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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 19, 1975

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of yesterday concerning the meeting we had on a number of matters.

Although I generally agree with your recapitulation of the points of agreement, I feel obliged to raise one matter specifically in order to avoid any misunderstanding of our position. Your letter states that "The Committee appreciates your intentions to deliver the NSC and other materials on assassinations by Friday." As I recall, there was no discussion yesterday with respect to the means and manner by which the materials relevant to assassination allegations would be made available to the Select Committee. Your letter seems to assume that copies of these materials will be provided to the Committee for its custody. This matter was not discussed yesterday, and we made no such commitment.

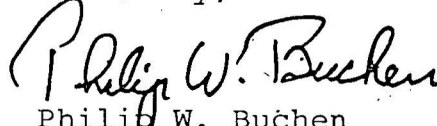
With respect to that matter, I should point out that the President has expressed his hope that the Congress will handle the matter of assassination allegations with the utmost prudence. I am sure you share the same goal. However, in view of your announced intention to publish an interim report on these matters, it is our judgment that additional discussions and assurances are necessary before we can responsibly turn over to the Select Committee custody copies of materials which might ultimately, at your discretion, be publicly released in a manner so as to substantially affect the ongoing diplomatic and foreign affairs interests of this country.

Of course, these discussions should not and will not interfere with access to these materials by the Select Committee staff. Beginning tomorrow morning, materials relevant to assassination allegations will be available for review in the Situation Room at the White House. The Situation Room is staffed on a

24-hour a day, seven day a week basis; consequently, there will be no impairment of the Select Committee's access to these materials.

As you know, we are still continuing our own internal review of relevant National Security Council and other materials, and these materials will be also available for Select Committee review on a continuing basis when and as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Philip W. Buchen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Philip" being more prominent.

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Honorable Frank Church
Chairman,
Senate Select Committee to
Study Government Operations
with Respect to Intelligence
Activities
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Robert S. McNamara
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June 6, 1975

Dear Frank:

I was sorry to miss you when you thoughtfully returned my call yesterday.

Within the past two weeks my name has been associated in the press with discussions of the assassination of Castro during 1962. I want you to know that, although I doubt that I have anything to contribute to your investigation, if your staff or your Committee wishes to question me about my knowledge of the events of that period, I will be happy to respond.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Robert S. McNamara

Honorable Frank Church
United States Senate
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