MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD 1 February 1977

SUBJECT: SSCI Request for Review of Cuban Product

1. On 28 January 1977, Tcm Moore of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff came to NSA to review materials requested by SSCI letter R#6009 dated 30 December 1976. The material provided by G Group consisted of 485 reports on the Cuban EXEMPT for the period 1961-1965.

2. Mr. Moore had previously seen a single message involving EXEMPT which the FBI had in their files and had referred the Committee to NSA under the Third Agency rule.

3. Mr. Moore was extremely interested in the material on EXEMPT He volunteered that there was a Cuban EXEMPT who had defected to the U.S. sometime in 1965/66. That same person was killed in October 1976 by persons unknown. There was some significant product in May/June 1963 where EXEMPT was to travel to Mexico - under extreme care. Mr. Moore indicated that he would probably like to review any Cuban EXEMPT material for the same period.

4. Mr. Moore made a few notes of specific events but did not request any copies of messages or reports for use by the Committee.

5. Mr. Moore told me today that he and Mr. Ed Greissing (from the SSCI research staff) would be out later this week for an additional review of the material.

6. This completes action on R/S 0008.

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G09, Mr. Marchand
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EX REG (w/para 3 omitted)
L221
5 January

John,

We have sent copies to EXEC/DDO, 35, V and G. Suggest that it should also go to DIR & D/DIR.

John
4 January 1977

Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) Inquiry into the Assassinations of Kennedy and King

1. On 30 December, the undersigned met with Howard Liebengood, Deputy Staff Director of the SSCI staff and Tom Moore, staff member. The meeting was to permit the Committee to read an NSA end-product report on Cuba in response to the Committee's letter §5900 dated 20 December 1976. The Committee staff members exhibited keen interest in the product and the two Cuban national names contained therein. The Committee staff also indicated that they intended to broaden the scope of their inquiry and would forward to NSA another letter (which has been received and is inclosed) requesting access to all Cuban reports stored in the repository for the period 1961-1965.

2. After the meeting, the undersigned contacted LTC Don Bennett of Mr. Latimer’s office to inform him of the first letter since it had been sent directly to NSA. LTC Bennett indicated that another DoD component had been asked for similar information. As a result, LTC Bennett stated Mr. Latimer was revising his earlier containing policy on providing to the SSCI information on the assassinations and now had decided on a policy of full cooperation. At Mr. Latimer’s direction, LTC Bennett will craft a letter to Staff Director Bill Miller suggesting a meeting between the SSCI staff and Mr. Latimer’s staff; the meeting will focus on projected DoD responses to the Committee's inquiry. NSA will be invited to attend these meetings.

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Incl:
Ltr dtd 30 Dec 76

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Lieutenant General Lew Allen, Director
National Security Agency
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755

Dear General Allen:

The National Security Agency has recently provided the Select Committee with certain intercept traffic relating to Cuba in November, 1962. We found this material most helpful to the Committee's efforts and would most appreciate access to any and all such traffic remaining extant at the National Security Agency.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Vice Chairman