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Re: Assassination Records Review Board Request for Additional Information and Records No. CIA-__ (Correspondence among CIA, the FBI, and the Department of Justice regarding Cuban Exile Groups)

Dear John:

We would like to request your staff's assistance in helping us locate documents related to inquiries made by the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice to the Central Intelligence Agency regarding the Agency's support of various Cuban exile groups in 1963. We have located a letter dated January, 1963, from CIA's General Counsel, Lawrence Houston, to Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley (copy attached). In this letter, Houston responds to Yeagley's inquiries, and stated that the CIA would have no objection to an FBI investigation of the various groups' activities.

We request that CIA conduct a search of all appropriate files to identify all communications among CIA, the FBI, and the Department of Justice regarding inquiries into Cuban exile group activities between November 1, 1962 and February 1, 1964. The full documentation of this issue might well contribute significantly to the historical record of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy by explaining how US agencies monitored the activities of Cuban exile groups and how strictly the US sought to enforce the Neutrality Act, as it pertained to anti-Castro activity.

This request should be interpreted in its broadest reasonable sense. To the extent that you question whether a particular file or record is encompassed by our request, please let us know and we can advise you whether we seek to include it. Should this request pose an unreasonable burden that we may not have anticipated, please advise us so that we can work with you to modify or amend the request accordingly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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