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Re: Borosage v. Central Intelligence Agency,
et al., U.S.D.C. D.D.C. Civil Action
No. 75-0944

Dear Mr. Shattuck:

On November 18, 1975 the Senate Select Committee To Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities published an interim report entitled "Alleged Assassination Plots Involving Foreign Leaders" (hereinafter referred to as the Committee Report). The Committee Report referenced a number of documents including many of the documents involved in the Borosage suit. In certain instances portions of these documents were directly quoted in the Committee Report. In other instances the contents of documents were described in substantial detail. In light of these disclosures, a review of the documents responsive to the Borosage suit was conducted by Eloise Page, Chief of the Operations Staff for the purpose of identifying for release those documents or portions of documents concerning matters disclosed in the Committee Report. That review has now been completed, and the results are presented below.

Documents or portions of documents which have been withheld have been determined to be currently properly classified and/or contain information pertaining to intelligence sources and methods



requiring continued protection. Specifically, information which continues to be withheld for the above-mentioned reasons has not been disclosed in the Committee Report. Consequently, material withheld is withheld pursuant to the authority of exemption (d)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act and/or exemption (b)(3) of the Act, based upon 50 U.S.C. 403(d)(3) or 403g.

Specific reasons for withholding are set forth below. The numbers of the documents correspond to the document numbers that appear in the affidavits of E. H. Knoche dated 24 October 1975 and 13 November 1975.

1. A memorandum for the Inspector General, Subject: Questionable Activities dated 17 January 1975 warrants a classification at the level of Secret. The information in the memorandum identifies an intelligence source. The memorandum also details the present whereabouts of the source and identifies a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) officer who was in contact with the source. This memorandum is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

Portions of a cable dated 21 July 1960 that is attached to the above-described memorandum may be released. The information withheld remains classified at the level of Secret. Intelligence sources and methods and organizational data have been deleted on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

Portions of a second cable dated 21 July 1960 may be released. The cable warrants classification at the level of Secret. Only a cryptonym and organizational data have been deleted on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

A third cable dated 22 July 1960 is withheld. It is classified Secret. Information on intelligence sources and methods and organizational data appear therein. The cable is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

2. Portions of a memorandum dated 24 April 1975 entitled "What Could Castro Have Known?" may be released. Information concerning the identities of intelligence sources has been deleted. This information warrants classification at the level of Secret. It is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
3. Portions of a memorandum dated 18 June 1964, Subject: 303 Committee Meeting - 18 June 1964 may be released. The information withheld does not concern assassination attempts and warrants classification at the level of Secret. Intelligence sources and methods are identified therein. The portions deleted remain withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
4. Portions of a memorandum for the Director of Central Intelligence, Subject: Plans of Cuban Exiles to Assassinate Selected Cuban Government Leaders, may be released. The memorandum is dated 10 June 1964. The information that is being withheld concerns intelligence sources and methods and is classified at the level of Secret. The deleted portions are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
5. A Memorandum for the Record dated 7 April 1964 may not be released. It contains information that is classified at the level of Secret. Intelligence

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9. Portions of a cable dated 31 May 1961 may be released. Those portions that are being withheld warrant classification at the level of Confidential. Information concerning sources and methods and the identities of CIA personnel is contained in the withheld portions. Exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3) are applied to information in this cable that may not be released.
10. A portion of a memorandum dated 13 May 1961, Subject: CIA Covert Activities, Dominican Republic may be released. This portion concerns assassination plans of Dominican nationals. The information that is being withheld is classified at the level of Secret. Intelligence sources and methods and the names of CIA personnel are mentioned therein. The portions that remain withheld are denied on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
11. A cable dated 8 May 1961 may be released. Organizational data, cryptonyms and the name of an employee have been deleted on the basis of exemption (b)(3).
12. Portions of a cable draft dated 2 May 1961 may be released. The portions that are being withheld contain information concerning intelligence sources and methods. This information is being withheld on the basis of exemption (b)(3).
13. Substantial portions of a cable dated 1 May 1961 may be released. The portions that remain withheld contain information that is classified at the level of Secret and includes information concerning intelligence sources and methods. Organizational data, cryptonyms and the name of an employee have been deleted. These portions are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
14. Portions of a Memorandum for the Record, Subject: Meeting on Project, dated 11 April 1961 may be released. The portions that remain withheld

contain information that is properly classified at the level of Secret. Information concerning intelligence sources and methods is contained in the withheld portions. These portions are denied on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

15. Portions of a memorandum for Chief, RI, Subject: Pouch Restriction Waiver Request and Certification dated 7 April 1961 may be released. The portions that remain withheld contain information that warrants classification at the level of Confidential. Information concerning intelligence sources and methods and the name of a CIA employee are contained in the withheld portions. These portions are denied on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
16. Portions of a cable dated 6 April 1961 may be released. The information that is being withheld warrants continued classification at the level of Confidential and concerns intelligence sources and methods. This information is denied on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
17. Portions of a cable dated 5 April 1961 may be released. The portions that are being withheld warrant continued classification at the level of Confidential. Intelligence sources and methods and employee names are mentioned in these portions. This information is denied on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
18. Portions of a cable dated 31 March 1961 may be released. Organizational data and a cryptonym denoting an intelligence project have been deleted on the basis of exemption (b)(3).
19. A cable dated 27 March 1961 may be released. Only cryptonyms and organizational data have been withheld. This information warrants

continued classification at the level of Secret. This information is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

20. Portions of a cable dated 24 March 1961 may be released. The portions that remain withheld contain information that is classified Secret. Intelligence sources and methods are mentioned therein. This information is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
21. Portions of a cable dated 21 March 1961 may be released. Those portions that remain withheld contain information that is classified Secret and which discloses intelligence sources and methods. These portions are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
22. Substantial portions of a cable dated 20 March 1961 may be released. The portions that remain withheld contain information that is classified Secret, including information concerning intelligence sources and methods. These portions are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
23. Portions of a cable dated 20 March 1961 and identified as IN 21455 may be released. The portions that remain withheld contain information that is classified Secret and which reveals intelligence sources and methods. The names of CIA officers also appear in the withheld portions. These portions are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
24. Portions of a cable dated 17 March 1961 may be released. The portions that remain withheld disclose intelligence sources and methods. These portions are being withheld on the basis of exemption (b)(3).
25. A cable dated 17 March 1961 and further identified as IN 20613 may be released. Only cryptonyms have been deleted. These cryptonyms warrant continued classification at the level of

Confidential. They are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

26. Portions of a cable dated 15 March 1961 may be released. The portions that remain withheld warrant classification at the level of Confidential. Intelligence sources and methods and the name of an employee are revealed in the withheld portions. These portions are being withheld on the basis of exemption (b)(3).
27. A cable dated 16 March 1961 may be released. Cryptonyms and organizational data have been deleted. The deleted information warrants classification at the level of Confidential. This information is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
28. A cable dated 7 March 1961 may not be released. It is classified Secret and contains information concerning intelligence sources and methods. There is no direct discussion of assassination plans or attempts in this cable. This cable is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
29. A cable dated 3 March 1961 may be released. Organizational data, cryptonyms and the name of an employee have been deleted. The information deleted warrants classification at the level of Confidential. This information is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
30. A cable dated 27 February 1961 may be released. Cryptonyms have been deleted. They warrant classification at the level of Confidential. Thus, they are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

31. A cable dated 15 February 1961 may be released. Organizational data and cryptonyms have been deleted. The deleted information warrants classification at the level of Confidential. This information is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
32. A portion of a dispatch dated 14 March 1961 may be released. The remaining portions contain information that is classified Secret. Information in these portions concerns intelligence sources and methods. The name of a CIA employee is mentioned. These portions are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
33. A portion of a Memorandum for the Record dated 16 February 1961 may be released. The portions that remain withheld contain information that is classified Secret and include information concerning intelligence sources and methods. An employee is identified in the withheld portions. These portions are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
34. Portions of a Memorandum for the Record, Subject: Conference with Source 1 and Source 2 dated 13 February 1961 may be released. The portions that remain withheld contain information that is classified Secret and includes information concerning intelligence sources and methods. An employee is identified in the withheld portions. These portions are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
35. Portions of a Memorandum for the Record, Subject: Plans of the Dominican Internal Opposition and Dominican Desk for Overthrow of the Trujillo Government dated 3 October 1960 may be released. Those portions that remain withheld contain information that is classified Secret and include information concerning intelligence sources and methods. An employee is identified in these

portions. These portions are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

36. Substantial portions of a memorandum for Acting Director of Central Intelligence, Subject: Clandestine Delivery of Arms to Opposition Leadership in the Dominican Republic dated 1 July 1960 may be released. The portion that remains withheld contains information concerning intelligence sources and methods. The name of an employee has been deleted. This portion is being withheld on the basis of exemption (b)(3).
37. Portions of a memorandum for Chief, WH Division, Subject: Request for Guidance on the Dominican Republic dated 28 June 1960 may be released. The portions that remain withheld are classified Secret and contain information concerning intelligence sources and methods. The name of an employee has been deleted. The portions are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
38. A Department of State cable dated 31 May 1961 was initially referred to that agency for its determination on disclosure. The State Department at that time advised that the document warranted continued classification at the level of Secret. In light of the publication of the Committee Report, the cable has again been referred to the State Department. At a later date the determination of that agency will be communicated to you.
39. A Department of State cable dated 31 May 1961 and further identified as IN 17835 was initially referred to that agency for its determination on disclosure. The State Department at that time advised that the document warranted continued classification at the level of Secret. In light of the publication of the Committee Report, this cable has again been referred to the State Department. At a later date the determination of that Agency will be communicated to you.

40. A Department of State cable dated 28 May 1961 was initially referred to that Agency for its determination on disclosure. The State Department at that time advised that the document warranted continued classification at the level of Secret. In light of the publication of the Committee Report, this cable has again been referred to the State Department. At a later date the determinations of that agency will be communicated to you.
41. A Department of State memorandum dated 18 March 1961 was initially referred to that agency for its determination on disclosure. The State Department at that time advised that the document warranted continued classification at the level of Secret. In light of the publication of the Committee Report, this memorandum has again been referred to the State Department. At a later date the determinations of that agency will be communicated to you.
42. An undated manuscript may be released. Information concerning intelligence sources and methods has been deleted. This information warrants classification at the level of Confidential. The deleted information is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
43. Portions of a memorandum for Chief, Accounts Branch, Finance Division, Subject: Payments to QJ/WIN dated 31 January 1961 may be released. The portions that remain withheld contain information classified Secret and information concerning intelligence sources and methods. These portions are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
44. A memorandum and handwritten notes concerning telephone calls may be released.

45. An undated memorandum to Mr. Whitney may be released. Organizational data and employee names have been deleted on the basis of exemption (b)(3).
46. A typed financial ledger may be released.
47. A dispatch dated 22 November 1963 may be released.
48. A dispatch dated 5 July 1963 may be released.
49. A dispatch dated 9 August 1963 may be released.
50. A dispatch dated 28 June 1963 may be released.
51. A dispatch dated 12 July 1963 may be released.
52. A dispatch dated 10 May 1963 may be released.
53. A dispatch dated 17 May 1963 may be released.
54. A dispatch dated 1 October 1963 may be released.
55. A memorandum for Inspector General, Subject: Alleged Involvement of CIA in an Assassination Attempt on Former Indonesian President Sukarno dated 25 April 1975 may be released. The name of an employee and organizational data have been deleted on the basis of exemption (b)(3).
56. A memorandum for Mr. E. H. Knoche, Subject: Colonel Prouty Allegations dated 16 May 1975 may be released. The names of employees and organizational data have been deleted on the basis of exemption (b)(3).
57. A Memorandum for the Record, Subject: Research to Cuban Operations may be released. The names

employees and organizational data have been deleted on the basis of exemption (b)(3).

58. Although a memorandum for Inspector General dated 9 April 1975 was contained in folder of documents thought to be responsive to the plaintiff's request, this document does not concern assassination plans or attempts. It is classified at the level of Secret and contains information concerning intelligence sources and methods. This document is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
- 58a. A memorandum dated 30 November 1960 that was contained in a folder of documents thought to be responsive to plaintiff's request, in fact, contains no information concerning assassination plans or attempts. The document is classified Secret and contains information concerning intelligence sources and methods. This document is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
- 58b. A memorandum for Director of Central Intelligence dated 23 September 1960 that was contained in a folder of documents thought to be responsive to plaintiff's request, in fact, contains no information concerning assassination plans or attempts. The document is classified Secret and contains information concerning intelligence sources and methods. This document is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
- 58c. A memorandum for Director of Central Intelligence dated 19 September 1960 that was contained in a folder of documents thought to be responsive to plaintiff's request, in fact, contains no information concerning assassination plans or attempts. The document is classified Secret and contains information concerning intelligence sources and methods. This document is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

- 58d. A memorandum to Director of Security dated 19 September 1960 that was contained in a folder of documents thought to be responsive to plaintiff's request, in fact, contains no information concerning assassination plans or attempts. The document is classified Secret and contains information concerning intelligence sources and methods. This document is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
59. Substantial portions of a memorandum for E. H. Knoche, Subject: Reply to Questions by Mr. David W. Belin dated 30 April 1975 may be released. A portion that has been withheld contains information that is classified Secret and includes information concerning intelligence sources and methods. Organizational data has also been deleted. The deletions are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
60. Substantial portions of a routing slip with memorandum for Deputy Chief, Operations Staff dated 22 April 1975 may be released. The portions that remain withheld contain information that is classified Secret including information concerning intelligence sources and methods. These portions are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
61. A memorandum dated 4 October 1962 may be released. The memorandum contains information that is classified Secret and includes information concerning intelligence sources and methods. The memorandum is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
62. A White House memorandum dated 23 August 1962 that originated with the National Security Council has been referred to that organization for its review in light of the publication of the Committee Report. At a later date the determinations of that organization will be communicated to you.

63. A memorandum for the Director of Central Intelligence dated 16 August 1963 may not be released. Attached to this memorandum is a Memorandum for the Record dated 14 May 1962. This memorandum contains information that warrants classification at the level of Confidential.
64. A memorandum to the Director of Central Intelligence dated 14 April 1967 may be released.
65. A memorandum for Deputy Director of Central Intelligence dated 24 June 1966 may not be released. This memorandum contains information that warrants classification at the level of Confidential. This document is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1).
66. A memorandum for Deputy Director (Plans), Subject: Operation MONGOOSE dated 14 August 1962 may be released. The name of an employee has been deleted on the basis of exemption (b)(3).
67. A letter to David W. Belin from E. H. Knoche dated 7 March 1975 with attachment may be released.
68. A memorandum dated 15 May 1975 is identical with Document No. 57. It may be released. As with Document No. 57, only an employee's name and organizational data have been removed on the basis of exemption (b)(3).
69. Portions of a cable dated 5 October 1963 and further identified as IN 33921 may be released. The portions that remain withheld contain information that warrants classification at the level of Secret, including information concerning intelligence sources and methods. These portions are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

70. Portions of a cable dated 5 October 1963 and further identified as IN 33965 may be released. The portions that remain withheld contain information that warrants classification at the level of Secret, including information concerning intelligence sources and methods. These portions are being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
71. A cable dated 6 October 1963 may be released. Only organizational data has been deleted on the basis of exemption (b)(3).
72. Substantial portions of a cable dated 4 April 1975 may be released. The portions that remain withheld contain information that is classified Secret, including information concerning intelligence methods and identifying employees. Organizational data has also been deleted. This information is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
73. Substantial portions of a cable dated 5 April 1975 may be released. Those portions that are withheld contain information that is classified Secret, including information concerning intelligence sources and methods. Organizational data has also been deleted. This information is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
74. Substantial portions of a letter from E. H. Knoche to David W. Belin dated 25 April 1975 may be released. The information that has been deleted is classified Secret and includes information concerning intelligence sources and methods. This information is being withheld on the basis of exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

The documents, or portions thereof, that have been identified for release are enclosed.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. F. Blake

John F. Blake
Chairman
Information Review Committee

Enclosures

cc Robert L. Borosage