

September 10, 1996

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Re: Donation of Warren Commission Records of J. Lee Rankin

Dear Mr. Rankin:

I have reviewed your August 21, 1996, letter setting forth six conditions on your family's donation of historical materials to the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection (JFK Collection) at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA.)

The Review Board and NARA are pleased to accommodate five of the six conditions you described in your letter.

1. Your family may set the actual date of transfer of the documents, and, as you have requested, transfer will not occur before you make copies of certain documents and arrange for their appraisal.
2. The Assassination Records Review Board (Review Board) will assist you in identifying an appraiser competent to appraise your father's Warren Commission papers.
3. Your family may make copies of any Warren Commission documents which you wish to include in the collection of your father's paper at the University of Nebraska Law School.
4. The General Counsel's office at NARA has advised me that the United States Government cannot accommodate your family's wishes.
5. NARA and the Review Board will pay for packing and shipment of the papers to Washington, D.C.
6. As you know, I will visit you in Santa Cruz to inspect the Warren Commission records in your possession before the Review Board's public hearing on September 17, 1996. I have enclosed two signed originals and one photocopy of the Deed of Gift for the historical

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materials that you will be donating to the JFK Collection. Please sign both originals and return them to our office in the enclosed envelope. We will return to you one of the signed originals after we receive all signatures. You may keep the photocopy for your records.

Please carefully review the Deed of Gift before you sign and do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you again for your time and your donation. I look forward to meeting with you in Santa Cruz.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn, Esq.
General Counsel

Enclosure