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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 13, 1976

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Dear Tom:

In connection with the Select Committee's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy, we earlier received answers to certain questions put to NSA. Since then we have examined other material pertaining to NSA's contribution to the Warren Commission's investigation and we desire further information from NSA.

By way of background for this request, we note the Warren Commission provided NSA various documents and asked NSA to re-view them for any cryptological significance. NSA found no cryptological significance and its report of this fact was published by the Commission.

1. By letter of July 10, 1964, (a copy of which is attached) Mr. Rankin provided General Blake a copy of certain documents requested by Dr. Tordella for NSA's files. Since NSA's analysis of the documents was apparently completed at the time of Rankin's letter, we wish to know why NSA wanted to keep these documents for its file. Further, we wish to know what use, if any, was made of these documents and what results relevant to the assassination were obtained from such use.

2. In a Commission staff internal memorandum, discussing the documents provided NSA, it is reported that NSA is "primarily interested in names," and NSA claims it has "information on names which the CIA does not have." Assuming these statements are accurate, we wish to know what significance such names would have

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14 January 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR The Director, National Security Agency

The attached letter from Alton Quanbeck, Senate Select Committee staff, dated 13 January 1976, is forwarded for your action.

Please provide this office with a response to Mr. Quanbeck's questions as soon as possible, but not later than 22 January 1976. Your response should include a proposed date the Committee staff may have access to files mentioned in paragraph 4.

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