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Mr. G. Robert Blakey Chief Counsel and Director Select Committee on Assassinations U.S. House of Representatives 331 House Office Building, Annex 2 Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Blakey:

We are in receipt of your letter of 10 July 1978 requesting certain information in support of the investigation being conducted by the Select Committee.

I understand that it has been agreed between the Defense Department and the Select Committee that all requests for information from elements of Defense will be directed to the Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, Mr. John G. Kester. I am therefore taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to Mr. Kester for appropriate action.

Sincerely,

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EUGÈNE F. YEATES Chief Legislative Affairs

Copy Furnished: Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense (w/attach) DoD General Counsel (w/attach)

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M/R: The above response is consistent with a letter of understanding, dated 5 April 1978, between John G. Kester, and G. Robert Blakey. The letter essentially defines the ground rules under which the House Select Committee on Assassinations will be provided information obtained from intelligence sources; that is, requests for information "...will be stated as specifically as possible with respect to dates and subject matter and will be directed to the Department of Defense rather than any Defense intelligence agency...." Coordinated with GC, Dan Silver; approved by DIR.

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