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TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 5/25/76

FROM : Legal Counsel

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PURPOSE:

To advise agreement has been reached with the Senate Select Committee (SSC) staff members concerning protection of identity of Bureau informant.

SYNOPSIS:

Senator Gary Hart, SSC, personally requested the Attorney General to instruct Bureau to furnish identity of Bureau informant; Bureau refused to do so. Staff members of the SSC agreed in a discussion with a representative of the FBI not to press for the identity of an informant.

RECOMMENDATION:

That SSC be orally advised that MM761-S (former) was a member of the Cuban exile community and furnished information regarding pro and anti-Castro activities.

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DETAILS:

By memorandum dated 5/3/76 you were advised that Senator Gary Hart intended to ask the identity of a Bureau informant by contacting the Attorney General.

- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Leavitt
- 1 - Mr. Phillips
- 2 - Mr. Daly

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Legal Counsel to Mr. Adams
RE: SENSTUDY 75

Senator Hart contacted the Attorney General personally and asked the Attorney General to furnish the identity of a Bureau informant. The Attorney General instructed Steven E. Blackhurst, Assistant Special Counsel on Intelligence Coordination in the Department of Justice, to make some accommodation with regards to Senator Hart's request.

With the approval of Deputy Associate Director James B. Adams, SA Paul V. Daly of this Division and Mr. Blackhurst met with Committee staff members Michael Epstein, James Johnson and Paul Wallach on 5/21/76. At this time it was explained to the staffers that the Bureau was unalterably opposed to the disclosure of the identity of a Bureau informant. Various alternatives were discussed with the Committee including a characterization of the informant. Arrangements were made to meet again on 5/24/76 concerning the same matter.

On 5/24/76, a meeting was held with the same individuals present. At this time, Johnson, acting on behalf of Senator Hart, no longer pressed for the identity of the informant but stated for their purposes it would be sufficient if they had a characterization of the informant and a description of the types of information he furnished, including information concerning organizations.

Special Agent Sam Miller of the Intelligence Division advised that the informant who is MM761-S (former) has furnished information on pro and anti-Castro activities by Cuban exiles and was a member of the Cuban exile community. He stated that disclosure of this information would not compromise the identity of the informant. He indicated he had talked to SA Vinicio Nasca of the Intelligence Division who agreed with this. It should be noted that should the Committee request the aforementioned information it would be within their authority as contained in the agreement between Chairman Frank Church of the SSC and the Attorney General. It is felt that we should furnish them this information.

JCH