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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

15 June 1976

SUBJECT: Actions Taken by NSA to Locate Information Related
to the Assassination of President Kennedy

A. Over the past fourteen and one-half years, NSA has performed a number of separate in-depth reviews of materials in its files in an attempt to isolate data that might be relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy. Nothing of significance has been determined as a result of those reviews.

1. November-December 1963 - Immediately after the assassination, NSA initiated a large-scale manual and machine review of available SIGINT, including all U.S./Cuba traffic (NSA intercepted messages at an average of 1,000 per day at that time). A computer search was initiated using Oswald's name as the minimum for research criteria. Additionally, all traffic between Cuba/New Orleans and Cuba/Dallas was manually reviewed (an analyst involved recalled that 25 to 50 analysts reviewed the traffic manually, along with traffic from Cuba and some Soviet traffic). Sometime during the search, items from the Oswald address book provided by the FBI were added to the search criteria.

2. 1964 - Warren Commission - The Commission, in the person of Allan Dulles, asked NSA to review the exhibits for any secret writings or codes which might have been contained in the documents. It also appears that NSA searched records for information on the basis of other Warren Commission requests made informally by Allen Dulles.

3. November 1975 - Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities (SSC)

In response to an SSC request on the Assassination, NSA reviewed its Soviet and Cuban files, including Cuban military. The search was also for material involving Marina Oswald, Jack Ruby or Earl Ruby (a Harvest run was made). ~~_____~~ traffic was also reviewed, looking for information concerning Oswald's visit to Mexico.

4. June 1976 - Pursuant to FOIA requests asking for material relating to Lee Harvey Oswald and the Assassination

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of President John F. Kennedy, NSA again searched the files. Strongbox searches were made on the following:

Lee Harvey Oswald	1966 - 1976
Assassination of	
President Kennedy	1966 - 1976
Earl Ruby	1966 - 1977
Cobo Cleaners	1966 - 1977

5. December 1976 - Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) - Requested all the material we had available on the Cuban [redacted] It consisted of 485 reports for the period 1961 - 1965. All of these reports were received by Committee Staff Members.

6. March 1978 - House Select Committee on Assassinations - Requested all data on Cuban intelligence network and other materials relating to the Assassination. All [redacted] material (1961 - 1964) was reviewed, as was material that had been previously compiled to respond to the SSCI and SSC requests.

B. As a result of the reviews described above, the following materials which may have some relevance to the assassination were located (referenced material inclosed at numbered tabs):

1. Four [redacted] messages which contained Cuban comments regarding press items that discussed Oswald's activity in late September 1963 to obtain a visa to travel to Moscow. There were also comments on the assassination itself. The messages are dated in the last week of November 1963.

2. Three Cuban military reports which show that Cuban military forces did go on alert immediately after the assassination.

3. One 1962 [redacted] message concerning the assassination of Antonio Veciana. This message was to [redacted]

4. One 1966 [redacted] message concerning a [redacted] in Cuba. It referenced a 1960 plan in Cuba to assassinate an USSR dignitary in Cuba and against Raul Castro Ruz, possibly linking it to the CIA.

5. Information in an FBI document relating to a [redacted] was supplied by NSA. Because this document was to be turned over to the HASC, there may be some relation to the assassination.

6. One 1967 message showing Cuban interest in Jim Garrison's investigation of both the Kennedy Assassination and David W. Ferrie.

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C. Based on these extensive reviews and the paucity of material derived, it is possible to state that: "A thorough review has revealed no intelligence material revealing or suggesting Cuban involvement in the assassination of President Kennedy."

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Dear Sirs:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552. Please furnish me with all correspondence or records of any communications between your agency and the U.S. House Select Committee on Assassinations concerning the Select Committee's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

I am presently engaged in a program of scholarly research on the work of the Select Committee, which includes gathering all available records dealing with its investigation. As the records requested concern the assassination of an American president, I feel they are of important historical value and that their release would significantly benefit the public. Accordingly, I hereby request that all search and copying fees be waived as provided for under the Act.

If you do not make an initial determination to waive these costs, please first furnish me an estimate of the number of records involved, the cost of a thorough search and your charge per page for copying.

Sincerely,

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