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4 May 1978

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) Task Force  
Meeting - 4 May 1978, Room 6E60Attendees

Lyle L. Miller, OLC  
 Patrick L. Carpentier, OLC  
 Rodger S. Gabrielson, OLC  
 Norbert Shepanek, O/SA/DO/O  
 Don Gregg, SA/DO/O  
 Scott Breckinridge, DD/IG  
 John Leader, OIG

Dick Rininger, OGC  
 E. Jones, OS  
 Ray Reardon, OS  
 Bruce Johnson, DDA  
 Mike Sednaoui, CI Staff  
 Bill Sturbitts, DDO/LA Division  
 Lavon Strong, PA

1. (S) Mr. Miller opened the meeting by reviewing the past and current relationship between the Agency and the HSCA and by requesting that the attendees focus their discussion upon issues suggested in an agenda which reflected predictions of the future course of the HSCA investigation. Mr. Miller explained that this and follow-on discussions will allow all interested offices to develop positions and ensure full coordination. If any major issues develop, they will be submitted to top management in sufficient time for resolution rather than facing last minute ad hoc decisions. A copy of the agenda is attached.

2. (S) Significant points of consensus were:

Providing CIA Documents

---An Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding is being drafted. In essence, it provides a CIA security beachhead within HSCA offices with a CIA-controlled safe containing sensitive sources and methods information used in or resulting from interviews, hearings, and depositions. (OLC Action)

---No documents will be sent to the HSCA for use in report drafting. This position is consistent with the original Memorandum of Understanding which called for the HSCA to draft their reports which necessitate CIA documents - at CIA. Instead, sensitive documents will be loaned to the Committee for use during interviews, hearings, and depositions. The documents will repose in the CIA-controlled safe at the HSCA. (OLC, OS Action)

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- Bernardo de Torres - Bill Sturbitts will review the file for documents which show the Agency relationship with de Torres. The HSCA has asked to use de Torres' PRG, PA to confront him. He has denied any relationship with the Agency in a prior hearing. A written statement of the actual de Torres relationship may suffice. (DDO Action)

#### Documents Requested

- Security will resist the provision of actual polygraph charts on Nosenko - offering instead to provide a technical expert to discuss the actual data. The Polygraph Report has been made available to the HSCA. (OLC, OS Action)
- Hart Study - The DCI has confirmed his decision that the Hart Study is an internal document and will not be available for Committee review. He recently agreed that John Hart would be available to talk to the Committee about his report.
- Other studies on Nosenko - CI Staff is reviewing the 800 page DDO study to remove foreign names prior to providing the study to the HSCA. American names will remain in the report.
- Mexico City Surveillance. Most photographs have already been released under FOIA. The Mexico City evidence is a major area of HSCA investigation, and it is likely that the draft final report will discuss the surveillance operations. The consensus was to resist - even to the courts - any attempt to publicize those operations.

#### Hearings

- The group discussed various alternatives for the executive session hearing involving Nosenko which would provide maximum security. The consensus ruled out the Hill, a safehouse or STC. It was agreed that Headquarters Building would afford the best security. Bruce Johnson was to explore the feasibility of setting up a suitable room at Headquarters with video taping by OTR and would identify an OTR representative to meet with me to discuss this in more detail. We also discussed masking Nosenko's voice and concealing him from the camera. The resultant video tape would allow selected portions of the hearing to be cleared by CIA for public use by the Committee during their hearings in September. (OLC, OTR Action)
- Possible witnesses for public hearings in September 1978 were discussed. At the minimum, a spokesman may be necessary to state the Agency position on Nosenko's bona fides.

#### CIA Review of Committee's Final Report

- A Task Force, consisting of attendees, should meet as the need

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arises to coordinate the overall Agency position vis-a-vis the HSCA. HSCA should be reminded of the need to present their final report for review as early as possible. (OLC Action)

Final Disposition of Notes, Transcripts, and Other Committee Material

---We discussed various alternatives to provide the best control and protection of all Committee requested materials containing Agency information when the Committee is terminated. Referral to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence appears to be the best solution, and OLC will consider this in discussions with the Committee. (OLC Action)

  
RODGER S. GABRIELSON

Attachment:  
As Stated

Distribution:

- 1 - Mr. Gregg, SA/DO/O
- 1 - Mr. Shepanek, O/SA/DO/O
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AGENDA

I. Providing CIA Documents

- A. Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding Security Arrangement
- B. Scope of documents furnished - initially only for hearings. Latest request for four volumes of Mexico City Station files to prepare final report.
- C. Bernardo de Torres - Request POA to confront him at hearing.

II. Documents Requested

- A. Polygraph Charts of Nosenko
- B. Hart Study (DCI says no-will offer Hart)
- C. Photographs Mexico City Surveillance - possible public release

III. Hearings

- A. Executive Session - Soviet defectors - Committee will honor all security caveats
- B. Public Hearings
  - 1. Possible Witnesses:
    - Len McCoy
    - Bruce Solie
    - Anne Goodpasture
    - Dave Phillips
    - James Angleton
    - Richard Helms
    - Ray Rocca
    - Admiral Turner (possible witness re CIA position on Nosenko bona-fides)

IV. CIA Review of Committee's Final Report

- A. Establish CIA Task Force
- B. What should be made public - sanitization procedures
- C. Establish procedures to resolve issues - CIA spokesman

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V. Final Disposition of Notes, Transcripts, and other  
Committee Material

- A. All notes returned to CIA or destroyed with certification of destruction.
- B. Transcripts, depositions, and other permanent records reviewed for sanitization. Referred to HPSCI for permanent retention and control. Memorandum of Understanding Addendum.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Gary Cornwell, Deputy Staff Chief,  
House Select Committee on Assassinations

1. (S) Mr. Gary Cornwell, Deputy Staff Chief, House Select Committee on Assassinations, called as a follow up to yesterday's meeting and offered for CIA consideration the following arrangement for the Committee's storage and handling of the interview notes on Deryabin, Golitsyn and Nosenko as well as all related materials, including transcripts.

2. (S) A special safe will be designated in Committee offices for storage of the material to which only their Security Officer will have the combination. Only G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, Gary Cornwell, Ken Klein and Surell Brady, of the Committee staff, will have access to the material. Any unsanitized CIA documents requested to prepare for interviews, deposition or hearings of the defectors would also be stored in this safe. Committee procedures require that the names of the defectors appear in the unclassified indices of the Committee which would only make reference to the safe in which the material is stored. Mr. Blakey will recommend to the Committee that at the termination of the Committee, all of the material, including transcripts be turned over to CIA. Mr. Cornwell emphasized that this would be the Committee's decision and there could be no guarantees that it will do so.

3. (S) Mr. Cornwell made a significant change to the proposal discussed at yesterday's meeting whereby the staff conceded that the Agency would be allowed to review the notes of defector interviews only for the period since their defection but not prior thereto. Mr. Cornwell said they had now decided that the Agency will not be allowed to review any of the notes of interviews.

4. (S) I noted to Mr. Cornwell that this arrangement would in effect consider less sensitive information concerning defectors to that information in CIA documents provided to the Committee which will be stored in the CIA safe in Committee offices under the new procedures. Mr. Cornwell acknowledged this but hoped that this proposal would be accepted. I expressed strong doubt personally that it would, especially since the Committee was closing out all Agency review of interview notes, and will include unsanitized CIA documents under the arrangement, but I would forward it for consideration. I posed alternatives such as living with the arrangement to keep the material in our safe under Agency control or allowing the Agency to review the notes for sanitization and retention and the original notes kept at Headquarters. I sensed

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that Mr. Cornwell recognized the strong reaction at yesterday's meeting and he doubts the proposal will be accepted.

5. (S) Since the Committee appears to be holding firm on not allowing CIA review of the notes, the only alternative is to maintain the material in the safe in the Committee offices. We must, however, be prepared to provide sufficient and prompt support to allow reasonably prompt access to the material when requested. This burden falls heavily on the Office of Security but there appears to be no other way out if effective security is to be maintained.

  
PATRICK L. CARPENTIER

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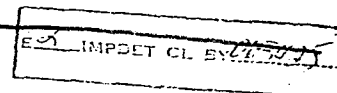
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with the Staff of the House Select Committee on  
Assassinations

1. (S) The first staff Committee interview of Yuri Nosenko was held this morning in room 6D-0120, Headquarters, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Prior to the interview, Rodger Gabrielson and I had a meeting with Professor G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel, Cary Cornwell, Counsel, and Ken Klein, Counsel, who conducted the interview. A number of issues were discussed during the meeting.
2. (S) I explained to Blakey and his staff that we met with Nosenko briefly before their arrival and Nosenko laid down two firm requirements for any executive session hearing. He is totally against visual or audio taping of the hearing and insists that it be held in the Headquarters Building. Blakey acknowledged Nosenko's concerns and stated that the details will have to be worked out carefully with the Agency. Klein said he would need additional staff assistance in the interviews of Nosenko, Golitsyn and Deryabin and requested that staffers Surrell Brady, Johanna Smith, and Margo Jackson, participate in this phase of the Committee's investigation. Blakey said this would be the full extent of the group involved and not all six members of the group will be in attendance at the interviews at any one time, either due to travel or other assignments. Johanna Smith has accompanied Blakey this morning to attend the interview, but I refused to let her since her name had not previously been given to me by Cornwell. It was agreed that future staff interviews of Nosenko would be held at Headquarters on 26, 30 and 31 May and the executive session hearings for Nosenko, Golitsyn, and Deryabin are now planned for 21 and 22 June.
3. (S) Blakey requested that the Agency make Soviet defector Arkady Shevchenko available for staff interviews as soon as possible. Blakey indicated that he had been informed that the FBI has acknowledged that he is now in the hands of the Agency. He has no objection if CIA representatives are present and the subject would be "Oswald, Nosenko, FEDORA." Blakey said he understands that the Director will not make Schevenko available until his bona fides are established, however, the Committee is not concerned with

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bona fides and will interview him as a witness of unknown reliability. They requested that the interview be arranged as soon as possible. Blakey said there are no current plans to call Shevchenko as a witness at a hearing unless he provides information of extremely vital importance to their investigation. I did not acknowledge any Agency interest in Shevchenko to Blakey, nor was I previously aware of any.

4. (S) Concerning Blakey's previous request to interview a former Mexico City station employee and a number of persons known to be Mexican citizens. Blakey requested Agency assistance to make the necessary arrangements. He will provide a full listing as soon as possible of those persons that they wish to interview. We also discussed having Blakey meet with Agency representatives to go over the details. Blakey is seeking this same cooperation from the FBI.

5. (S) I told Blakey that his requests would be submitted for consideration by all interested offices.

6. (S) During my meeting with Nosenko prior to the interview, Nosenko stated that he is aware of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence's interest in his bona fides. He feels Golitsyn is his principal attacker and wants to meet Golitsyn face to face before that Committee and discuss the issue with him. He also wants this same arrangement separately with Petr Deryabin before the SSCI. He has trust in the SSCI which he considers knowledgeable of counterintelligence matters. He does not have the same trust in the Assassinations Committee and would not want the same arrangement with the Assassinations Committee unless they request him to do so.


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