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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Analysis Group

FROM: John F. Sullivan, Jr.
Security Analysis Group

SUBJECT: HSCA Interest in James B. Wilcott,
and Individuals Assigned to [redacted] Station

1. On 7 March 1978 the Office of Legislative Counsel (OLC), on behalf of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), requested a records check on James B. Wilcott, born 27 September 1931. A search of Security Records Division disclosed OS#109 301 in the name of James Bernard Wilcott, Jr., born 27 September 1931, a staff employee (Finance Officer) from 1957 until his resignation in 1966. Wilcott served in [redacted] Station from May 1960 to July 1964.

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2. On 8 March I advised you of current HSCA interest in reviewing files on some 18 staff employees formerly assigned to [redacted] Station.

3. Mr. Pat Carpentier, OLC, was advised by the undersigned on 8 March of Office of Security reservations in making files on the above 18 staff employees available for HSCA review, particularly without knowing what this was all about. Mr. Carpentier subsequently advised that the Committee was interested in reviewing only Wilcott's file.

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4. On 9 March 1978 Mr. Harold Leap, an HSCA staff employee, informed the undersigned that Mr. Wilcott has alleged that at the time he was assigned to [redacted] Station, he was aware of the fact that Lee Harvey Oswald had been a [redacted] Station agent. When queried how Wilcott would have known about this, since Oswald was already in the Soviet Union at the time of Wilcott's assignment to [redacted] Mr. Leap indicated that Wilcott received his information secondhand.

5. Mr. Leap related that the HSCA does not desire to review files on the foregoing 18 individuals but does plan on interviewing all of them. These 18 individuals were identified to the HSCA by Wilcott as people he remembered being assigned to [redacted] when he was there.

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