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

ATTN: Ms. Judith A. Miller

SUBJECT: Mr. Blakey's Request

The attached draft letter is provided for your use in replying to Mr. Blakey's 10 August 1978 request on behalf of the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Your note of 14 August 1978 refers.

EUGENE F. YEATES
Chief
Legislative Affairs

Incl:
 a/s

Copy Furnished:
DoD General Counsel
Mr. G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director  
Select Committee on Assassinations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
3331 House Office Building, Annex 2  
Washington, DC 20515  

Dear Mr. Blakey:  

In regard to your 10 August 1978 request for information concerning one Nestor Castellanos which you indicate was withheld by the FBI under the third agency rule, I am pleased to provide the following.  

The intelligence report in question is a compendium of material relating to various Cubans who were reported to be studying in the USSR under scholarships granted by the Cuban government during the period from 3 March to 6 August 1967. The report makes no reference to a Nestor Castellanos.  

Of possible relevance is a reference to a Jose Castellanos, in which it was indicated that he (Castellanos) was an engineering post graduate from the Cuban Institute of Meteorology who was to specialize in hydro-meteorology at the Academy of Sciences and who was scheduled to depart (Cuba) on 27 April 1967 aboard a Soviet ship. The foregoing is the only information contained in the report relating to anyone surnamed Castellanos.  

I hope you will find this information useful to your investigation.  

Sincerely,  

John G. Kester  
Special Assistant To  
The Secretary
M/R: Mr. Blakey requested an NSA document that the FBI refused to let the Committee have. NSA received the request for the document on 18 August. This letter gives a gist of the portion of the product report that may be of interest to the Assassinations Committee.

Concur: Exec, DDC, Mr. John Monroe

Approved by: D/DIR

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Department of Defense Document

Dated: _______________________

Re: __________________________

This document cannot be further identified. If HSCA decides it must request this document, it should so advise an FBI representative.

The document should be requested from the Department of Defense by the HSCA.

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Suspense: August 21, 1978
The Honorable Harold Brown  
Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D. C. 20201  

Attention: Mr. John G. Kester  
Special Assistant to the Secretary  

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to the third agency agreement, the FBI has withheld NSA Document Number 2X/065/R70-67 from review by House Select Committee on Assassinations staff members.

We request access to this document either at the FBI or at the Department of Defense. The document, which refers to Nestor Castellanos, is located in File #64-330-210-5024, page 6.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel  

August 10, 1978
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