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Washington, D.C. 20505

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June 18, 1979

Mr. Edmund L. Henshaw, Jr.
Clerk
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

Forwarded herewith are comments concerning the final report of the Select Committee on Assassinations, listing a series of points in the report that raise security questions. These comments cite the section in question, the reasons for changing them, and suggested ways for handling the matter.

I trust you will have no problem in accommodating these suggestions.

Sincerely,

Frank C. Garruccio

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FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Page 60 DII-PATS, Footnote 4. Use of the word "recruited" is inaccurate in the accepted phraseology of intelligence. The word "recruited" refers to controlled agents, which are very different from cooperative private citizens who do not have a clandestine role. Use of the word in this context could harm future participants, if the program were resumed. Delete "recruited" and insert the word "contacted" in its place. (C)

Page 72 DII-PATS, Third paragraph. Second sentence should read "According to an affidavit that McMillan filed with the committee, her only employment with the Federal Government was a 30-day temporary translator." Delete remainder of sentence. Reference to the Joint Publications Research Service reveals a classified cover operation in conjunction with other foreign governments. (C)

Page 75 DII-PATS, Fourth paragraph. Last sentence in paragraph should read "de Mohrenschildt's CIA file contained several reports submitted by de Mohrenschildt to the CIA on topics concerning Yugoslavia." Delete remainder of sentence. See 26 March 1979 letter to G. Robert Blakey from S. D. Breckinridge. Inclusion of specific titles indicates areas of pointed Agency foreign intelligence interests. (C)

Page 76 DII-PATS, Third paragraph. In the next to the last sentence of the quotation, delete the remainder of the sentence following the phrase "he furnished fragmentary intelligence..." which refers to the attempt to obtain financial loans from the Agency and is of a confidential nature and not relevant to the purpose of the investigation. Agency confidential information on intelligence sources is protected as part of the operational necessity of maintaining professional confidence in the relationships. Revelation of this sort of personal information could be injurious to the ability of the Agency in this respect. (C)

Page 5 DADE-PATS, Exhibit No. F-7*. Delete "Ryan to Nosenko." This reference describes the true name of a CIA operations officer currently an active employee of the CIA. He is under cover and his identity should be protected. (C)

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APPENDIX TO HEARINGS

VOLUME VI

Page 262, Paragraph (698). Add the words "an alleged" in front of "former CIA employee." The point here is that it has never been made clear that the man known as Carswell was the same as a CIA employee; there is reason to believe that he was not. (C)

Page 267, Figure IV, Lower right photograph. A photograph of a former employee, associated in the report with a man known as Daniel Carswell, should be deleted. The photograph was provided the Committee for identification purposes only and is not to be used. The employee in question was involved in many sensitive overseas operations. To avoid exposing his identity in this manner and thereby certain clandestine operations, as well as protecting his personal safety, the Agency photograph must be deleted. Beyond this, the man currently owns a private business with a large clientele and this exposure could also be harmful to his business. (C)

VOLUME X

Page 17. Footnote (58). Change "Ross Crozier" to "Ron Cross." Previously the name had been changed to protect the identity of an Agency employee and this was simply an error in omission in the process of reviewing and printing the draft report. (C)

Page 126. Paragraph (484). Delete sentence "The scheme was shelved when 'derogatory' data about Banister was discovered." This reflects methodology and standards used in the selection and rejection of individuals for operational purposes. As a general practice in maintaining the viability of its relationships with operational assets it is an important procedure to protect the personal confidential information concerning individuals. It is noted that we think that Footnote (64) is misplaced. (C)

Page 156, Paragraphs (39) and (40). The presentation makes it perfectly clear, to anyone who refers to the newspaper story, who "the Cuban official" was. That man's identity must be protected for his own personal safety. Although the basic operation has been described in general terms the identity of the man in question has never been revealed publicly. It is suggested that the following general language be used:

"The writers of the TF report were concerned with these assertions because aspects of the newspaper story were similar in some respects to certain elements involved in Phase I of the CIA operations. The possibility of some relationship with the CIA operation attracted the attention of the CIA." (C)

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VOLUME XII

Page 56. Paragraph (33). Delete sentence "In a fitness report for...and searches for and develops new sources." See 26 March 1979 letter to G. Robert Blakey from S. D. Breckinridge, in which it was noted that the fitness report is a classified document and suggest that the duties of the employee in question be described in general terms to the effect that "his duties in Dallas were contacting individuals in the area who had information on foreign subjects." (C)

Page 56. Paragraph (36). Sentence should read "De Mohrenschildt's CIA file contained several reports submitted by de Mohrenschildt to the CIA on topics concerning Yugoslavia." Delete remainder of sentence. See the comment concerning the same subject regarding page 75 DII-PATS, Fourth paragraph. (C)

Page 58. Paragraph (44). Delete "Jerry G. Brown" whose name appears twice. Delete "Gale Allen, a Department of Defense." Allen appears three times. Both individuals are currently employed by CIA. (C)

Page 61. Paragraph (65). Delete "Robert Gottschling," who is currently an Agency employee. (C)

Page 62. Paragraph (73). Second to the last sentence should read "Dryer said one of those contacts was a person who worked for French intelligence and cooperated with the CIA. (189)" Delete last sentence. The operational relationship remains classified. (C)

There are a considerable number of blank pages and missing pages in the materials forwarded to us. We are unable to certify as to the content of those pages. It is presumed that this material will be provided for review prior to publication. (U)

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