

DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

September 24, 1964

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to a request from Mr. Slawson concerning the closing time on Saturday of the Soviet Consulate in Helsinki during October 1959.

The Department has been unable to determine the Saturday closing time for the Soviet Consulate during that period; however, based upon experience from 1961 through the present, the Soviet Consulate normally closes at noon on Saturdays.

Sincerely yours,

Attorney

Office of the Legal Adviser

The Honorable

J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C.

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FROM: MOSCOW

TO: Secretary of State

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