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Admiral Stansfield Turner Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

As you are aware, the Honorable Louis Stokes, Chairman at the House Select Committee on Assassinations, has requested that a temporary moratorium, extending through December 31, 1978, be imposed on the destruction of all records and documents in the custody of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), including those eligible for disposal under approved records disposition schedules. A copy of his letter is enclosed.

In accordance with 44 USC 2909, and 41 CFR 101-11.406-7(b), the Central Intelligence Agency is authorized to retain all disposable records and documents in its custody through December 31, 1978. This action is authorized because of the potential value of CIA records to the Select Committee's investigation into the circumstances surrounding the deaths of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The National Archives and Records Service has no objection to CIA applying its approved disposition schedules to its records after that date.

Your cooperation in this important matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

JAMES B. RHOADS

Archivist of the United States

cc: Honorable Louis Stokes

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