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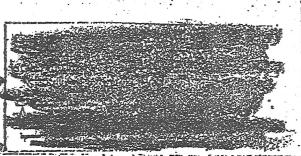
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In connection with the Select Committee's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy, we earlier received massers to certain questions put to NSA. Since then we have examined other material pertaining to NSA's contribution to the Warren Commission's investigation and we desire further information from NSA.

By way of background for this request, we note the Warren commission provided NSA various documents and asked NSA to reliew them for any cryptological significance. NSA found no cryptological significance and its report of this fact was published by the Commission.

- By letter of July 10, 1964, (a copy of which is attached) ir. Rankin provided General Blake a copy of certain documents requested by Dr. Tordella for NSA's files. Since NSA's analysis of the documents was apparently completed at the time of Rankin's letter, we wish to know why NSA wanted to keep these documents for its file. Further, we wish to know what use, if any, was nade of these documents and what results relevant to the assassination were obtained from such use.
- 2. In a Commission staff internal memorandum, discussing the documents provided NSA, it is reported that NSA is "primarily interested in names," and NSA claims it has "information on names which the CIA does not have." Assuming these statements are accurate, we wish to know what significance such names would have





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to NSA and what information on names NSA had that CIA did not. If names had significance, what names did NSA use in its analysis?

Did NSA receive to the assassination inquiry? Did it analyze them? What were the results of its analysis?

- 4. We are interested in learning the extent of NSA's role in assisting in the investigation of the assassination. In that connection, please inform the Committee the extent of NSA files relating to the assassination. Please provide the staff of the Committee access to those files. Please provide the staff with a summary of all information NSA developed from a relating to the assassination.
- 5. We have been informed that after the assassination the ... What information does NSA have on whether such instructions were issued?
- 6. In connection with the answers to questions 4 and 5, please indicate whether such material was provided the Warren Commission and provide copies of all documents evidencing that fact.

We would appreciate receiving a response to these questions as soon as possible and to expedite this inquiry we are sending a copy of this letter to be sending of NSA.

Sincerely,

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