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OUTSIDE CONTACT REPORT

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I. Identifying Information:

Name Sgt. Nicholas B. Stevenson Telephone _____

Address _____

Type of Contact: Telephone
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II. Summary of Contact:

On this date, Gary Cornwell and Kenneth Klein interviewed the above in the Senate Intelligence Committee room. Also present were E.F. Yeates, Chief, Leg. Office, NSA, Michael Smith, Off. of Gen. Counsel, NSA and Lt. Col. Jeffrey Grabam, U.S.A.F. Sgt. Stevenson was asked to comment on the letter written to him by David F. Christensen. Sgt. Stevenson stated that although he had known Christensen a number of years ago, he did not know anything about the particular incident described in the letter. He recognized most of the names and places in the letter and stated they were accurate (in that those people did serve with him and Christensen) but he knew nothing about the intercept described in the letter. He further stated that the link mentioned in the letter --Portugal to lisbon-- was one that they were able to pick up when he worked with Christensen.

Stevenson stated that he could not completely rule out the possibility that such a message was intercepted but he felt that if it was intercepted, it would be extremely unlikely that it would not have been passed on.

Sgt. Stevenson also stated that he had not heard from Christensen for many years since serving with him and shortly before receiving the letter he received a phone call from Christensen. At that time Christensen told him that he was sending him a letter but did not mention anything about what the letter would say.

During the interview Gary Cornwell asked the representative from NSA whether an attempt had been made to check all messages.

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that had been received during the period prior to the assassination to determine whether the intercept might have been sent through and eventually reached the proper authorities. The NSA representative stated that although they checked their warehouses to determine if there was such a message that was received but was not sent to NSA to distribute, that he was not sure whether they had considered the possibility that the message had gone through to the proper authorities. Also during the interview, Gary Cornwell suggested that Sgt. Stevenson place a phone call to Christensen and ask him the name of the person that the letter refers to as being involved in the assassination. Sgt. Stevenson expressed reluctance to such involvement and the lawyer representing him stated that such a phone call could only be arranged through the Department of Defense.

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