years that this individual may have possessed records relevant to the assassination.
- 3. It was important for us to act quickly and we did.
- 4. We worked with the family and received their cooperation.
- 5. We did not find anything of the nature which he reportedly had.
- 6. We make no judgments on his story.
- 7. The nature of the Kennedy assassination is that <u>not</u> checking something out sometimes takes on a life of its own and that is why it was important for us to act quickly.
- 8. Most of our time has been spent on the review of records held by federal agencies, but this is not the only time we have sought records that may be in private hands or records which are held by state or local government. It is part of our mandate.

Q: We have heard that there were photos of Oswald?

A: We found nothing of that nature. If something has turned up of that nature, the family, which has been cooperative to date is under a continuing obligation to cooperate with the Board and has repeatedly pledged their cooperation.

Q: Isn't this a waste of time and money?

A: This involved a minimal amount of resources and staff time. It was important that we demonstrated a willingness to make the effort to find out if there was anything there that the American public had a right to see.

Q: Is that the end of it?

A: As I said we did not find anything that was relevant to our work. I cannot speculate on the future and whether or not anything will turn up.