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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

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Vice Admiral B. R. Inman
Director
National Security Agency
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755

Dear Mr. Director:

The Select Committee on Assassinations was established by the House of Representatives pursuant to House Resolutions 222 and 433 to investigate the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In conjunction with our investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy, it has come to the Committee's attention that the National Security Agency has information which will be of substantial assistance to the Committee's inquiry.

The information to which the Committee staff needs access and which is held by the National Security Agency is all outlines and summaries and biographical data relating to the Cuban Intelligence network of Premier Castro covering the period from 1959 - December 31, 1964 with emphasis on operations by Cuban Intelligence operatives in the United States and other Latin American countries, and any analyses of the direction and evaluation of specific assassination operations.

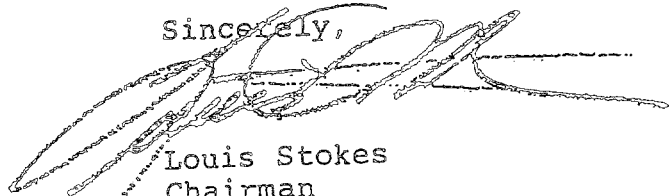
In addition, the Committee requests that it be provided access to any other materials you have relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy or any investigation into the assassination. Access to all materials we will receive from the National Security Agency will be restricted to staff members with a TOP SECRET security clearance.

Vice Admiral B. R. Inman

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The Committee requests that it be provided with these materials as soon as possible, and would very much appreciate it if we could receive such access prior to the end of December. Should you have any questions concerning this request, please address them to myself or our Chief Counsel, G. Robert Blakey.

Sincerely,



Louis Stokes
Chairman

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cc: Mr. Frank Foster
Office of Legislative Affairs



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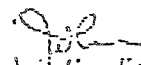
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: NSA Information

The Counsel of the House Assassinations Committee has been after us for some NSA intercepts going back to the period around the Kennedy assassination. I have put him off for quite a while. Last week I finally told him that the matter of our policy with respect to whether non-oversight committees could get NSA data was under study, but that in fairness to his deadlines (which he insists are urgent) I would let him know by Wednesday what, in light of the overall policy, our answer will be. (You have a separate paper from Deanne on the overall policy question.)

Assuming you decide the larger issue to treat non-oversight committees on an ad hoc basis, I would propose to offer him an oral briefing which does not reveal sources and methods, and which would be in response to a request for information from "Defense intelligence sources," not specifically from NSA. The main alternatives would be to give him a flat "no" (which will lead to howls from Congressman Stokes, and probably claims of favoritism), or to offer a written briefing.

Does the approach suggested meet with your approval?


John C. Kester
The Special Assistant

___ OK ___

___ Other ___

cc: Ms Siemer

cc: Judy Miller

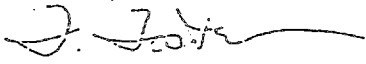
15 March 1973

SUBJECT: House Assassination Committee Response by SecDef

Ms. Judy Miller, assigned to the Office of the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Kester, called LAO for information on how to go about responding to the Assassination Committee's undated inquiry to NSA, received here on 20 Dec 77. Mr. Blakely, Committee Counsel, was pressing DoD for a reply.

She indicated that the Secretary had directed that responses to this Committee be handled by Mr. Kester's Office instead of DoD GC. She had a copy of the draft memorandum prepared by NSA and DoD GC on the provision of SIGINT to Congress and requested a verbal briefing on the history and general background of the paper. She intended to use this discussion to ground herself in preparation for the drafting of a reply for the Secretary's signature. She indicated that the Secretary had already decided to respond negatively. After a lengthy phonecon, she indicated she had enough information to prepare her reply.

NCRDEF has been informed and will arrange for NSA to receive a copy of the reply.


FRANK T. FOSTER
Legislative Affairs

cc: DIR
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28 March 1978

TO: DIR

SUBJECT: House Assassinations Committee Request

*We are the
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before the
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1. Mr. Judy Miller of Mr. Kester's office called again today. She is still seeking NSA materials from which to build a no-attribution briefing for the Assassinations Committee. Mr. Blakey is pressing Mr. Kester for a briefing either today or tomorrow, the 29th. Were we to honor this request, a great deal of material would, of course, be involved.

2. There is a further problem, however, with Mr. Blakey in that he is having difficulty with the MOU and may not accept it which could cause postponement of the briefing.

3. Understand you spoke directly to Mr. Kester last week. I declined to accept a charge from Ms. Miller to do a search until receiving approval/guidance from you.

4. Both the SSCI and the Church Committee inquired into NSA materials, products, logs, even memories of analysts which could possibly shed new light on the Kennedy assassination. At that time, we searched both the machine files and even old hand records in A7 for anything of value. Those Committee staffs reviewed what we had at that time.

F. T. Foster

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