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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ATTN: Ms. Judith A. Miller

SUBJECT: House Select Committee on Assassinations 10 July 1978 Request

- 1. NSA has made a thorough search of all records that might contain information relevant to the Select Committee on Assassinations' request for "telegrams or other communications, sent from Cobo Cleaners in Detroit, Michigan, by Earl Ruby or any other individuals to Cuba in March and April 1962."
- 2. No telegrams, communications, or information relating to the Committee's request has been located. If no other component of DoD has located information pursuant to the Committee's request, propose you use the attached draft as your response to the Committee. If, however, there is any reason why the attached draft cannot be used, please consult with Mr. Silver before releasing information in any other form.
- 3. The attached draft response is classified CONFIDENTIAL. A direct response from the National Security Agency to the Committee's request would be classified in COMINT channels because the availability or nonavailability of the type of information requested by the Committee is in itself classified and protected in special intelligence channels.

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M/R: 1. Mr. Blakey, Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, requested this information from NSA on 10 July. On 14 July, he was informed that, in accordance with the MOU between DoD and the Committee, requests must go to DoD not NSA. Ms. Judy Miller forwarded the Committee request to NSA.

- 2. A thorough search of NSA records by V, G and Tl2 failed in locating any records relating to the Committee request.
- 3. This memo has been coordinated with GC and EXEC/DDO. The classification was reviewed by D4, Mike Levin and approved by D/DIR.

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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:

This is in reply to your recent letter which requested from the Department of Defense certain information relating to Cobo Cleaners and Mr. Earl Ruby in March and April 1962.

The Department of Defense has conducted a thorough search of its records and has not found evidence that any element of the Department attempted to collect information of any sort concerning Cobo Cleaners and/or Mr. Ruby in March and April 1962. Beyond that, we could not find any information concerning either Cobo Cleaners or Mr. Earl Ruby in intelligence reports produced within the Department for March and April 1962. Further, we can find no-record that any agency of the U.S. Government provided the Department of Defense any information concerning the subject of your request.

The above information is classified CONFIDENTIAL because it relates to Department of Defense intelligence operations and must not be disclosed to unauthorized individuals. In addition, you must not reveal the Department of Defense or any Defense Agency as the source of this information.

Sincerely,

John G. Kester The Special Assistant

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