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Mr. Edward R. Slemmer
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Dear Mr. Slemmer,

Your letter of 22 September, 1971, addressed to the Secretary of the Navy, has been referred to this office for reply.

Upon receipt of your letter of 22 September 1971, I caused appropriate files to be reviewed to seek answers to the questions posed by you concerning the document identified as Commission Exhibit #917 of The Warren Report. Examination of the copy of the cited document held in files of the Department of the Navy confirms that it is an administrative message dated 3 November 1959 from the Naval Attache, Moscow, to the Chief of Naval Operations.

The words deleted from the document as published in The Warren Report were the name and identification number of another former U.S. Navy man who was of interest to the Department in connection with an unrelated matter. Deletion of such extraneous language from Navy documents released for publication is a standard procedure of the Department and is effected to protect the privacy of the person to whom it pertains.

I trust that this information will assist in resolving the issues which you are studying.

Sincerely yours,

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