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Mr. Richard Kleindienst
(Attention: Mr. R. Richards Rolapp)
Deputy Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Rolapp:

Thank you very much for taking the time to meet with me on May 15. I would like to confirm a couple of things we discussed; please correct me if I misunderstood you:

(a) The last paragraph of CD 7, page 329, which you gave me, contains all the information on that page relating to the seven magazines in Item K27 except for a list of the magazines and/or a request for a laboratory examination. This non-substantive information appears on page 329 but not immediately preceding the last paragraph. (As I mentioned to you, my interest in this page was only to see whether the FBI had noticed that the coupon torn from one of the magazines in K27 was one that was later found, FBI Item D-85.)

(b) CD 75, pages 705-706 were made available to me after it was ascertained that Mr. Carlos Quiroga had no objection to their release.

I am enclosing three separate requests for access to certain records, with a \$ 3 money order for each. The following information supplements that in the DJ-118 forms:

(1) By letter of October 30, 1968 to Mr. James Schmitt, Mr. Mark Eckhoff of the National Archives advised that "we have been unable to locate the enclosures mentioned in Commission Exhibit 3146." From my own knowledge of the Commission's files, I believe that these items may or may not actually still be there. Because of the large number of pages involved, I am not asking for a copy at this time; I hope you will provide a copy to the Archives, so that I can order pages through them and so that other researchers will also have access to this material. (It is noted that some of the requested items may be repeated in substance in CD 1546.)

(2) By letter of March 5, 1969 to Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Eckhoff advised that "documents containing the name of Thomas Vallee are withheld from research at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation." I do have five pages relating to Vallee (sometimes spelled Valle): CD 149, page 19*, CD 460, pages 1-2*, and CD 462, pages 1-2. I cannot specifically identify all the withheld pages relating to Vallee, but one possibility is page 2 of CD 149; also, since the Vallee incident occurred early in November 1963, I would expect that it was covered by the first Chicago report to be submitted to the Commission, CD 47. (This is the report of SA Lecrotty, dated 12/2/63.)

As you may know, Mr. Sherman Skolnick has filed suit against the National Archives for, among other things, all Warren Commission material relating to Vallee. (This suit is Civil Action No. 70-C-790, filed on April 6, 1970, in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.) I am most definitely not working with or for Mr. Skolnick, and I share neither his interpretation of the Vallee incident nor his peculiar ideas on the appropriate procedure for obtaining more information. I do think the Vallee matter is of some interest; however, and am therefore taking this action to request the

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withheld material through proper channels. I am asking that the withheld material be reviewed to see if, in light of the information and allegations already publicized by Mr. Skolnick, the original reasons for withholding are no longer relevant.

(3) Mr. Kleindienst wrote me on January 9, 1970 that items 1A1 through 1A4 of the New Orleans FBI file 97-74 do not pertain to Lee Harvey Oswald and are withheld as part of an investigatory file. The present request is for all reports, serials, memoranda, and other material in the 97-74 file (which I believe is entitled "Fair Play for Cuba Committee - New Orleans Division) which do relate to the activities of the FPCC in New Orleans from April to November 22, 1963, or to Lee Harvey Oswald, also known as A. J. Hidell. (Mr. Alan Belmont of the FBI testified to the Warren Commission that around that time the FBI had no information on current organized FPCC activity in the New Orleans area, other than that by Oswald. See 5H9.) The only such material which I already have is the "Hands off Cuba" handbill (item 1A5) and the report of Special Agent Warren C. DeBrueys dated October 25, 1963.

Sincerely yours,

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