

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 8 November Meeting with Mr. Blakey

1. On 8 November, [redacted] visited Mr. Robert G. Blakey, Chief Counsel and Staff Director for the House Select Committee on Assassinations, to receive questions concerning a [redacted] allegation that he had [redacted] information linking an assassination plot against President Kennedy with a figure in organized crime. Mr. Blakey had been referred to NSA (GC, Dan Silver) by Ms. Judy Miller, Special Assistant to John Kester, OSD.

2. Mr. Blakey indicated that [redacted] had communicated with a friend of his named Sgt Michael B. Stevensen at "Corry" Field, Florida. [redacted]

3. At that time, [redacted] Sometime before November, 1963, in his work as [redacted] referred in paragraph 1. Mr. Blakey stated that he did not know who the crime figure is. [redacted] supervisor, Sgt Praeter (actually "Prater") [redacted]

4. Mr. Blakey stated that NSA had already acknowledged the existence of such a facility during this period, but he didn't indicate to whom such a statement had been made.

5. Mr. Blakey posed the following questions for NSA:

(a) What is NSA's capability for retrieving communications from this time and place?

(b) How quickly can we make this retrieval?
(His Committee completes its work in December. If NSA can easily provide the answers to a number of questions, he will do some preliminary investigation before formally requesting the information, but if we indicate that much time will be required, he will task us now.)

(c) What additional information does NSA need from Mr. Blakey to speed the retrieval process?

(d) Is the data still available for retrieval?

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(e) Was ~~working for Praeter (Prater), and actually doing this kind of work at that location during that period?~~

6. He asked for the responses, or at least, a status of what can be provided and how soon, by Monday, 13 November.

7. On 7 September, the General Counsel sent a copy of ~~letter to the FBI (GC/335/78), along with a letter from AF Security Service (to which Sgt Stevensen had sent the letter). In the General Counsel's letter he noted that Security Service was~~

8. On 9 November, ~~and I met with Dan Silver and decided Dan should respond initially to Mr. Blakey's questions by phone. After coordinating with EXEC/DDO, asked to provide input for a response.~~

9. ~~conducted an initial review of the availability of data from covering the first eleven months of 1963.~~

10. I notified ~~Mr. Silver who advised~~ Mr. Blakey with the news, *and he requested that I put our reply in writing. I agreed to do so upon receipt of a written request from him.*

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