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25 APR 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

ATTENTION: Mr. Rodger S. Gabrielson

FROM: Robert W. Gambino
Director of Security

SUBJECT: House Select Committee on Assassinations (U)

1. (U/AIUO) Action Requested: None; for information only.

2. (C) Background: Reference is made to the attached requests from the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) dated 5 and 6 April 1978 (OLC 78-0986/1, OLC 78-1455/1, and OLC 78-1454/1). The HSCA has requested access to all files and index references concerning eight individuals, including two former staff employees of this Agency. The Committee has also asked a number of questions regarding E. Howard Hunt, criteria governing the opening of a 201 file during the years 1958-64, Lee Harvey Oswald and his 201 file, HTLINGUAL material regarding Priscilla Johnson Mac-Millan, identities of all Soviet Russia Division case officers, chiefs and deputy chiefs of station assigned to [redacted] from 1963-64, and American defectors to the Soviet Union, 13-3 during the years 1958-63.

(C) Your Office was telephonically advised on 14 April 1978 that the Office of Security had material available for review regarding Abram Chayes (second 5 April inquiry--priority handling requested) but had no record or could not positively identify Monica Kramer, Loring Marie Loretta Hyde, and Rita Naman. Overt source material (a newspaper clipping) was located, however, that indicated that Loring Hyde might be Lorena Hyde, aka: Lorena Estlow. According to an article appearing in the Columbus, Ohio, Sunday Dispatch on 1 December 1963, Lorena Estlow was the wife of Dr. Carl D. Hyde, older brother of Ruth Hyde Paine, friend of Marina Oswald. A search of records of the Office of Security in the names Lorena Hyde and Lorena Estlow disclosed some limited and dated (1949) information on a Lorena Estlow. She was described as one of a number of participants from 15 states who came to Washington, D.C., in the summer of 1949 to attend the Interracial Workshop.

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(S) Your Office was also advised, telephonically, on 19 April 1978 that the Office of Security has material available for review concerning Edward Jay Epstein, Charlotte Bustos, and Ann Goodpasture (first 5 April request). Material on Marvin Kantor is not available at this time.

(C) It is our understanding that the Office of Inspector General will make information available on E. Howard Hunt which should satisfy the HSCA's requirements. It is also understood that the remaining questions, alluded to above, will be addressed by the Directorate of Operations.

(C) Please contact Mr. Bruce Solie (red line 9126) or Mr. John Sullivan (red line 1893) of this Office when the staff members of the HSCA are ready to begin their review of the above material.

Edward Jones for
Robert W. Gambino

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