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5. Please put into the letter a flat statement that we had nothing to do with any of these assassinations.

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Richard Helms
Director

July 19, 1968

Mr. Richard M. Helms, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

Over a period of several years, there have been increasing reports in the press about activities of the C.I.A., a seemingly secretive organization dealing apparently with espionage, counter-espionage, etc. Not until recently was I at all troubled by the thought of such an organization, but about two weeks ago, I happened to tune in my radio to one of those late night interview programs. The interviewer was Barry Gray and he was questioning an entertainer by name of Mort Sahl, whose calibre of reliability is unknown to me.

Mr. Sahl seems to have "connections" with federal behind-the-scene activities, according to the trend of his conversation. He mentioned being a friend of a Mr. Garrison, who was, I believe, the attorney from Louisiana looking into the background of the Lee Harvey Oswald case.

Mr. Sahl made the statement that Mr. Oswald was an employee of the C.I.A. at some time, and intimated that the C.I.A. had something to do with the assassination of President Kennedy. Mr. Sahl also hinted that James Earl Ray and Sirhan Sirhan may have been connected with the C.I.A., thus making that organization high on the list of suspects of groups behind the murders of Martin Luther King and Senator Robert Kennedy.

That would make you a kind of government Ku Klux Klan, wouldn't it? Now, presuming that Mr. Sahl's statements are out and out fabrications of the truth, what is he trying to prove? And how can this kind of freedom of speech be allowed, even in our much maligned nation? And how can a murderous organization such as the above mentioned Ku Klux Klan be allowed to stay in business all over the country?

I know that the C.I.A. is a secret organization for the purpose of dealing with spies, but isn't there something you can tell me about your business, to set my mind at ease? I'm sure you can't blame me also for thinking that if you did have something to do with the assassinations of these great leaders (and possibly others as well), that you should not be allowed to exist, and that the American people should know about you.

Thank you for your attention.

Cordially,

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