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Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel
and Director
Select Committee on Assassinations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Blakey:

In your letter of 21 October 1977 to Admiral Turner, you asked to be informed as to whether any relationship has existed between Mr. Santos Trafficante, Jr., and the Central Intelligence Agency.

A diligent search of the Agency's files has failed to disclose any record of Mr. Trafficante as an employee, agent, or independent contractor of the Agency, or that he ever executed a secrecy agreement with this Agency.

Certain of the Agency's records do reflect relationships between Mr. Trafficante and third persons who have been of interest to this Agency. From these records, it is simply not possible to judge the scope of Mr. Trafficante's past activities, the basis on which he may have undertaken any particular activities, or his perception of whether any activities he may have undertaken were actually on behalf of this Agency.

So far as this Agency is concerned, there is no reason why Mr. Trafficante should not respond fully and completely to any inquiry from the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Sincerely,

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George L. Cary
Legislative Counsel

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Per our conversation, This is probably for informational purposes only now.

I have [REDACTED] to Sprague. Will keep you posted.

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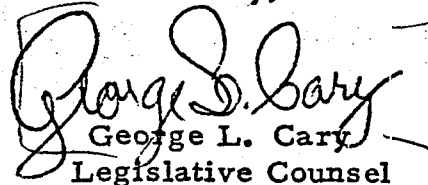
Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel
and Director
Select Committee on Assassinations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Blakey:

This is in response to your letter of 21 October 1977 to
Admiral Turner concerning the appearance of Mr. Santos Trafficante, Jr.
before your Committee on 2 November.

So far as this Agency is concerned, there is no reason why
Mr. Trafficante should not respond fully and completely to any
inquiry from the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Sincerely,


George L. Cary
Legislative Counsel

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Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
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Dear Admiral Turner:

The Select Committee on Assassinations has subpoenaed Santos Trafficante to appear before it. His appearance is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 1977 at 9:30 a.m. It has been alleged from numerous sources that Mr. Trafficante was involved in various activities in conjunction with the Central Intelligence Agency.

I would appreciate it if you could determine whether or not Santos Trafficante, in any manner, had any relationship or was ever affiliated with the CIA and inform me of this information prior to the scheduled meeting on November 2.

Further, even if Mr. Trafficante had no relationship with the CIA, he may believe that actions he has taken were at the direction of responsible persons in the Central Intelligence Agency. Accordingly, in order for the Select Committee to obtain Mr. Trafficante's truthful testimony, it would be most useful for the Committee to have a letter from yourself releasing Mr. Trafficante of any obligation of secrecy he may have made to the CIA, to anybody who represented himself as being affiliated with the CIA or to anybody Mr. Trafficante believes was affiliated with the CIA. It would be very much appreciated if we could have this letter prior to Mr. Trafficante's scheduled testimony.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in the Select Committee's investigation.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

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Chief Counsel and Director

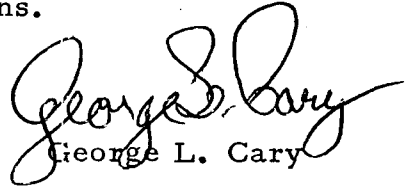
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Remarks: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Attached for your information is the request from Richard Sprague, Counsel, House Select Committee on Assassinations.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">  George L. Cary </div>			
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: George L. Cary, Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Request from Richard Sprague, Counsel
to the House Select Committee on
Assassinations, For Information
Concerning Santos Trafficante

1. At about noon yesterday, Richard Sprague called me to say that the Assassinations Committee has subpoenaed Santos Trafficante and that he (Sprague) would like any information we can provide the Committee regarding Trafficante, including his relationships with Johnny Roselli and Sam Giancana, plus any information we have on his relationships with Cubans or with plots against Castro. I told Sprague I would look into the matter and be back in touch with him.

2. After checking with interested offices in the Agency and with the FBI and the Department of Justice, as well as touching base with Hank Knoche and Commander McMahon, I told Sprague last night that our checks thus far had indicated that any information which we might have within the parameters of his request was classified; that since none of the Committee staff have security clearances and have not signed secrecy agreements as originally anticipated, we were not in a position to grant them access to classified information. Sprague had no quarrel with this as such; however, he cited a previous instance in which Hank Knoche, as Acting Director, made a specific exception to normal security procedures so that Sprague could be given access on a one-time basis to a summary prepared by the Agency concerning telephone intercepts of conversations in Mexico City between Lee Harvey Oswald and the Soviet Embassy there in September/October 1973. This step was taken in an effort to correct erroneous information contained in an article by Norman Kempster pertaining to these intercepts.

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3. I learned today that yesterday afternoon, in connection with Freedom of Information requests by Bernard Fensterwald (who is close to the House Select Committee on Assassinations investigation) and others, the Agency released 24 documents pertaining to the Kennedy assassination. These documents dealt principally with the Jim Garrison allegations in 1967 regarding alleged CIA involvement in the Kennedy assassination. I am contacting Sprague to provide him with copies of the documents released yesterday and any others that are publicly released in these or any other FOIA actions relating to the Kennedy assassination issue. While these FOIA requests do not concern Trafficante and are unrelated to Sprague's request as such, they do, of course, relate to the subject of the Kennedy assassination and are evidence of our willingness to provide Sprague with unclassified information of possible interest to the Committee. With your approval, I will again inform Sprague that while we would provide him with any unclassified information we have (in fact records checked thus far are classified), we will not grant authorization for access to any classified information until appropriate security clearances have been obtained for the staff and secrecy agreements have been signed. This is in keeping with the President's concern about the proliferation of sensitive intelligence information. As you know, the potential for press blow back in this whole area is extremely high since the Assassinations Committee is attempting to convince the House of Representatives of the need for investigations of the John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King assassinations. I am keeping Andrew Falkiewicz informed.

4. Our proposal is consistent with the position being taken by Justice and the FBI in connection with similar requests which Sprague has made to them; that is, they are providing him with unclassified information but are not responding to his request for information concerning Trafficante or any other information which is either classified or otherwise considered sensitive.


George L. Cary

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