MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Senate Select Committee Request for Additional Information on Matters Related to President Kennedy's Assassination

1. Please refer to my Memorandum, Serial: N1380 dated 24 November 1975 which forwarded our initial response to the subject request.

2. Mr. Peter Penn of the Select Committee Staff has requested copies of the four messages referred to in our initial response. They are enclosed for your review and forwarding to Mr. Penn.

[Signature]
DAVID D. LOWNAN
Special Assistant to the Director for Congressional Reviews

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M/R: The four inclosures are messages numbered: 3/0/\(\text{O}^{(3)}/T1384-63,\) 
    2X/O/\(\text{O}^{(2)}/T2545-63, 2X/O/\(\text{O}^{(2)}/T2456-63,\) and 2X/O/\(\text{O}^{(2)}/T2440-63.\)
    Mr. Penn's request was by telephone.
With relation to the information published today in the newspaper Excelsior in Mexico City, affirming that Lee Harvey Oswald had requested a transit visa for travel to the Soviet Union at the Cuban Consulate in Mexico in September, the Cuban Government requested information from the officials of our Consulate in that city confirming that it is certain that Mr. Lee Harvey Oswald requested the transit visa for travel to the Soviet Union on 27 September in the said Consulate.

On being informed by the consular officials that their office could not grant such a visa without the authorization of the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Relations, which likewise would not grant it if it was not previously authorized by the country of destination, Mr. Oswald left the Consulate visibly disgusted.

The said visa was never granted.

This detail, in connection with the other circumstance that surround the facts, confirm our suspicion that the assassination of Kennedy was a provocation against world peace, perfectly and thoroughly planned by the most reactionary sectors of the United States.
It is evident that these sectors planned beforehand to involve Cuba and the Soviet Union in these deeds.

The inconceivable and inexplicable impunity with which an individual of known penal antecedents assassinated OSWALD, the principal accused of the assassination of President KENNEDY, in the presence of the police themselves and in the (J) of a prison, demonstrates in a scandalous and indisputable manner that the powerful reactionary political forces within the United States are making use of all their resources and influences in order to conceal those who master-minded KENNEDY's assassination, and the true motives for it.

World public opinion demands the enlightenment of the deeds.
It is absurd that the political authorities and the prosecuting attorney of Dallas have declared that the case is closed while hardly 48 hours have passed since a deed of so great a result as the assassination of the President of the United States.

Regards.
GHANAIAN PRESS EMPHASIZING CUBAN COMMENTARIES ON DEATH OF PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN

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The Ghanaian press emphasized in the headlines of the first page on 29 November, the commentaries of the Prime Minister of Cuba concerning the death of Oswald.
CASTRO SPEAKS ON PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION AND CUBAN ECONOMY

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FIDEL stated, "Events are demonstrating the sinister plot behind the assassination of KENNEDY. Contradictions show that OSWALD was made the culprit by the police or was prepared to commit the act with promise of escape, and was assigned activities so as to have responsibility fall on or be insinuated against those whom the perpetrators wished. It is clear that United States reactionaries tried to make Cuba and the world the victims of their criminal designs, even at the price of assassinating their own president. They sent OSWALD to Mexico to request a transit visa to Cuba for later travel to the USSR. Imagine the president's assassin just returning from the USSR and

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passing through Cuba. The visa to the USSR he could have requested from the nearest European country and not have to come to Cuba to later go to the USSR, which is much farther."

He also said, "By 1970 we will be in condition to surpass 10 million tons of sugar and to export it. The economy begins to improve solidly. We have sugar sold at close to 10 centavos for 1965 and 1966. There shortly will be a notable increase in meats and other articles. At the year's end, nougats, wine and grapes will reappear as the result of the development of foreign trade."
HAVANA VERIFIES OSWALD’S REQUEST FOR TRANSIT VISA FOR RUSSIA

26 Nov 63

It was reported yesterday that the information in the newspaper El Examinador of Mexico City concerning LEE OSWALD’s request for a transit visa to go to the USSR, which was requested from the Cuban Consulate in Merida, is true. This visa was requested 27 September from said consulate, which stated that it could not grant the visa without the permission of [redacted], and unless permission had been granted previously by the country of destination. OSWALD gave up applying the visa, and the visa was never granted.

This detail, and others, confirm the suspicion that the KENNEDY assassination was a provocation against world peace by the most reactionary sectors. It is evident that these sectors planned

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beforehand to involve Cuba and the USSR in the arms. The inconceivable impunity of a person who, with a known police record, could murder OSWALD in the presence of the police in a prison basement, demonstrates the scandalous manner in which reactionary forces are using in the United States to cover up the perpetrators and the motives for KENNEDY's assassination. World-wide public opinion demands a clarification of the facts. It is absurd that the Dallas District Attorney is closing the case of the death of the President scarcely 48 hours after the deed.