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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

3342 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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March 24, 1977

Mr. Kenneth E. Brooten
3301 N.W. 27th Terrace
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Mr. Brooten:

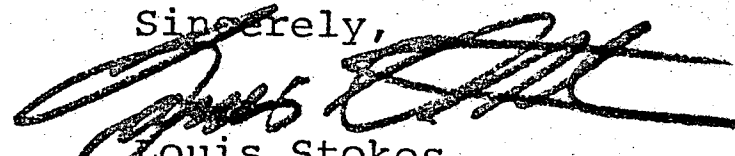
The Committee has decided to accept your letter of resignation dated March 8th. As stated in your March 8th letter, the Committee accepts your resignation effective that date. As a consequence of this Committee action, you may disregard the letter mailed by myself to you on March 8, 1977.

Your letter of March 8, 1977, also requested reimbursement for certain phone calls and restoration of the pay reductions you agreed to for January and February of 1977. The Committee will reimburse you for the phone calls, which you represent were made in pursuit of Committee business. I have enclosed a voucher for \$40.24, the total of the listed calls, for your signature. If you sign and return the voucher to me, I shall sign and forward it to the House Administration Committee so that you may be paid.

In the Committee's view, however, you have no valid claim for restoration of your voluntary pay reduction for January and February of 1977. Among other reasons for this is that there never was a firm commitment that the lost pay would be restored. Furthermore, at the very least, a condition for you to receive the lost pay was that you would be on the payroll in April and a sufficient number of subsequent months to enable you to recoup it via a temporary pay increase during that period. You were fully aware that if it was decided to restore the lost pay, this was the mechanism to be utilized. Since you have resigned effective March 8, and by your own action will not be on the payroll in April, the Committee does not believe you are entitled to restoration of your voluntary pay reduction.

If you wish to discuss any of these matters further, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Louis Stokes
Chairman

LS/jwb

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORM

(Please Use Typewriter
or Ballpoint Pen)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

(Any erasures, corrections, or changes
on this form must be initialed by the
authorizing official.)

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Kenneth Edward Grooten, Jr.	3/8/77
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
519 42 7339	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Select Committee on Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

- Standing Committee: Staff— Clerical or Professional.
- Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 222 of 95th Congress.
- Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date March 8, 1977

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes, Chairman

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Select Committee on Assassinations

(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED: _____

Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:
Office Code _____
Monthly Annuity \$ _____ .00

to FO 3/24/77

Copy for Initiating Office or Committee

MAR 11 1977

3301 N. W. 27th Terrace
Gainesville, Florida 32605
March 8, 1977

The Honorable Louis Stokes, Chairman
House Select Committee on Assassinations
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I submit herewith my resignation from the staff of the House Select Committee on Assassinations effective this date or at such time hereafter as the Members of the Select Committee shall determine to be fair and equitable. I resign as a matter of professional principle and not out of the belief that the investigations should not be continued by some appropriate body.

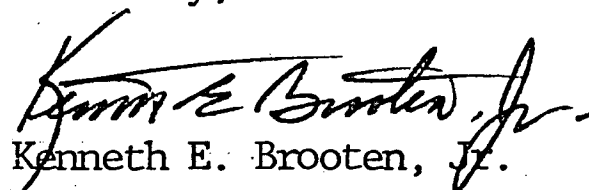
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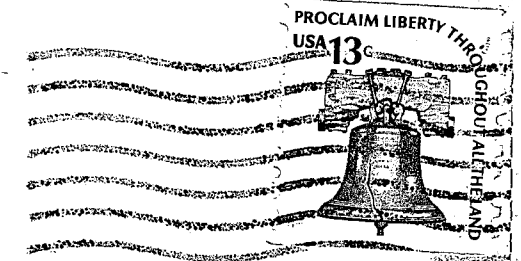
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Sincerely,


Kenneth E. Brooten, Jr.

Enclosure: Telephone Bills for Official Calls

Kenneth E. Brooten, Jr.
3301 N. W. 27th Terrace
Gainesville, FL. 32605



Mrs. Rebecca Martin, Chief Clerk
House Select Committee on Assassinations
3342 House Annex #2
Washington, D. C. 20515



March 8, 1977

Mr. Kenneth E. Brooten
Carter & Brooten, P.A.
4131 N.W. 13th Street
Suite 104
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Mr. Brooten:

At a meeting of the Select Committee today in accordance with Committee Rule 11.6 the Committee by majority vote, a majority of the Committee being present, voted to terminate your services as a staff member effective at the close of business today.

Sincerely,



Louis Stokes
Chairman

3301 N. W. 27th Terrace
Gainesville, Florida 32605
March 8, 1977

MAR 10 1977

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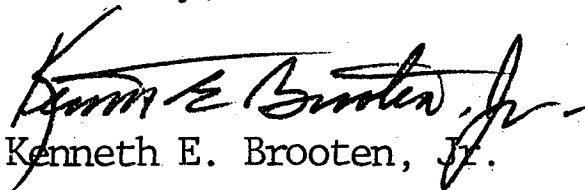
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Sincerely,


Kenneth E. Brooten, Jr.

Enclosure: Telephone Bills for Official Calls

Northern Bell

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YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER

FEB 26 1977
DATE OF BILL

P 372 8021 932
ACCOUNT NUMBER

LIST OF CALLS

See reverse for explanation of Conn Time and Codes appearing in the T & C columns

DATE	PLACE CALLED	TELEPHONE NUMBER	T	C	CONN TIME	MIN	AMOUNT
CHARGES FOR 372 8021							
211	WASHINGTON DC	202 543 2064	AE		1040	14	31
212	WASHINGTON DC	202 225 3236	AN		142	5	7
212	PALMYRA PA	717 838 4372	AN		401	10	14
212	NEW YORK NY	212 355 3400	AN		437	2	3
212	WASHINGTON DC	202 225 3236	AN		559	1	2
213	NEW YORK NY	212 689 1272	AN		923	19	26
213	WASHINGTON DC	202 547 3049	AN		249	30	41
213	GREENSBORO NC	919 272 8642	AE		720	18	40
213	WASHINGTON DC	202 723 5772	AE		740	9	20
214	SAN ANTONIO TEX	512 732 9779	AD		900	1	5
214	WASHINGTON DC	202 225 3236	AD		1051	1	5
214	WASHINGTON DC	202 225 3236	AD		1109	1	5

SERVING CITY
KENNETH E BOOTEN JR
3301 NW 27TH TERR
GAINVL FL 32605

CURRENT CHARGES
PAST DUE
MAR 22

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210	WASHINGTON DC	202 225 4624	AE		759	11	25
210	WASHINGTON DC	202 225 3236	AE		819	10	23
210	SAN ANTONIO TEX	512 732 9759	AE		932	1	3
211	WASHINGTON DC	202 225 3236	AD		137	6	22
211	WASHINGTON DC	202 225 3236	AD		207	3	11
211	WASHINGTON DC	202 225 3236	AD		212	6	22
211	SAN ANTONIO TEX	512 732 9759	AD		351	3	12
211	WASHINGTON DC	202 225 3236	AD		354	8	28

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MAR 15 1977

3301 N. W. 27th Terrace
Gainesville, Florida
10 March 1977

The Honorable Louis Stokes, Chairman
House Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter which was mailed to my former law firm in Gainesville, Florida on Monday, March 7, 1977 and which was received on Wednesday, March 9, 1977 at 2:00 P.M.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1977, immediately following the acceptance by the House of Representatives of Chairman Gonzalez's resignation, I mailed you my formal resignation from the staff of the Select Committee, a copy of which is also enclosed.

On Sunday, March 6, 1977, having completed my final reports to former Chairman Gonzalez, I moved all of my possessions from my apartment and flew to Florida. A number of people in Washington knew I was leaving Washington and resigning from the Committee. I was not going to tender my formal resignation until such time as the House accepted the resignation of Mr. Gonzalez for to do so would leave Mr. Gonzalez without counsel. Since I had decided to resign immediately upon the acceptance by the House of the resignation of Mr. Gonzalez, I saw no reason to stay in Washington where the Committee was to hold a meeting as my presence at that point would simply provoke unnecessary confrontation.

On Wednesday, March 9, 1977, at 12:15 P.M., I learned from Congressman Gonzalez's office that the Select Committee held a special meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 1977 for the sole purpose of firing me notwithstanding the fact that my resignation was already in the mail to you and that the letter which I received on March 9th directed me to report to the Committee offices that same day.

It is implicit in Mr. Lewis' letter that since I was not in the staff offices since February 9, 1977 that I was not performing duties for the Select Committee. Enclosed for your information is a copy of a telegram which I received from former Chairman Gonzalez on February 11, 1977. As you are no doubt aware, both at the request of former Chairman Gonzalez as well as Congressman Richardson Preyer, Congressman Walter Fauntroy

The Honorable Louis Stokes, Chairman
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and Congressman Christopher Dodd, I did not go to the Committee staff offices so as not to cause unnecessary confrontations. However, I enclose herewith copies of correspondence between myself and Richard Sprague and Majority Leader Wright relating to my continuing efforts to resolve some of the problems confronting the Select Committee.

I bring this chronology to your attention as well as the copies of documents which I have enclosed because I can only construe the calling of a special meeting to "fire" me as a vindictive act on the part of Mr. Sprague, who could have determined from a number of sources that I had already returned to Florida and intended to submit a formal written resignation, as I in fact did.

Accordingly, I will appreciate it if you will advise me as to the following:

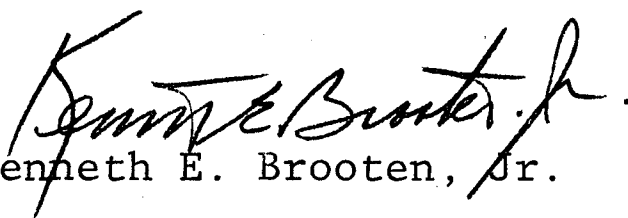
(a) Whether a meeting of the Select Committee was held on Tuesday, March 8, 1977, and if so, was that meeting held in compliance with the Rules of the House and the Rules of the Select Committee and what official action was taken.

(b) The position of the Committee as to whether my resignation is accepted or whether I was "fired" and the effective date of the acceptance of my resignation or my "firing".

I shall look forward to hearing from you. You may feel free to call me at my home in Florida, 904-372-8021, should you wish to discuss this matter personally.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,


Kenneth E. Brooten, Jr.

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Enclosures

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PMS MR KENNETH BROOTEN DLR

3301 NW 27TH TERRACE

GAINESVILLE FL 32605

YOU ARE HEREBY APPOINTED ACTING CHIEF COUNSEL AND DIRECTOR OF
THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS EFFECTIVE

THIS DATE FEBRUARY 11 1977.

SINCERELY

HENRY B GONZALEZ MEMBER OF CONGRESS CHAIRMAN

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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

3341 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

February 25, 1977

(202) 225-4624

BY HAND DELIVERY

Richard A. Sprague, Esq.
House Select Committee on Assassinations
3341 House Annex #2
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Dick:

This is in reference to our meeting with the Honorable James Wright, House Majority Leader on Thursday, February 24, 1977. It was my clear understanding that Mr. Wright wanted you and I to meet to discuss and clarify the following matters.

1. Temporary long distance telephone calls to be billed to his office number - 225-8040.
2. The actual expenditures for the Select Committee for January, 1977, as well as the estimated expenditures for February, 1977.
3. Vouchers for December, 1976.
4. Arrangements to provide access to non-classified FBI and Secret Service files.
5. Forms for Subpoenas.
6. Establishment of a petty cash fund and designation of a custodian.
7. Any other matters which are of an immediate necessity for the orderly operation of the Select Committee.

As you know, following the meeting I offered to immediately come to the staff offices with you to discuss these matters, however, you advised that you would check on the long distance telephone calls and then I should call you.

Richard A. Sprague, Esq.

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February 25, 1977

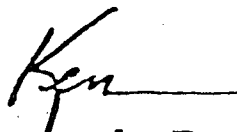
Following my conversation with Alvin B. Lewis, who called on your behalf at 6:20 p.m., yesterday, I have today been in contact with the staff of the Committee on House Administration to attempt to work out the details for critical temporary long distance telephone service.

In an effort to avoid any unwarranted delay in the resolution of these most important matters and to avoid misunderstandings as to the matters which Majority Leader Wright wanted us to discuss, I will very much appreciate it if you will call me so we can set up an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

You may contact me at Chairman Gonzalez office - 225-3236 until 5:00 p.m. today. I will also be available and most happy to meet with you during the weekend. If you cannot reach me at Chairman Gonzalez office, please do not hesitate to contact me at my residence. My residence telephone number is: 546-5126.

I shall look forward to hearing from you. With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



Kenneth E. Brooten, Jr.
Acting Staff Director & Counsel

BCC: Honorable James Wright
Honorable Frank Thompson, Jr.
Honorable Dan Rostenkowski
Honorable William H. Brown

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Select Committee on Assassinations

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

(202) 225-4624

March 1, 1977

The Honorable James Wright
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Room H-148, The Capitol
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Wright:

This is in further reference to our meeting of February 24, 1977, at which you requested Mr. Sprague and I to meet to discuss and attempt to resolve certain immediate problems facing the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Following that meeting I advised Mr. Sprague that I would immediately go to the staff offices to meet with him. He declined to meet with me at that time.

On Friday, February 25, 1977, I sent him a letter advising him that I would be available to meet with him during the entire weekend. On Sunday, February 27, 1977, I attempted to call him at the Committee offices, at his residence in Philadelphia, and finally left a message with his answering service at the Watergate Apartments here in Washington. I was available all day Monday in the office of Chairman Gonzalez. Today, I have again called Mr. Sprague's secretary at the Committee offices in a further attempt to meet with him.

In addition to attempting to contact Mr. Sprague, I have personally gone to the Committee on House Administration on two occasions to see if temporary long distance telephone service could be restored on the basis which we discussed at our meeting.

I reluctantly bring this to your attention because I feel that time is of the essence in resolving the problems confronting the Select Committee. By his failure and refusal to meet with me he has delayed resolving the problem of how to regain access to non-classified information in FBI and Secret Service files. If access can be granted, then Committee staff can continue to analyze information in those files. The simple fact is

The Honorable James Wright

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March 1, 1977

that if Mr. Sprague was acting in good faith and genuinely concerned about resolving these problems, he would have contacted me as you requested. His failure to do so has resulted in unwarranted delays which has seriously impaired the investigations. You may be assured that I will continue to work to resolve these problems.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Brooten, Jr.
Acting Staff Director & Counsel

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(202) 225-4624

March 7, 1977

Kenneth E. Brooten, Esq.
458 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Brooten:

According to our staff personnel records, you have not been in the office since February 9, 1977. Consequently, Mr. Sprague has directed me to contact you requesting that you appear at our office nine o'clock a.m. Wednesday morning for assignment.

I will expect to see you at that time to advise you of the nature of your duties.

Sincerely,

ALVIN B. LEWIS, JR.
Special Counsel

cc: Kenneth E. Brooten, Esq;
Carter & Brooten, P.A.
4131 N.W. 13th Street
Suite 104
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via REGISTERED MAIL

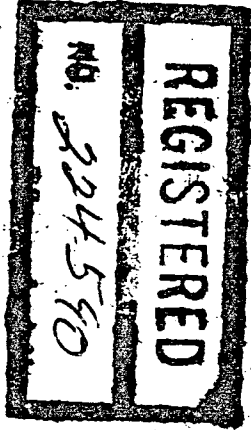
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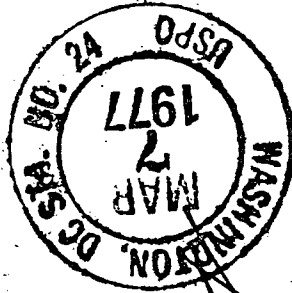
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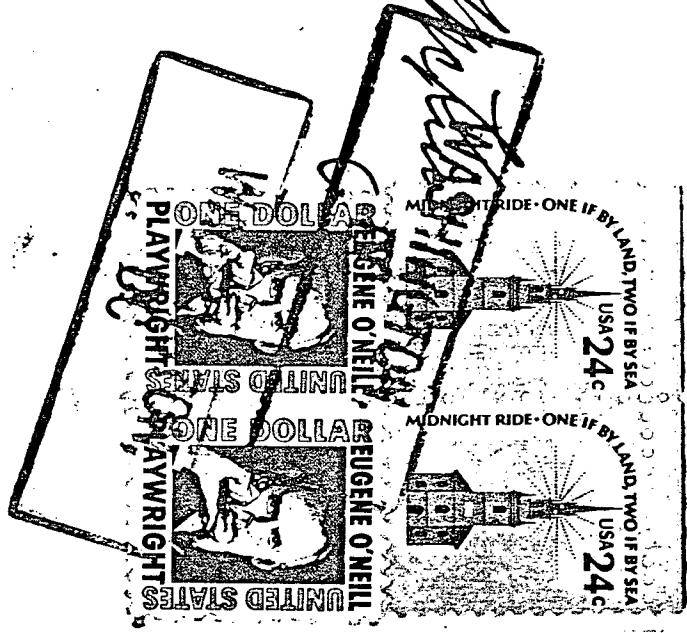


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Edward B. McCaskey



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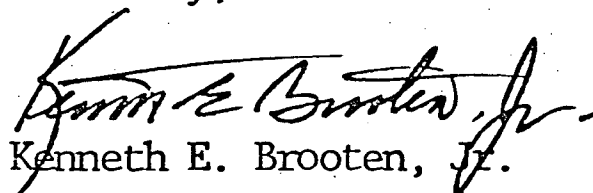
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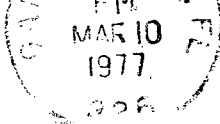
With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,


Kenneth E. Brooten, Jr.

Enclosure: Telephone Bills for Official Calls

Mr. Kenneth E. Brooten, Jr.
3301 N.W. 27th Terrace
Gainesville, Florida 32605



CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

CERTIFIED
No. 716400
MAIL

The Honorable Louis Stokes, Chairman
House Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515



PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORM

(Please Use Typewriter
or Ballpoint Pen)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

(Any erasures, corrections, or changes
on this form must be initialed by the
authorizing official.)

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Kenneth Edward Brooten, Jr.	2-1-77
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
519-42-7339	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment <input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Select Committee on Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	\$20,910.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

- Standing Committee: Staff— Clerical or Professional.
- Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 11 of 95 Congress.
- Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date 2-28-77, 19__

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Henry B. Gonzalez

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman

(Title - If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED: _____

Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:
Office Code _____
Monthly Annuity \$ _____ .00

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Kenneth Edward Brooten, Jr.	1/3/77
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
519 42 7339	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment <input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Select Committee on Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	\$22,100.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

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authorizing official.)

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

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Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Kenneth Edward Brooten, Jr.	October 18, 1976
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
519-42-7339	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment <input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Select Committee on Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
Staff counsel 01711	\$34,000.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

5227.78

- Standing Committee: Staff— Clerical or Professional.
- Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 1540 of 94th Congress.
- Joint Committee.

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H OF R. FINANCE OFFICE

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date October 18, 1976

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Thomas N. Downing

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

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APPROVED:

Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code _____

Monthly Annuity \$ _____ .00

ORIGINAL - To Finance Office (For official personnel folder)

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Staff Employees
FROM: Budget Officer
DATE: January 3, 1977
RE: Payroll Certification

Starting with the January, 1977 payroll, the certification to the House Finance Office requires, among other things, the relationship, if any, of each staff employee to any current Member of Congress (those taking office January 3, 1977).

The following are the relationships to be included in the certification:

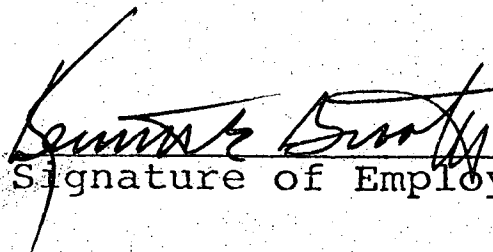
father	nephew	brother-in-law
mother	niece	sister-in-law
son	husband	stepfather
daughter	wife	stepmother
brother	father-in-law	stepbrother
sister	mother-in-law	stepsister
uncle	son-in-law	half-brother
aunt	daughter-in-law	half-sister
first cousin		

All staff employees are requested to complete this form and return it to the Budget officer.

Approved
Richard A. Sprague

I am not related

I am related by the following relationship _____


Signature of Employee

1/27/77
Date

LAW OFFICES

CARTER AND BROOTEN, P.A.

October 1, 1976

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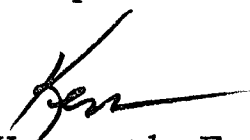
Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for your selection of me as Senior Counsel to the Select Committee.

I know of no other investigation by the Congress which is as historically significant or as important to the American people as the investigations to be undertaken by your Committee. I am humbled and privileged for the confidence which you have placed in me by allowing me to become involved in this historical event.

I expect to be able to reassign my active cases to my partner and associates and return to Washington on Monday, October 18, 1976.

With warmest regards, I am

Respectfully,


Kenneth E. Brooten, Jr.

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