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(Administration)

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY AND DEPUTY SECRETARY
OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: House Select Committee on Assassinations Request for Records

- References:
- (a) Your Memorandum dated February 14, 1978, subject: House Select Committee on Assassinations (U)
 - (b) Chief General Counsel, House Select Committee on Assassinations Letter to the General Counsel, Department of Defense, dated December 27, 1977 (U)
 - (c) Chief General Counsel, House Select Committee on Assassinations Letter to the General Counsel, Department of Defense, dated January 19, 1978 (U)
 - (d) Chief General Counsel, House Select Committee on Assassinations Letter to the General Counsel, Department of Defense, dated January 26, 1978 (U)
 - (e) Director, Defense Investigative Program Office Memorandum for the Senior Advisor to the General Counsel, dated February 3, 1978, subject as above, with Attachments (S) (Attached)
 - (f) Director, Defense Investigative Program Office Memorandum for the Senior Advisor to the General Counsel, dated February 13, 1978, subject as above, with Attachments (S) (Attached)
 - (g) Director, Defense Investigative Program Office Memorandum for the Senior Advisor to the General Counsel, dated February 17, 1978, subject as above, with Attachments (S) (Attached)

Inasmuch as you have been designated by the Secretary as the DoD point of contact for the House Select Committee on Assassinations we want to ensure you have the benefit and are aware of work already accomplished by the investigative services and DIA in complying with references (b) and (c).

The DIA, Air Force OSI and Naval Investigative Service responses to references (b) and (c) have been completed and are included as attachments to references (e), (f), and (g). Inasmuch as Army investigative files responding to (b) and (c) were so voluminous we advised the

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General Counsel that Army intended to invite Committee staffers to review these files in a room set aside for them at the Pentagon. Copies of DoD documents desired by the Committee were to be provided along with indices of third-agency documents for their use in requesting access to them from the originating agencies.

Under General Counsel guidance that we received from her Senior Advisor, substantive action on reference (d) was held in abeyance, although we made an inquiry of the Defense Central Index of Investigations (DCII) through the Defense Investigative Service (DIS) and informally passed a copy of the Committee's third request to Major Ed Whitehurst in the Army's Directorate of Security. We have not given copies to the Navy, Air Force, or DIA. Copies of the DCII results pertaining to the third request are attached for your use as you see fit.

With this memorandum we see no necessity for our further involvement in responding to House Select Committee on Assassination requests except as a primary source of any pertinent information we may have in our files.

(Signed D. O. Cooke)

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Attachments

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