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(202) 225-4624

June 23, 1978

Peter Bensinger, Administrator
Drug Enforcement Administration
1405 I Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20537

Dear Mr. Bensinger:

This letter serves to confirm the understanding reached during our telephone conversation of June 22, 1978 regarding the utilization of Staff Investigator Harold Leap with respect to a matter of concern to the investigation by this Committee into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Specifically, it is the present intention of the Committee to assign Mr. Leap to matters relating to the 1967 federal narcotic investigation of John Kauffmann and others. In so doing, the Committee intends to draw upon his expertise as an agent who worked on that investigation which in fact led to the conviction of John Kauffman and several others. The matter of current concern to the Committee relating to Kauffmann and his associates does not represent in any way a Committee inquiry into DEA, its predecessor federal narcotic agency (BNDD), or any of its past or present agents or employees.

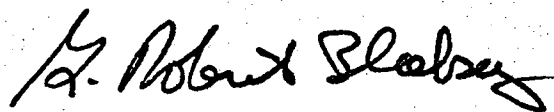
Reference is made to our initial agreement captioned the "Interagency Agreement Between the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Select Committee on Assassinations, U.S. House of Representatives" as well as to the October 31, 1978 amendment of that Agreement. It is requested that the understanding reflected by this letter be incorporated into the original Agreement. If you so approve, please indicate by signing below and returning the original of this letter to us.

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Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

APPROVED:

Peter Bensinger, Administrator
Drug Enforcement Administration

(Date)

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DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION
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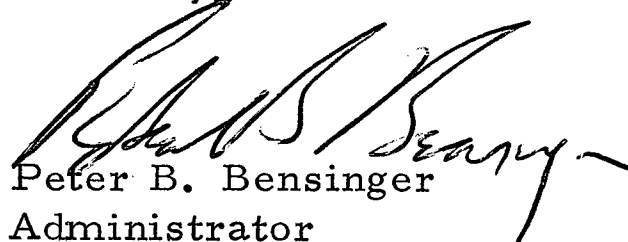
Mr. G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director
Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
3331 House Office Building, Annex 2
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Blakey:

Attached are two copies of a proposed Interagency Agreement between the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Select Committee on Assassinations, U.S. House of Representatives covering the temporary assignment of Special Agent Harold D. Leap as requested by your letter of October 13, 1977.

Please sign and return one copy to DEA; the other copy is provided for your records. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,


Peter B. Bensinger
Administrator

Attachment



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) AND THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

PURPOSE

Temporary assignment of DEA Special Agent Harold D. Leap to assist the Select Committee on Assassinations in the investigation of the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

PERIOD

Special Agent Leap will be assigned to the Select Committee on Assassinations for the remaining duration of the 95th Congress, which ends December 31, 1978.

FINANCING

1. Special Agent Harold D. Leap will continue to receive his salary and all benefits and credits from DEA during the life of this agreement.
2. Any operating costs, such as transportation, per diem, supplies, etc. incurred by Special Agent Leap while on temporary assignment will be paid directly by the Select Committee on Assassinations.
3. The Select Committee on Assassinations agrees to reimburse DEA at the rate of \$30,000 per annum, which translates to \$1,154 per pay period.
4. DEA will prepare and submit a billing using SF-1031, "Voucher and Schedule of Withdrawals and Credits," for payment by the Select Committee on Assassinations on a monthly basis.

AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to this Agreement to effect any change will be accomplished by an exchange of letters between DEA and the Select Committee on Assassinations.

TERMINATION

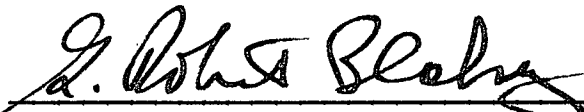
Performance under this Agreement may be terminated at any time upon mutual consent, in writing, by DEA and the Select Committee on Assassinations.

FOR THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT
ADMINISTRATION



PETER B. BENSINGER
Administrator

FOR THE SELECT COMMITTEE
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October 31, 1977

Mr. Peter Bensinger, Administrator
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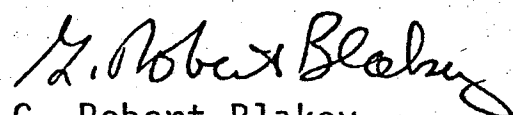
Thank you for the Interagency Agreement between the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Select Committee on Assassinations covering the temporary assignment of special agent Harold D. Leap. I am returning a signed copy as you requested.

As provided for in the agreement, we wish to amend it by including the following language from my letter of October 13, 1977:

- 1) All control and supervision over the acts and conduct of Mr. Leap during his assignment with the Committee will be exercised exclusively by the Committee. The DEA relinquishes all such control of Mr. Leap's activities during the period of such assignment.

Please indicate your approval of this amendment by signing below.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB/thw

APPROVED:

Peter Bensinger, Administrator
Drug Enforcement Administration

Date _____

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Dear Mr. Bensinger:

In reference to the employment of Mr. Harold Leap by The Select Committee on Assassinations, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and The Select Committee on Assassinations (Committee) agree to the following conditions:

1) For the convenience of both the DEA and the Committee, Mr. Leap will continue to receive his salary and all benefits and credits from the DEA during the life of this agreement. During such period, the Committee shall reimburse the DEA at the rate of \$30,000 a year.

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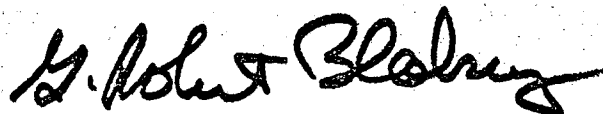
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3) Mr. Leap is being employed to assist the Committee in its investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and is not being employed for the purpose of investigating the DEA.

We appreciate the DEA making Mr. Leap available to the Committee. Please indicate your approval of the conditions below.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey,
Chief Counsel and Director

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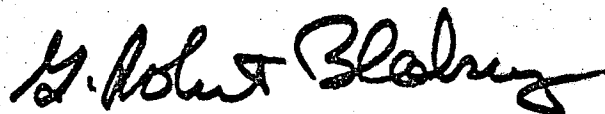
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