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June 19, 1978

Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch
Director, FBI

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- 1 - Mr. Mintz
Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Cregar
Attn: Mr. Kinsey
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. Foster

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Enclosed are an original and two copies of a memorandum responding to HSCA letters of May 16, 1978, and June 13, 1978, which respectively asked for

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Reference is made to my letters of March 8 and 17, 1978, among others, which responded to HSCA requests [REDACTED]. Together, these responses provided access to retrievable material on Items 1 and 2 of the May 16, 1978, letter. Retrievable material on Item 3, is now available for Committee access at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ).

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On June 13, 1978, G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, advised that he particularly desired to obtain tapes or verbatim transcripts recording interviews of Nosenko that dealt with Lee Harvey Oswald for the assassination of President Kennedy. He advised that Nosenko has told the Committee that he recalls being recorded by the FBI during interviews in 1964 and later.

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Retrieval efforts at FBIHQ have failed to locate tapes or verbatim transcripts of Nosenko interviews which pertain to the items of information the Committee has enumerated. Therefore, an exhaustive search of records was initiated in the FBI Washington Field Office (WFO) involving 33 Agents and

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Enclosures (3)
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Thus far, research indicates that Nosenko was interviewed regarding Oswald or the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on February 26 and ~~27~~ March 3, 4 and 5, 1964, and on an unspecified date, the results of which were reported in a 1970 document.

A document located in the WFO files indicates that tape recordings for the ~~March~~ 26 and 27, 1964, interviews existed for a limited duration, but no trace of the recordings or any verbatim transcripts can be found.

It is speculated that a recorder may have been used on some of the 1964 Nosenko interviews by FBI Agents as a means of checking the accuracy of their notes. There is no indication that any verbatim transcripts were prepared from such tapes.

The HSCA is being advised that the results of the five dated interviews were available for its access on March 8, 1978, and were actually delivered to HSCA on March 21, 1978.

You are requested to furnish a copy of this memorandum to the HSCA.

NOTE: This response has been coordinated with [redacted] (S) (b)(1)
[redacted] Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division and WFO. Director FBI teletype to WFO dated June 14, 1978, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)" requested that WFO conduct a search to locate any recordings or transcripts for the pertinent Nosenko interviews. [redacted] (S)

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teletype to Director dated June 16, 1978, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)" set forth details and results of requested WFO Search. No tapes or verbatim transcripts were found in WFO. WFO did locate a March 26, 1964, intra office memorandum by SA Donald E. Walter which stated that Nosenko was recorded on February 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1964. However, no indication as to the disposition of these mentioned recordings was found. WFO speculates such tapes were merely used as aids to check the accuracy of Agents' notes and were later discarded as Walter's memorandum bears no action notations.

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This responds in full to the May 16, 1978, and June 13, 1978, letters to the Attorney General signed G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, wherein he requested



With regard to the May 16, 1978, letter, Items 1 and 2, retrievable documents indicate that Nosenko was interviewed on February 26 and 27, 1964, and on March 3, 4 and 6, 1964, concerning Lee Harvey Oswald or the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In response to a prior request, the Committee was advised by memorandum dated March 8, 1978, that material containing the results of these interviews was available for its access. It should be noted that these same documents have resided in general material available for Committee access during the past year. In addition, the Committee received delivery of the documents containing the results of these interviews on March 21, 1978. The Committee may refer to document 108-82555-2463 classified "Confidential". An undated reporting by Nosenko about Oswald has also been located and will be available for access and, if necessary, for delivery as specified in the June 13, 1978, HSCA letter. It is, of course, understood that any documents or material delivered in accordance with the specifications set forth in the June 13, 1978, HSCA letter will not be copied in any manner while in the custody of the HSCA.

With regard to the June 13, 1978, letter, records searches have not located any extant recordings or verbatim transcripts of the interviews with Yuri Nosenko that concerned Lee Harvey Oswald or the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

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A document has been located which indicates that FBI Agents did record the February 26 and 27 interviews of Nosenko, among others. Since no recordings or transcripts have been located, it can be assumed that the recordings were used by the interviewing Agents to check the accuracy of their notes prior to dictating the results of the interviews.

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Upon verifying the accuracy of resultant transcriptions, examples of which the Committee saw in document 105-82555-2463, it is a further, logical assumption that the recordings were disposed of since they had served the purpose for which they were made, although no record of such disposition can be found.

This response does not address information in FBI files which was obtained from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as it is assumed that the HSCA is in direct contact with the CIA concerning its pertinent information.

Where information, a document or other material is not provided, it is either not retrievable from FBI files or is not produced pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to the Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated June 19, 1978, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)".

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