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June 26, 1978

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The Honorable Harold Brown
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20201

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On December 16, 1977, I wrote to Vice Admiral Inman of the National Security Agency, requesting that certain members of the Committee staff be allowed access to data, if any, relating to the assassination of President Kennedy, but particularly relating to the Cuban Intelligence network of Premier Castro, with emphasis on operations by Cuban Intelligence operatives. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your information.

Subsequent to this request, Professor G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel to the Select Committee, had a number of conversations with your Special Assistant John Kester, in an effort to set up a briefing by appropriate staff people from NSA. We had hoped that this briefing could have taken place prior to the end of March when Committee members and staff personnel were to be out of the country on matters relating to this request.

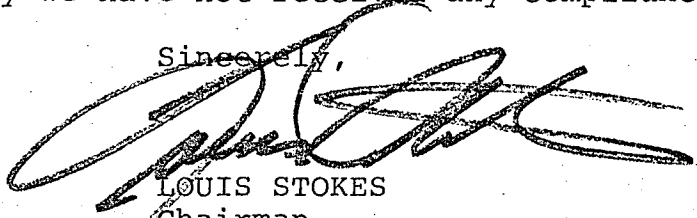
Nevertheless, a briefing was not arranged until May 15, 1978 at 1:00 p.m., over a month ago. The briefing was held, as scheduled, but the content of it had nothing whatsoever to do with our initial request. We have been waiting since that time for another briefing to be set up. What we have received is one short, hardly adequate, letter saying essentially that no information is possessed relative to the President's assassination.

It is the Committee's feeling that to pursue this matter in the future as we have in the past would be a futile effort on our part.

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Consequently, I respectfully request that you look into this matter personally, and advise me of the status of our request and the reason why we have not received any compliance.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louis Stokes', is written over the typed name and title.

LOUIS STOKES
Chairman

LS:dm

cc: John Kester