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**Select Committee on Assassinations**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Harold Brown  
 Secretary of Defense  
 Washington, D.C. 20301

Attention: Mr. John G. Kester  
 Special Assistant to the Secretary

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with its investigation of the circumstances surrounding the death of President Kennedy, the Select Committee on Assassinations requests access to the following documents:

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3. Orest Pena - Owner of Havana Bar in New Orleans. Date of birth: 8/15/23. Testified before the Warren Commission.
4. Rolando Peleaz aka Rolando Pelaez - Brother-in-law of Carlos Bringuier and partner in Case Rocca Clothing Store at 107 Decatur Street, New Orleans in 1963.
5. Clay Shaw - Acquitted of charge of conspiracy to assassinate the President in trial in New Orleans in 1969.
6. Kerry Wendall Thornley - Date of birth: 4/19/38. 9811 Hillhaven, Tujunga, California. One book published: The Idle Warrior.

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In addition, please identify, for purposes of interview by Select Committee staff, any employees/agents/contacts you had during the period of 1960 through 1964, who were providing to you results and/or reports of surveillance, investigation, and/or interviews of the activities and leaders of the active Cuban anti-Castro groups in Miami and New Orleans.

Also, please identify, for purposes of interview, any employees/agents/contacts you had during the period of 1960 through 1964, who were providing to you results and/or reports of surveillance, investigation and/or interviews of the occupants of the Newman Building located at 544 Camp Street and 531 Lafayette Street in New Orleans. Two of the principal known occupants during this period were the Cuban Revolutionary Council and Guy Bannister and Associates.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

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Chief Counsel and Director

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