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Dear Bob:

Herewith are comments on the Nosenko draft.

In commencing, it should be noted that Tennent Bagley remains under cover, retired abroad. We are obliged to honor that cover, which he has not moved to have modified. To expose his true status as a former CIA employee could have repercussions in his present situation that we must accept as significant. When he was here in November 1978, he was advised of steps necessary to remove his cover, in the event he decided to go overt in this matter; he took no steps to alter his cover status. It remains classified. We therefore request that the example set in the Hart testimony, of referring to Mr. Bagley by the title of Deputy Chief, SB Division, be followed in this draft.

Following are detailed comments:

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Testimony of Nosenko

Page 1, lines 15 and 18. KGB agents should read KGB officers.

Page 2, lines 3 through 20. Deryabin and Golitsyn are identified here for all intents and purposes (except by name). Suggest the following rewrite:

There were factors, however, that limited the value of the information supplied to the Committee by these ex-KGB officers: 1) neither had been assigned to the same KGB Directorate as Nosenko, and 2) one of them had information about the KGB that was outdated.

Introduction, Page 3. Change the first sentence of the last paragraph to read "The first individuals interviewed by the Committee were two former KGB officers."

Page 3, line 13. Change "agents" to "officers."

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Page 4, line 8. Delete "American" in front of CIA.

Page 4, line 11. Delete "America's" in front of FBI.

Page 4 of Nosenko's actual testimony, last response. Suggest changing word "defectionist" to "defector."

Page 6, line 6. Delete "woman in Utah" and insert "individual."

Page 6, lines 20 and 21. Delete "and even was a co-op from CIA."

Page 32, line 12. Delete cryptonym AEDONOR.

Page 32, lines 14 and 15. Delete "Thomas A. Ryan" and insert "James C. Michaels."

Page 32, lines 20 and 24-25. Delete name "Thomas A. Ryan" and substitute "James Michaels."

Page 32, line 22. Delete SR/CI/KGB.

Page 33, lines 1-3. Delete "Thomas A. Ryan" and insert "James C. Michaels" and "James Michaels" respectively.

Page 37, line 8. Delete name "Ryan" and substitute name "Michaels."

Page 38, line 23. Delete name "Deryabin" and substitute "W."

Page 43, lines 8, 14, 16, 21, and 22. Name should be "Fedoseyev."

Page 48, line 24. Delete name "Ryan" and substitute name "Michaels."

Page 51, line 5. Delete "Camp Perry" and insert "U.S. Government property outside the Washington area."

Third page of statement made by Nosenko to HSCA 8/7/78, last paragraph. Suggest placing month "October" in brackets after "November" to reflect correct date.

Page 51. Deposition of Tom Ryan (Michaels). Throughout this deposition, the name "Michael" is used. The formally registered alias was "James C. Michaels" with a final "s."

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Solie Testimony

Page 56, line 17. Statement should read, "The transcript will reflect I asked him to prepare it in his own words on a previous day, a day or two before."

Page 58, line 9. "Assuming" not "assing."

Page 59, line 23. Delete "Uh-uh" and substitute "yes."

Page 66, line 20. Delete comma and "by down there" and substitute "and by SR."

Page 69, line 11. Even though Mr. Klein undoubtedly used the word "agents", the word "officers" should be there.

Murphy Testimony

Introduction. Date on line 4 is wrong; should be 1964-67.

Pages numbered 4 and 5, lines 24-25 and line 5, respectively. Solie not Soley.

Page 20, line 20. Change "propose" to "expose."

Michaels Testimony

Page 5, line 7. Delete "Polish" and substitute "Bloc."

Section #6 Entitled "Letters of CIA of 9/1/78 and FBI of 1/8/79"

Second page of response to Question #3, second paragraph. "In 1976 Nosenko was paid \$10,000...." Date should be changed to 1978.

On Question #3 of CIA Response to HSCA Interrogatory

In fourth paragraph change "In 1976" to "In 1978 Nosenko" etc....

Bagley Testimony

Page 7, line 32 of Bagley's prepared statement and page 25, line 16 of his testimony. Mention of penetration of most sensitive level and heart of French Intelligence. Refer to DDO on disclosure of this information.

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In his letter to the HSCA and in his oral testimony, Bagley mentioned CIA's possession of a Secret KGB document concerning disinformation. This document was received many years ago from an East European intelligence officer defector. Therefore, we cannot make a strong case for deleting reference to it, although we wish that Bagley had not mentioned it.

I understand from your conversation with Rodger that you would welcome a letter from the Agency, on this section of the report, for inclusion with it in the final report. Could we have more details?

Very truly yours,

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