March 26, 1979

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General of the U. S.
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

As you are aware, H. Res. 222, as passed by the House of Representatives on February 2, 1977, authorized the Select Committee on Assassinations to investigate the deaths of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and President John F. Kennedy. The Committee's work is now drawing to an end. I write this letter to draw to your attention a matter that I recognize will inevitably come up in the future.

A great deal of material has been generated by your Department in response to specific requests or concerns of the Select Committee. In addition, your Department is in physical custody of a variety of materials originating from the Select Committee. It can be anticipated that your Department will receive requests under the Freedom of Information Act for access to these materials. The purpose of this letter is to request specifically that this Congressional material and related information in a form connected to the Committee not be disclosed outside your Department without the written concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

LOUIS STOKES
Chairman

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c: Robert L. Keuch