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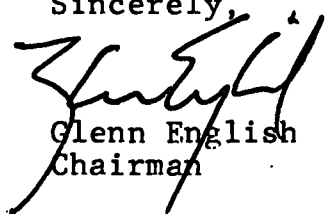Ft. Meade, Maryland 20755

Dear General Faurer:

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papers that had been donated to and become a part of the
collection of the library. A copy of the article is enclosed.

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and would appreciate it if you could provide answers to the
questions in the attachment to this letter no later than May
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Sincerely,

Glenn English
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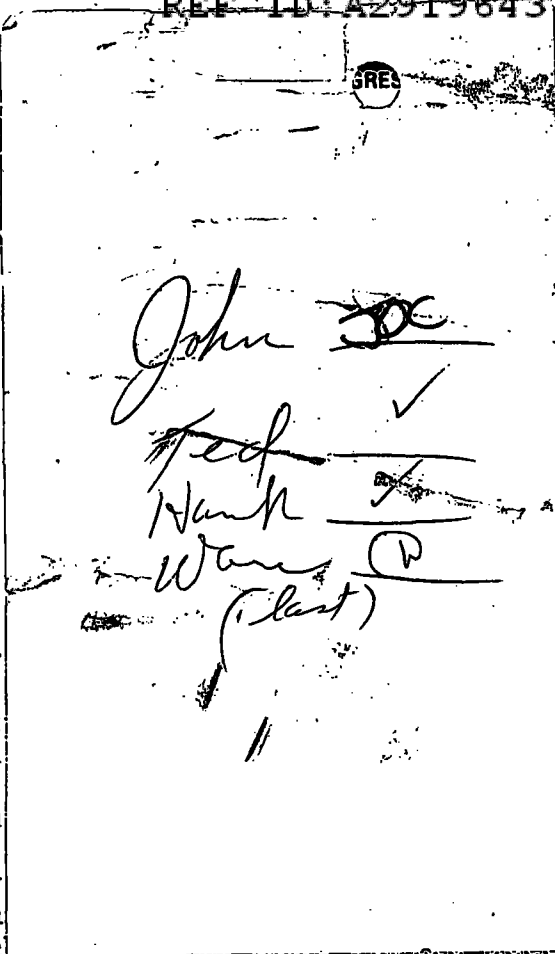TOM LEWIS, FLA.
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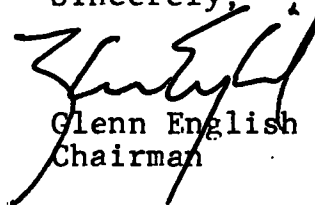papers that had been donated to and become a part of the
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ATTACHMENT

1) What prompted NSA to review the papers at the Marshall Library?

2) Which collections were reviewed and how were they selected for review? When were the reviews conducted?

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4) Does NSA have any ownership or other rights with respect to any papers in the Marshall Library Collection?

5) The New York Times reported that some papers were withdrawn from public files at the request of NSA.

    a) Were any of the papers reviewed by NSA already classified? Had any of the papers been declassified?

    b) Did NSA classify any papers in the Marshall library? If so, how many pages were classified? On what authority were these papers classified? Please be specific with respect to the classification rules in Executive Order 12356?

    c) Were any papers marked "For Official Use Only"? If so, how many? What is the significance of the designation "For Official Use Only"?

    d) Did NSA request that any unclassified papers be removed from public files? If so, why?

    e) Did NSA physically remove any papers from the Marshall Library collection?

    f) Library officials told the New York Times that NSA requested that some documents should be put in a vault. Why?

    g) On what basis did NSA determine that some papers in the Marshall Library collection should be treated as if they were classified, placed in a vault, or simply removed from public access?

6) Did NSA review the security arrangements at the Marshall
Library to determine if they afforded sufficient protection
for information deemed to be sensitive? Did NSA ask the
Library to restrict access to individuals approved by NSA
or individuals with security clearances?

7) The New York Times article quoted a letter from you to
Marshall S. Carter as stating that the visit to the Marshall
Library by NSA officials was "part of a continuing review of
research materials used by author James Bamford."

    a) What is the nature and extent of this review?

    b) What other institutions or individuals have been
contacted by NSA officials as part of this review?

    c) Has NSA requested that other papers be removed
from public access? Please describe any such requests.

    d) Are there any other ongoing or completed reviews
of materials other than those used by James Bamford?

8) Does NSA have any authority to classify information
in private papers? From what provision of law or Executive
Order does this authority derive?

9) Does NSA have any authority to restrict disclosure of
information in private papers if the information is not subject
to classification under Executive Order 12356?

10) Had NSA examined any of the materials at the Marshall
Library before learning of James Bamford's plans to publish
a book on NSA?

11) Has NSA ever provided any funds to the Marshall Library?
Is NSA now considering providing any funds to the Library?

12) Did William F. Friedman enter into a secrecy or
pre-publication agreement with NSA, its predecessor organization,
or with any other government agency? If so, please provide
a copy.