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Abstract: Richard M. Mosk was a California Court of Appeal Justice who over more than three decades of public service investigated the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, chaired the Motion Picture Classification and Rating Administration that provides the parental ratings for motion pictures, and sat on the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal at The Hague, where he served as a judge from 1981 to 1984 and 1997 to 2001. The Warren Commission was established by President Lyndon B. Johnson on November 29, 1963 and was chaired by Chief Justice Earl Warren to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Mosk's papers consist of correspondence between members of the staff, both personal and professional, clippings, audio and video documentaries, copies of reports, interviews and speeches all related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Biographical / Historical
Richard M. Mosk (1939-2016) was an associate justice of the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Five since 2001 when he was appointed by Gray Davis.
Mosk was born in Los Angeles in 1939, the son of Stanley Mosk, a former California Attorney General and state Supreme Court justice. A graduate of both Stanford University and Harvard Law School, Richard Mosk served as a California Supreme Court law clerk and later was appointed to the staff of the Warren Commission (President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy) where he was charged with examining the background of Lee Harvey Oswald. From 1981 to 1984, Mosk served as the U.S. appointed judge on the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal, which was established as part of the settlement of the Iranian hostage crisis. Subsequently, he served as a substitute judge on that Tribunal from 1984 to 1997. In 1997, he was reappointed to that Tribunal and served until 2001 when he was appointed to his current position on the California Court of Appeal.
In 1991, Mosk served as a member of the Independent Commission on the Los Angeles Police Department, also known as the Christopher Commission. The Commission was formed to investigate the L.A.P.D. shortly after the highly publicized beating of motorist Rodney King. Between 1994 and 2000, Mosk served as both Chair and Co-Chair of the Motion Picture Classification and Rating Administration (of the Motion Picture Association of America) that provides the parental ratings for motion pictures.
Justice Mosk practiced law in Los Angeles, tried both civil and criminal cases, and argued cases before the California and United States Supreme Courts. He taught law at the University of Southern California Law Center and the T.C. Beirne School of Law at Queensland University in Australia. In addition, he lectured at many law schools in the United States, Europe, and Asia.

Historical note
The Warren Commission, chaired by Chief Justice Earl Warren, was established on November 29, 1963 and was tasked with investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. On September 24, 1964, the commission presented its final report, consisting of 888 pages, to President Johnson. The report concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination of President Kennedy. Over the years, the commission's report has proven to be controversial and its findings have been challenged by skeptics and conspiracy theorists.

Content Description
The Richard M. Mosk papers, 1963-2015, consist of correspondence between members of the Warren Commission staff, both personal and professional, clippings, audio and video documentaries, copies of reports, interviews and speeches all related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence between former members of the Warren Commission, and it includes e-mails, letters, and memorandums of President Kennedy's assassination and the findings of the Warren Commission. The papers also include reports about Lee Harvey Oswald, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, assassination materials disclosure act, and the report of the select committee on assassinations. Mosk's papers also include clippings, articles, magazines, transcripts of television and radio shows, drafts, and legal documents pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the findings of the Warren Commission Report.

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Correspondence 1963-2015
Scope and Contents
E-mails, memorandums, and letters amongst former members of the Warren Commission concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the Warren Commission report.
Correspondence 1963-2015

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Scope and Contents
Audio and video recordings about the assassination and the Warren Commission; magazines; transcripts of television and radio shows; interviews; photographs; and speeches and addresses about President John F. Kennedy’s assassination and the findings of the Warren Commission Report. Various articles about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, including conspiracy theories surrounding the assassination and the final findings of the Warren Commission Report. Newspaper and magazine clippings regarding the assassination of John F. Kennedy and the Warren Commission Report. Press statements by the White House announcing the appointment of a commission to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Also, a press statement released by former members and/or staff of the Warren Commission supporting the disclosure of all information relevant to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Box 1  Audio recordings 2006-2015
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Lectures and speeches regarding the assassination of JFK and the Warren Commission.

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Scope and Contents
Video documentaries about the JFK assassination.

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Scope and Contents
Various articles about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, including conspiracy theories surrounding the assassination and the final findings of the Warren Commission Report.

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**Press Statements 1963-1992**  
Scope and Contents  
Press statements by the White House announcing the appointment of a commission to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Also, a press statement released by former members and/or staff of the Warren Commission supporting the disclosure of all information relevant to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Box 5, Folder 7-13  
**Copies of Reports 1964-1998**  
Scope and Contents  
Copies of different reports regarding Lee Harvey Oswald, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, assassination materials disclosure act, and the report of the select committee on assassinations.

**Legal Documents 1964-1992**  
Scope and Contents  
Includes affidavits, depositions, statements, and testimonies regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

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**Drafts 1967-2013**  
Scope and Contents  
Includes drafts of articles and book proposals concerning the Warren Commission Report and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Box 5, Folder 20-24  
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Includes program announcements, syllabi, handwritten notes, brochures and other documents regarding the Warren Commission and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

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