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HAND DELIVERED

Mr. J. Barry Harrelson
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Re: Public Release of Transcripts of CIA Officials Who Testified Before the Church Committee

Dear Barry:

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence has recently provided to the Review Board Church Committee testimony of certain CIA and other officials so that the Review Board may obtain the appropriate agency authorization to release this testimony to the public.

Accordingly, please review and authorize the public release of the Church Committee testimony of the officials identified below. Based upon the recommendation of the Center for Legislative Archives of the National Archives, please also obtain the concurrence of certain other agencies (as indicated in parentheses) to release this testimony unless the CIA deems their concurrence unnecessary. The enclosed transcripts are:

1. Samuel Halpern, Executive Assistant to William Harvey on Task Force W and Executive Officer for Desmond Fitzgerald, 4/22/76 testimony (concurrence of Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency, Customs, Army Intelligence, and FBI).
2. Jane Roman, CIA Liaison Officer, 5/2/76 testimony (concurrence of FBI).

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3. James Angleton, Chief of Counterintelligence, testimony dated:

6/19/75 (concurrence of FBI)

9/12/75 (concurrence of FBI, Army Intelligence, DIA, NSA, and
Department of State)

9/17/75 (concurrence of FBI)

1/22/76 (concurrence of FBI and NSA)

2/6/76 (no other agency concurrence required).

4. Thomas Karamessines, Deputy to Richard Helms, 4/14/76 testimony (no other
agency concurrence required).

After clearance has been granted by all appropriate agencies, please return these transcripts to the
Review Board so that we may have them properly processed for inclusion in the JFK Collection.

Sincerely yours,

T. Jeremy Gunn
General Counsel

~~TOP SECRET~~ Enclosures

cc: Kristen Wilhelm (w/o enc.)
Center for Legislative Archives, NARA