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TO : Director

DATE: 12/18/78

FROM : Legal Counsel *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

PURPOSE: To advise of a conversation with G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel of captioned Committee regarding scientific findings concerning the number of bullets allegedly fired during the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

DETAILS: On 12/18/78, Mr. Blakey advised SA Danny O. Coulson, Legal Counsel Division, and SA Drew J. Clark, Records Management Division that the Committee can conclusively show that four shots were fired in Dealy Plaza during the assassination of John F. Kennedy. The Committee has had testimony from acoustical experts regarding the number of shots fired during the assassination. This test was based in part upon a dictaphone belt recording of a radio transmission from a Dallas Police Department motorcycle radio at the time of the assassination. According to the Committee, the officer operating the motorcycle had keyed his microphone button during the time of the shooting and this transmission was recorded on dictaphone-type equipment at police headquarters in Dallas, Texas.

The Committee utilizing the acoustical experts reenacted the shooting in Dealy Plaza from the school book depository with additional shots fired from the "grassy knoll." At the time of the earlier testimony, experts could not find or would not verify the existence of a fourth shot.

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- 1 - Mr. Adams
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Re: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
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On 12/18/78, Mr. Blakey advised that another acoustical firm had been contacted in Queens, New York, and that firm, using these test results determined that there was beyond a reasonable doubt a fourth shot fired. These results were then resubmitted to the original expert examiner who has now verified the existence of a fourth shot.

He advised that the Committee members will be fully apprised on these findings on the evening of 12/18/78, and that ultimately the full details of the examination and testimony will be provided to the FBI.

Mr. Blakey indicated that this conclusively proves the existence of a conspiracy in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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