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Subject: Conversation w/Beverly Heckman (WC employee),re: 9/18/64 Ex.Sess.

You'll recall that Ms. Heckman was one of a small number of Warren Commission employees explicitly authorized by J.L. Rankin to sign for Ward and Paul transcripts. Dave had located her but, as her number was unlisted, we sent her a letter on 5/31 which requested that she give us a call. She did so yesterday (leaving me a message) and I reached her today. Ms. Heckman was quite cooperative and gracious but, unfortunately, had no recollection as to whether any transcript had been made of the 9/18/64 Executive Session of the Warren Commission. She did recall one occasion where Ward and Paul was not present, because she had been enlisted to serve as note-taker in the absence of a stenographer. She believes this was some sort of session with the DeMohrenschildts, who she recalls as having arrived at the Commission's offices unexpectedly on that day. So we've come up short with Ms. Heckman and Howard Willens. All the Wards (three generations) of Ward and Paul appear to be deceased. We have yet to locate or determine the status of Julia Eide and Anne Welsh, two other WC employees who were authorized to deal with Ward and Paul. Dave did locate and speak with the son-in-law of Wayne Birdsell, a long-time Ward and Paul employee. The son-in-law (Birdsell is deceased) suggested he and his wife have Ward and Paul records of some sort and told Dave he'd try and find/look through them. That's where we stand on this one.

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