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August 21, 1978

Mr. G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director
Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
331 House Office Building, Annex 2
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Blakey:

This is in reply to your recent letter which requested from the Department of Defense certain information relating to Cobo Cleaners and Mr. Earl Ruby in March and April 1962.

The Department of Defense has conducted a thorough search of its records and has not found evidence that any element of the Department attempted to collect information of any sort concerning Cobo Cleaners and/or Mr. Ruby in March and April 1962. Beyond that, we could not find any information concerning either Cobo Cleaners or Mr. Earl Ruby in intelligence reports produced within the Department for March and April 1962. Further, we can find no record that any agency of the U.S. Government provided the Department of Defense any information concerning the subject of your request.

The above information is classified CONFIDENTIAL because it relates to Department of Defense intelligence operations and must not be disclosed to unauthorized individuals. In addition, you must not reveal the Department of Defense or any Defense Agency as the source of this information.

Sincerely,

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John G. Kester
The Special Assistant

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