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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

DRAFT

Office of Legislative Counsel

31 July 1978

Mr. G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director
Select Committee on Assassinations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Blakey:

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Since your investigator/researchers have had the opportunity to interview or depose employees of interest, it would appear that the above course of action would supplement whatever narrow areas the personal interview left uncovered.

Sincerely,

S. D. Breckinridge
Principal Coordinator, HSCA

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SUBJECT: (Optional)

Draft Ltr to HSCA re Request for O/Pers. Files

FROM:

S. D. Breckinridge

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31 July 1978

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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31 July 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Administration
Inspector General
Special Assistant, Deputy Director
of Central Intelligence

FROM : S. D. Breckinridge

SUBJECT : Draft Letter to HSCA on Request for
O/Personnel File of Operations Officers

1. The attached draft letter is prepared as a result of a decision of the DCI at the Morning Meeting on Friday, 28 July, concerning general requests by the HSCA for access to the Official Personnel Folders of Agency employees. Some of the reasons advanced in the letter for not providing blanket access refer to classified considerations; however, these statements do not, in themselves, seem classified. If you differ, the letter can be assigned a classification.

2. Your comments would be appreciated. As this issue dates back to 6 July, your prompt attention would be helpful.


S. D. Breckinridge

Attachment

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SUBJECT: (Optional)

Draft Letter to HSCA on Request for O/Personnel
Files of Operations Officers

FROM:

Benson Grayson
EA/ADDO

EXTENSION

NO.

9203

DATE

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