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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives
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October 17, 1977

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
 Attorney General
 U. S. Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the Select Committee's investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of President Kennedy, the Select Committee will periodically request of the Department of Justice access to materials based on electronic surveillance.

In order to protect the privacy of those subject to surveillance, no material derived from them should be made available in response to general requests. A check of the Electronic Surveillance Index should not be made unless specifically requested. When such a check is specifically requested, unless a superseding letter is forwarded to you, the product of such a check should only be made available to myself or Ralph Salerno, the only individual connected with the Committee currently authorized to examine such materials.

The materials prepared in response to my letter of October 7, 1977, should be handled in accordance with this letter.

In addition, it would be appreciated if you could make available to me the electronic surveillance logs and communications pertaining to the logs from field offices to the Seat of Government during the period of time from January 1, 1963 to August 1, 1963 for the following: Sam Giancana, Santos Trafficante and John Roselli. This request supplements my request of October 7, 1977.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

G. Robert Blakey
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 Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:DM

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