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July 9, 1975

TO : Members of the Select Committee

FROM : William Miller *WJM*

SUBJECT: Preliminary Staff Paper on Assassination

Attached you will find a preliminary staff paper entitled "Assassination: Authority and Control." This paper has been prepared by a member of the Command and Control Task Force and is directed toward the key issues of authority, initiation, and control. The purpose of the paper is to assist you in preparing for the senior level witnesses that are appearing before the Committee this week. The paper contains a number of findings which, although the views of the author, should be helpful in sorting out the various issues and themes regarding assassination that have been developed by the Select Committee to date.

This paper has been prepared relying on the testimony of the witnesses who have appeared before the Select Committee (through the Harvey testimony of June 25), documents introduced as evidence during the hearings, and materials already received by the Committee relating to the CIA's legal authority in the field of covert action operations and Special Group procedures. Documents received from the CIA, the State Department, the White House and the Presidential libraries have not been incorporated into this paper. Therefore, the findings of this paper must be considered preliminary, awaiting either confirmation or revision in light of new evidence developed by the Committee through its future hearings and its review of documents recently received from the Rockefeller Commission, the National Security Council and the Presidential libraries.

The paper is divided into three sections. The first contains background information on the CIA's authority for covert action operations during the period under investigation, the role of the Special Group during this period, and the concept and practice of "plausible deniability" and how it relates to assassination. The second section summarizes what the Committee has learned through executive session testimony on the Castro, Trujillo, Lumumba, and Diem assassinations or assassination attempts, as well as the ZRRIFLE project. The third, and final, section summarizes and highlights the important findings of the Committee to date as well as the key issues developed by the Committee up to this time.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bill Miller

FROM: Dan Dwyer

DATE: July 24, 1975

SUBJECT: Inventory of Materials Relating to Assassinations

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Security Director
Registry Clerk
Files

During the Committee's assassination inquiry we have worked with the following kinds of materials: materials that the Committee already had received from the Agencies before the Rockefeller materials; materials given to the Committee by the Rockefeller Commission; three shipments of materials from the White House received after the Rockefeller Commission materials; materials that our staff acquired from Presidential libraries; and materials developed from SSC Intelligence work which include testimony, interview summaries, chronologies, and notes relating to assassinations. These materials are enumerated below. An asterisk in the left margin indicates that we have an itemized index of these materials. This memo and the appropriate indexes will be filed in IX-C-1-S2, and with the Registry Clerk.

Most of the materials in this inventory were digested. An index card file of these digests is in the Research Center. These cards (approximately 8000) are filed chronologically by each assassination case study (e.g. Diem, Lumumba, etc.) and also by names of persons (approximately 300) related to the case studies (e.g. Bundy, Bissell, Harvey, etc.).

I. Materials received from the CIA and the Department of Justice prior to arrangement with the White House.

A. CIA

1. 1967 IG Report
2. Materials relating to the Schneider assassination.
3. 3 pages of material on Sam Giancana received 6/2/75.
4. 60 pages of documents concerning Bissell testimony on Trujillo.
5. 27 pages of Conein exhibits.

B. DOJ

1. CIA Justice file received 6/3/75.
2. Material relating to Giancana, Castro, Balletti, Roselli, Maheu, et. al..

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- *II. Transcripts of Executive Sessions of the Rockefeller Commission. The SSC Intelligence received on 6/16/75 transcripts of testimony of 56 witnesses who appeared before the Rockefeller Commission in Executive Session. Only portions of these transcripts relate to assassinations.
- III. Materials received from the White House under special arrangement.
 - *A. Materials received from the White House on 6/27/75 including miscellaneous White House, Defense, and CIA memoranda regarding assassinations, the largest bulk of these documents dated between 1960 and 1963, totalling approximately 1800 pages. Included with these materials were assassination materials also gathered by the Rockefeller Commission, which totaled approximately 1400 pages. Also included in this shipment were State Department cables and memoranda of which 174 pages related to Diem and 217 pages to Trujillo.
 - *B. Materials received from the White House on 7/6/75 which include 175 pages of miscellaneous Defense Department memoranda regarding assassinations and 65 pages relating to "Operation Balloon."
 - *C. Materials received from the White House on 7/17/75 including 38 pages of State Department documents regarding Lumumba and 51 pages of documents regarding Castro.
- IV. Materials received from Presidential libraries.
 - A. JFK Library.
 - * 1. 154 pages of materials regarding assassination (mostly Castro) received on 7/7/75.
 - * 2. 153 pages of materials regarding assassinations (mostly Castro) received on 7/5/75.
 - * 3. 70 pages of materials regarding assassination received on 7/7/75.
 - * 4. 83 pages of selected documents, notes, memoranda and logs relating to assassinations received on 7/20/75.
 - 5. The Maxwell Taylor Report (750 pages) re the Bay of Pigs received on 7/7/75.
 - B. Eisenhower Library.
 - * 1. 40 pages of materials regarding various assassinations received 7/8/75.
 - C. Johnson Library.
 - 1. Materials regarding assassinations received 7/21/75.

*Indexes available.

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V. Staff work.

- * A. 47 Executive Session transcripts given before the SSC Intelligence regarding assassinations through 7/20/75.
- * B. 16 Staff interviews regarding assassinations through 7/20/75.
- * C. 500 pages of Staff chronologies and memoranda relating to assassinations.
- D. Chronological index card file of digested material by subject and persons.

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