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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief
United States Secret Service

SUBJECT: Information Collation by Computer

REFERENCE: CSCI-3/779, 271, Dated 24 December
1963, Same Subject

1. Referent memorandum furnished you with information on a computer system developed by this Agency and IBM to permit storage and collation of counterintelligence information. The memorandum also offered briefings and demonstrations, as well as the actual machine programs written to date, if you so desired.

2. More recently, we have been approached by IBM with a request for release to your Service of biographic sketches on certain IBM employees who have worked on the development of our computer system. These sketches, which have been classified to protect information on our service, are attached.

3. On 16 April 1964, a briefing was given the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, describing our records procedures. The Commission was particularly interested in machine processing of data, and in possible relationships between your Service and ours. It certainly would seem wise, in our opinion, that any machine systems developed by the two agencies should be compatible, to permit machine queries and possibly exchange of data in machine language.

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4. It is therefore suggested that we provide your Service with a detailed explanation and demonstration of its machine collation program. Although the program is far from perfected, it has encountered and surmounted a variety of problems. Your Service is of course welcome to share in our experience, which it appears would be of help at this point in your development of a machine collation system.

(Signed) Richard Helms
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