

Solicitor

Before I prepare a reply for the Director of the FBI which may also be presented in the U.S. District Court I should be grateful for your views.

I have spoken to Mr Clark, Legal Attache U.S. Embassy and he tells me that if we permit the release of these documents then not only will they be released to the Court but they will be placed in the FBI public library where anyone has access, by right, to view.

I do not think we should accede to the request, not least because to do so would create a precedent and I gather from Mr Clark that this course accords with the wishes of the F.B.I.

Attached at 3A is a copy of H.O. letter on the subject. I note that the papers under consideration do not bear a 'Confidential' stamp, no doubt because of their dating, but obviously this does not affect the principle.

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Commander C5

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*Ldr C5. I agree we should not agree to any exemption being made to permit the release of these documents. 11/12/78*

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