

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 8 November Meeting with Mr. Blakey

1. On 8 November, [redacted] visited Mr. Robert G. Blakey, Chief Counsel and Staff Director for the House Select Committee on Assassinations, to receive questions concerning a [redacted] allegation that he had [redacted] information linking an assassination plot against President Kennedy with a figure in organized crime. Mr. Blakey had been referred to NSA (GC, Dan Silver) by Ms. Judy Miller, Special Assistant to John Kester, OSD.

2. Mr. Blakey indicated that [redacted] had communicated with a friend of his named Sgt Michael B. Stevensen at "Corry" Field, Florida. [redacted]

3. At that time, [redacted] Sometime before November, 1963, in his work as [redacted] referred in paragraph 1. Mr. Blakey stated that he did not know who the crime figure is. [redacted] supervisor, Sgt Praeter (actually "Prater") [redacted]

4. Mr. Blakey stated that NSA had already acknowledged the existence of such a facility during this period, but he didn't indicate to whom such a statement had been made.

5. Mr. Blakey posed the following questions for NSA:

- (a) What is NSA's capability for retrieving communications from this time and place?
- (b) How quickly can we make this retrieval?
(His Committee completes its work in December. If NSA can easily provide the answers to a number of questions, he will do some preliminary investigation before formally requesting the information, but if we indicate that much time will be required, he will task us now.)
- (c) What additional information does NSA need from Mr. Blakey to speed the retrieval process?
- (d) Is the data still available for retrieval?

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(e) Was ~~_____~~ working for Praeter (Prater), and actually doing this kind of work at that location during that period?

6. He asked for the responses, or at least, a status of what can be provided and how soon, by Monday, 13 November.

7. On 7 September, the General Counsel sent a copy of ~~_____~~ letter to the FBI (GC/335/78), along with a letter from AF Security Service (to which Sgt Stevensen had sent the letter). In the General Counsel's letter he noted that Security Service was ~~_____~~

8. On 9 November, ~~_____~~ and I met with Dan Silver and decided Dan should respond initially to Mr. Blakey's questions by phone. After coordinating with EXEC/DDO, ~~_____~~ asked ~~_____~~ to provide input for a response.

9. ~~_____~~ conducted an initial review of the availability of data from ~~_____~~ covering the first eleven months of 1963. ~~_____~~

10. I notified ~~_____~~ Mr. Blakey with the news, and he requested that I put our reply in writing. I agreed to do so upon receipt of a written request from him.

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