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TO: Mr. Bailey

FROM: D. J. Clark

DATE: 10/3/79

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS, U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

PARTIAL REVIEW OF PUBLISHED REPORT, HEARINGS AND APPENDICES

REFERENCES:

(1) Legal Counsel to Director memo of 9/18/79 captioned "Hearings and Final Report, Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives, 95th Congress."

(2) D. Ryan to Mr. Bailey memo of 6/20/79 captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

PURPOSE:

To record the results of a partial review of HSCA published material "to determine the accuracy of corrections to materials previously submitted to FBIHQ by the HSCA."

SYNOPSIS:

On 6/12/79 the FBI received approximately 4,463 pages of material which the HSCA intended to disclose (publish). The material was furnished in accordance with the 10/5/77 Memorandum of Understanding (MU) between the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Committee. The material was reviewed by the FBI in order to identify items of information, the categories of which might constitute permissible objections to disclosure of same under the MU. On 6/15/79 the objectionable items of information were discussed with former HSCA Chief Counsel G. Robert Blakey, who agreed to make certain modifications or corrections to resolve the objections. He declined to do so in two instances wherein

1 - Mr. Brummer
1 - Mr. Steel
1 - Mr. Boynton
1 - Mr. Bailey

1 - Mr. Mintz
2 - Mr. Mullen
(1 - Mr. Lawn; 1 - Mr. Cow)

1 - Mr. Moschella

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FBI Objection: The specificity of the information tended to compromise FBI sources.

Published Language: Page 589, supra, now states "...The FBI learned that the July 26 Movement was planning a raid on Cuba from Texas. In connection with this raid, armaments shipments were sent to McKeown. (1704)...."

Note: The substantive objection is removed by the published language which sets forth the identical wording recommended by the FBI.

RE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (MLK)

ITEM (1):

Original Language: "...the committee was able only to review the files of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)..."

FBI Objection: Such language gives rise to the inference that the HSCA may have obtained RCMP files directly from the FBI in violation of the rule prohibiting the disclosure of foreign agency information, absent specific foreign agency authorization.

Published Language: "...the committee was able only to review the files of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), which were attained by committee subpoena from local authorities..." (Report, page 328, paragraph 4)

Note: The objection is removed by the published language.

ITEM (2):

Original Language: "...In a conversation with a female acquaintance later reported to the FBI, Jerry's response to a general question concerning his brother's involvement in the assassination was:...."
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Published Language: Remains the same as above (Report, page 441, paragraph 3).

Note: Mr. Blakey declined to modify this statement of HSCA opinion when the issue was raised with him on 6/15/79. It should also be noted that this objection cannot be construed as a permissible objection under the MU.

ITEM (9):

Original Language: "...Washington instructed the FBI legal attache in Ottawa to conduct a similar review of Canadian passports, with the assistance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. (127)..." (¶ 1)

FBI Objection: Such language referred to the FBI's relationship with a foreign intelligence service. (¶ 1)

Published Language: "...Washington requested Canadian authorities to review Canadian passports records. (127)..." (Report, page 449, paragraph 1)

Note: The objection is removed by the published language.

ITEM (10):

Original Language: "...In addition, the panel determined that the previously unidentified photograph 115, developed from a coupon from Eric S. Galt to Modern Photo Bookstore, bears an impression made by the left thumb of James Earl Ray...

FBI Objection: The above language is incorrect since the FBI originally identified photograph 115 as an impression of Ray's left thumb and, therefore, the HSCA only confirmed this identification.

Published Version (MLK Appendix, Volume XIII): (1) On page 116, under photograph 115, the Q number of 326 is added in parenthesis following "Bookstore"; (2) on page 117, information concerning the identification of photograph 115 is listed in the correct order under paragraph 32; (3) the sentence in the last paragraph on page 117, paragraph 33, beginning with "in addition," is deleted.
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Note: The objection is removed by the published version.

ITEM (11):

Original Language: "...The FBI received this specimen from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on June 4, 1968..." (X)(M)

FBI Objection: Such language referred to the FBI's relationship with a foreign intelligence service. (X)(M)

Published Version: The objectionable sentence is deleted. (MLK Appendix XIII, page 127)

Note: The objection is removed by the deletion of the objectionable sentence in the published version.