

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

Office of Legislative Counsel

31 July 1978

Mr. G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director  
Select Committee on Assassinations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Since your investigator/researchers have had the opportunity to interview or depose employees of interest, it would appear that the above course of action would supplement whatever narrow areas the personal interview left uncovered.

Sincerely,

S. D. Breckinridge  
Principal Coordinator, HSCA

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SUBJECT: (Optional)

Draft Ltr to HSCA re Request for O/Pers. Files

FROM:

S. D. Breckinridge

EXTENSION

1046

NO.

OLC 78-24887-2

DATE

31 July 1978

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

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1. N. Shepanek PCS/LOC  
DX-6 Green

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OLC 78-2488/1  
31 July 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations  
 Deputy Director for Administration  
 Inspector General  
 Special Assistant, Deputy Director  
 of Central Intelligence

FROM : S. D. Breckinridge

SUBJECT : Draft Letter to HSCA on Request for  
 O/Personnel File of Operations Officers

1. The attached draft letter is prepared as a result of a decision of the DCI at the Morning Meeting on Friday, 28 July, concerning general requests by the HSCA for access to the Official Personnel Folders of Agency employees. Some of the reasons advanced in the letter for not providing blanket access refer to classified considerations; however, these statements do not, in themselves, seem classified. If you differ, the letter can be assigned a classification.

2. Your comments would be appreciated. As this issue dates back to 6 July, your prompt attention would be helpful.

*S. D. Breckinridge*  
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Attachment

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SUBJECT: (Optional)

Draft Letter to HSCA on Request for O/Personnel Files of Operations Officers

FROM:

Benson Grayson  
EA/ADDO

EXTENSION

NO.

9203

DATE

1 August 1978

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

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S.D. Breckinridge  
Deputy Inspector  
General

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