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Mr. Drew J. Clark
Congressional Inquiry Division
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Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Clark:

Pursuant to the third agency rule, the Department with held the enclosed FBI documents from release to the House Select Committee on Assassinations. I am forwarding these six documents to you so that the FBI may make its determination regarding the release of this information to the Select Committee.

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In his letter of April 24 to Mr. G. Robert Blakey, the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations notified the Select Committee of this referral. The Department interposes no objection to the release of any information provided in these documents.

Should you have any questions regarding this referral or other matters regarding the Select Committee's access to Department of State documents, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

William H. Price

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Director
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Mr. Abba P. Schwartz
Administrator, Bureau of Security
and Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Reference is made to a memorandum from the Passport Office dated July 29, 1964, requesting that consideration be given to the possible prosecution of Antulio Ortiz Ramirez under the provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1185(b) relative to unauthorized travel to Cuba.

A review of the files reflects that on May 1, 1961, Ramirez, at gunpoint, hijacked a National Airlines plane over Marathon, Florida, and forced the pilot to fly to Cuba. Subsequently, the plane and its passengers were permitted to return to the United States but Ramirez remained in Cuba. As of this date all available evidence indicates that he still is residing within Cuba.

On June 23, 1961, a Federal grand jury at Miami, Florida, returned an indictment charging Ramirez with assault, transporting a kidnapped person, and transportation of a stolen vehicle, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 113, 1201, and 2312. A lookout notice has been placed with the Immigration and Naturalization Service so that he may be apprehended upon his return to the United States.

In light of the offenses charged in the presently outstanding indictment, it is our opinion that no practical purpose would be served by initiating prosecution against him at this time for a violation of 8 U.S.C. 1185(b).

Sincerely,

PASSPORT OFFICE
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division
FEB 18 1965

By: *John H. Davitt*
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