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Subject: Weisberg Response

E- Here is my response to Harold (please note that I make reference to enclosing the sample Rankin package; please sign the letter "Tom Samoluk" for me):July 14, 1997Mr. Harold Weisberg7627 Old Receiver Rd.Frederick, MD 21702Dear Mr. Weisberg:Thank you for your letter of July 11, 1997 regarding the papers of J. Lee Rankin that were acquired by the Assassination Records Review Board and recently made available to the public in the JFK Collection at the National Archives.First, per your request, I have enclosed the small sampling of selected documents from the Rankin papers that were made available by the Review Board.Second, I am not aware of any explanation regarding the Commission records that were held by Mr. Rankin. The Board's mandate is to make the JFK Collection as complete as possible and we are pleased to have received this donation from the Rankin family.Third, a copy of the Rankin "daily scheduling diary" and any other records from the Rankin papers that interest you can be obtained directly from the National Archives by calling (310) 713-6620. Because of the large volume of records (approximately 40,000 pages), the Board copied and made available only the small sample of documents accompanying this letter.Fourth, although the Review Board did not do a complete survey of the Rankin papers, I believe that there are some records generated by Senator Cooper.Again, thank you for writing. It was nice to hear from you again.Sincerely,Thomas E. SamolukAssociate Directorenclosure

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