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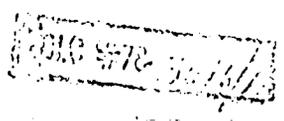
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September 11, 1978

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Dear Admiral Turner:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 25, 1978 in reference to our telephone conversation of August 16, 1978, in which we discussed the subpoena that had been voted by the Committee for several items of information that the Committee understood the Agency had.

The subpoena was voted by the Committee in its meeting on August 15, 1978 with the proviso that I should make every effort during the August recess to work out the matters in dispute. These matters may be summarized, although obliquely, as follows:

1. Copies of all photographic "mug books" shown to the Cuban defector on April 9, 1971. *1st Aug*
2. All debriefing memoranda that reflect or relate to information sought or obtained from the Cuban defector noted in Number 1.
3. All files and file references to an individual who worked for the Agency in a responsible position, including but not limited to personnel and security office files for the period 1959-1966.
4. The three-volume history and analysis of the Agency station in question prepared by an individual who testified before the Committee, and
5. All files and file references to a Cuban citizen pertaining to events and transactions involving that citizen between September 1, 1963 and January 31, 1964. *WAG*

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As you noted in your letter, in the case of Item No. 1, on August 16, 1978, staff personnel reviewed one volume of "mug books" maintained by the Agency. During that review, it was learned that other mug books were maintained by the Agency. Consequently, on August 17, 1978, a formal written request was made for the remaining undetermined number of books. On September 1, 1978, the agency indicated that these additional mug books were ready for review. Item No. 1, therefore, I am pleased to note, is no longer a matter in dispute.

Regarding Item No. 2, because the specific memorandum of interest was entitled "Oswald case", and because this missing memorandum was apparently forwarded to an Agency component referred to as "SI", a designation used on occasion to refer to the Agency component CI/SIG that opened Lee Harvey Oswald's 201 file, the relevancy and manifest importance of this missing document to the work of the Committee is obviously of the highest degree. I recognize, of course, that not all documents can be found in any filing system, no matter how sophisticated. Nevertheless, it would be appreciated if the Agency could provide the Committee with a written statement detailing the procedures undertaken to locate the missing memorandum, and it should include a listing of those Agency employees and components, including "Special Intelligence" queried in an effort to locate the missing memorandum.

Regarding Item No. 3, on August 15, 1978, Committee staff personnel did review the individual's personnel and security files for the years beginning with 1959. Nevertheless, certain portions of the files provided were sanitized to the point where series of sentences and entire paragraphs were deleted in a manner that I can only consider to be inconsistent with the agreement between the Committee and the Agency for access to unsanitized files embodied in my letter of January 27, 1978 to you. A careful review, moreover, of the internal evidence available to the Committee from the files provided themselves would indicate that the sanitized portions probably concern contacts between the Agency individual in question and John Roselli in 1966 and

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1967. I find it difficult to believe that these contacts could be considered so highly sensitive or so clearly outside the mandate of the Committee that they could be even arguably sanitized. I renew my request for access to this particular file in an unsanitized version.

In regard to Item No. 4, the limited number of pages of the three-volume history made available to Professor Blakey and Mr. Cornwell were also provided in a highly sanitized form, again in a fashion I consider inconsistent with our agreement of January 27, 1978. This sanitization fundamentally affects the Committee's ability to analyze and evaluate objectively the material provided. Moreover, more than just a few pages relating to the short visit of Lee Harvey Oswald are pertinent to the inquiry being conducted by the Committee. Agency performance is an essential component of H. Res. 222. We must also assess the credibility of those who testify before the Committee. As I noted above, the individual who prepared this study testified before the Subcommittee on the Assassination of President Kennedy. In addition, she provided to the staff a deposition. I consider it essential to evaluate the overall performance of the Agency, to assess the particular performance of the Agency on the occasion of Oswald's visit, and the credibility of the author of this report that it be provided in an unsanitized form in its entirety to the Committee. I would be willing to restrict access to the study on the most limited need-to-know basis, but I do not see how we can fulfill our mandate when material such as this is not provided to the Committee.

Regarding Item No. 5, files made available for our review concerning the Cuban citizen only included portions of her 201 file covering the period September 1, 1963 - January 31, 1964. In fact, the Committee had requested all files on her, including project files, for the relevant time period. To date, the project files have not been made available for review, and the description of the Agency operation against the individual to Professor Blakey and Mr. Cornwell, in the context of this narrow and limited inquiry, remains unacceptable. I renew my request for access to the unsanitized operational files.

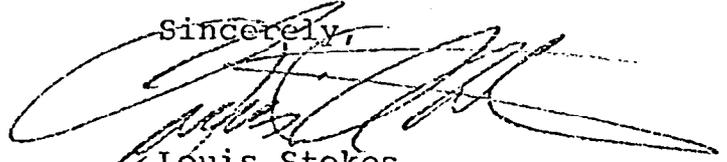
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I would hope that the matters noted in this letter could be resolved without the necessity of the Select Committee authorizing the execution of a subpoena for them. Nevertheless, I am sure that you are aware that our hearings are underway and that the time available to the Select Committee is fast running out. These are matters on which I consider it imperative that we meet sometime this week, preferably late in the afternoon after the hearings have adjourned for the day. Please have someone on your staff contact my office to arrange a suitable time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Louis Stokes', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Louis Stokes
Chairman

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