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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT : HSCA Investigations

1. Roger Gabrielson of OLC (now handling the HSCA since Doug Cummins' retirement) came to see me last week about requests from Mr. Blakey. I had heard elsewhere that Blakey is restless at the way the Agency is responding to his requests, and Gabrielson told me that Blakey now wants to see the materials on which our Task Force's report is based. I expressed the opinion to Gabrielson that I thought we could work out how HSCA staff members could see the basic documentation. We have some of these specific back-up documents for many of the statements made in the Task Force report. LA Division has the voluminous files on which much of what we have to say is based. CI Staff has the so-called Oswald file. I suggested different rules for the different material along the following lines:

a. Tab C contains material making possible the identity of Cubans in jail as well as AMLASH. This presents problems that I thought we could discuss with the HSCA. I mentioned specifically reading without note-taking. I observed that Blakey had declared the AMTRUNK section as irrelevant, which takes that entire section out of consideration so far as the HSCA is concerned.

b. I noted that Tab D, on AMLASH, contained a lot of information that would permit his identification. They already know his true name, and we allowed the Church Committee to review the actual files in their raw form. I thought that we could give them the same access subject to the note-taking reservation and restrictions in the final report.

c. Tab E is a list of all the documents produced and disseminated in connection with the Warren Commission investigation. The actual documents are in the possession of CI Staff and something could be worked out on this. We spoke briefly on Russ Holmes sanitizing things (a horrendous undertaking).

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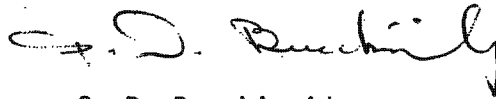
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d. Tab F has the details of <sup>24</sup>operational coverage in Mexico City, including [ ] teltaps, photographic operations, and surveillance teams. I expressed the opinion that Mr. Cornwall be asked to review this himself, in lieu of other staff members.

2. I expressed the opinion to Gabrielson that the details would have to be worked out with the appropriate DDO components, namely, SA/DDO, LA Division (Sturbitts) and CI Staff.

3. Maurice Sovern is concerned that a bureaucratic hiatus (change in DDO leadership and that of SA/DDO, as well as the departure of Cummins) will place us at a disadvantage in establishing satisfactory ground rules on a timely basis. Blakey is pressing for accelerated support; CI Staff has assigned several people to help Russ Holmes. Blakey may find that a combination of pressures (which I am sure he has been told by others worked) will find us where we were a couple of years ago. We will always reply more slowly than the investigators want and there may be some uncertainty in the Agency at this moment as to how much understanding there will be for the nature of our problem, as well as support while we try and work it out.

4. It might be more than useful if you injected yourself into this at this point. You may recall that during the investigations in 1975 the IG chaired a committee of Associate Deputies to establish ground rules and to ensure that in cooperating it did not compromise the protection of sources and methods. May be it is time again.



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JLL,

Please keep this and attached for our record. It is result of search by Barbara of Investigation Files. Please check to see what "hits" there are for HSCA.

Also have her check the W'gate File on Item #18; however, don't necessarily limit to the time frame shown here. Compulsive Spy by Tad Szulc shows Hunt in Madrid at time frame not consistent with record (as I recall it). Also check Hunt travel records during time around JFK assassination (papers on this in the W'Gate Files, too, I think).

Ask Jean to see if we have any thing in OIG on Jim Garrison, also possibly under New Orleans, etc.

Our Assassination File, also has materials.

All this in addition to the IG draft history of W'Gate.

All this may be a bit heavy, but add it to the xerox of files of supporting documents for Task Force paper.

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I guess this is under control  
now from what Cary  
said at AM mtg  
on 5 Jan.

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