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Mr. G. Robert Blakey
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Bob:

Herewith are comments on the Nosenko draft.

In commencing, it should be noted that Tennent Bagley remains under cover, retired abroad. We are obliged to honor that cover, which he has not moved to have modified. To expose his true status as a former CIA employee could have repercussions in his present situation that we must accept as significant. When he was here in November 1978, he was advised of steps necessary to remove his cover, in the event he decided to go overt in this matter; he took no steps to alter his cover status. It remains classified. We therefore request that the example set in the Hart testimony, of referring to Mr. Bagley by the title of Deputy Chief, SB Division, be followed in this draft.

Following are detailed comments:

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Testimony of Nosenko

Circled Page 3, lines 14 and 17, depending on how one counts. KGB agents should read KGB officers.

Circled Page 4, lines 3 through 20. Suggest the following rewrite:

There were two factors, however, that limited the value of the information supplied to the Committee by these ex-KGB officers: 1) neither had been assigned to the same KGB Directorate as Nosenko, and 2) one of them had information about the KGB that was outdated.

Circled Page 6. Nosenko's actual testimony, last response. Suggest changing word "defectionist" to "defector."

Page 6, line 6. Delete "woman in Utah" and insert "individual."

Page 6, lines 20 and 21. Delete "and even was a co-op from CIA."

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Page 32, line 12. Delete cryptonym AEDONOR.

Page 32, lines 20 and 24-25. Delete name "Thomas A. Ryan" and substitute "James Michaels."

Page 33, lines 1-3. Delete "Thomas A. Ryan" and insert "James C. Michaels" and "James Michaels" respectively.

Page 37, line 8. Delete name "Ryan" and substitute name "Michaels."

Page 38, line 23. Delete name "Deryabin" and substitute "Y."

Page 43, lines 8, 14, 16, 21, and 22. Name should be "Fedoseyev."

Page 48, line 24. Delete name "Ryan" and substitute name "Michaels."

Page 51, line 5. Delete [redacted] and insert "U.S. Government property outside the Washington area."

Third page of statement made by Nosenko to HSCA 8/1/78, last paragraph. Suggest placing month "October" in brackets after "November" to reflect correct date (we realize Mr. Nosenko gave this date, but it is incorrect).

Solie Testimony

Page 56, line 17. Statement should read, "The transcript will reflect I asked him to prepare it in his own words on a previous day, a day or two before."

Page 58, line 9. "Assuming" not "assing."

Page 59, line 23. Delete "Uh-uh" and substitute "yes."

Page 66, line 20. Delete comma and "by down there" and substitute "and by SR."

Page 69, line 11. Even though Mr. Klein undoubtedly used the word "agents", the word "officers" should be there.

Murphy Testimony

Introduction. Date on line 4 is wrong; should be 1964-67.

Pages numbered 4 and 5, lines 24-25 and line 5, respectively.
Solie not Soley.

Page 20, line 22. Change "propose" to "expose."

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Michaels Testimony

Deposition of Tom Ryan (Michaels). Throughout this deposition, the name "Michael" is used. The formally registered alias was "James C. Michaels" with a final "s."

Page 5, line 7. Delete "Polish" and substitute "East European."

Section #6 Entitled "Letters of CIA of 9/1/78 and FBI of 1/8/79"

Second page of response to Question #3, second paragraph. "In 1976 Nosenko was paid \$10,000...." Date should be changed to 1978. Our error.

Bagley Testimony

Page 7, line 32 of Bagley's prepared statement and page 25, line 16 of his testimony. Substitute "allied service" for

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Page 52, line 5. Change "CIA Staff" to "CI Staff."

Page 71, line 25 and Page 72, line 1. Delete "or the Soviet military intelligence." This indicates targetting priorities.

Page 97, lines 14 and 20. Suggest insert (sic) after "agents."

Page 99, line 23. The existence of a Station in is clearly indicated. Suggest put in brackets [in West Europe].

Page 110, line 13 and 19. Suggest deletion of "American/American's."

Page 122, line 17. "A" on Angleton.

Page 127, lines 18 and 19. Delete "several other Soviet intelligence people who were in touch with us in one way or another."

Page 134, line 18. Suggest brackets after "five years" with dates 1962-67 inserted since Mr. Bagley had no control of Nosenko case after October 1967. Otherwise it may appear that Mr. Pithian was referring to the years 1964-69.

Page 138, line 12. Change "our foreign liaison agents" to read "foreign liaison officials."

Page 138, line 13. Change "him" to "them."

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I understand from your conversation with Rodger that you would welcome a letter from the Agency, on this section of the report, for inclusion with it in the final report. Could we have more details?

It is understood that this is the last paper we will see that has not already been reviewed. As you know, we are ready to follow-up in a meeting with you on the substantive comments already provided you.

Very truly yours,

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