In accordance with Attorney General Order 116-56, this advises that on July 29, 1977, retired Special Agent Alvin Staffeld, Jr., was interviewed by Chief Counsel Robert Blakey, HSCA.

Chief Counsel Blakey indicated that he was desirous of interviewing Staffeld because of his familiarity with the relationships between Organized Crime figures and intelligence data that the Bureau amassed on them during the periods pertinent to the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The following is a summary of Staffeld's account of the interview with Chief Counsel Robert Blakey, HSCA, on July 29, 1977.

Robert Blakey indicated to Staffeld, at the outset of the interview, that as a result of Judith Exner's story and her relationship with Chicago's underworld figure Sam Giancana and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), that the HSCA is consistently confronted with allegations of a conspiracy between the CIA and the underworld against the Kennedys. Blakey is, therefore, seeking from any source possible information which may bear either positively or negatively on this allegation. In this regard, Blakey was desirous or determining if Staffeld had any recollection of information on this matter. Blakey was assured by Staffeld that he did not. Blakey then indicated that he desired to discuss ways in which he and the HSCA staff might undertake a review of certain records maintained by the Bureau regarding intelligence data for underworld figures. It was pointed out to Blakey--
that a majority of the records were no longer available and
those that were available were most often a summary of what was
thought to be pertinent. Blakey then indicated that the
Committee was quite adamant and felt that they had this source
of information which must be reviewed and Blakey therefore
turned over in his mind the possibility of getting material
on just ten underworld figures including such individuals as
Sam Giancana and John Roselli. Blakey indicated that this
request for information would be confined to airtels or
other communications relating to the intelligence data
obtained only during the month of November, 1963, which is the
month in which John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

It was indicated by Staffeld that he did not know if
these communications were available and he could not speculate as
to the degree of difficulty in granting delivery to the RSCA
even if they were available. Staffeld indicated to Blakey that
this would have to be a matter of discussion with current
Bureau officials and that he, as a retired officer, was not in
a position to respond to any request or give them guidance in
this regard.

Blakey was also desirous of knowing if the Bureau had
any series of memoranda with regard to the involvement of
Judith Campbell with John Roselli and Sam Giancana and their
relationship with the CIA. Staffeld indicated to Blakey that
he did recall Thomas McAndrews, retired Special Agent now
deceased, had testified before the Church Committee on this
subject, so it appeared to Staffeld that the Bureau must have
had some information. Blakey indicated that he was unaware of
McAndrews' testimony for the Church Committee and was going
to pursue it.

After approximately two hours, Blakey terminated the
interview with the indication that he did not know whether he
would again have a need for talking with Staffeld. Staffeld
indicated to Blakey that his best source for material in this
matter would be through the present staff in the Bureau as
he was no longer in a position to know what was available.
The Deputy Attorney General

It is noted that to date, no written or oral request for any of the above data has been received by this Bureau from the HSCA.

1 - Mr. Robert L. Keuch
Special Counsel to the Attorney General

NOTE: Retired Special Agent, Alvin A. Staffeld, Jr., appearance was requested by Robert Blakey, currently the Chief Counsel for the HSCA. Staffeld was interviewed by Blakey and staff member Cliff Fenton for a period of two hours on July 29, 1977.

Blakey's interview with Staffeld emanates from the fact that he was assigned to FBIHQ during the pertinent periods of the John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy assassinations, serving primarily in the Special Investigative Division, Organized Crime Section.

Blakey indicated that he was interested in discussing ways in which the HSCA staff might have access to all logs maintained by the Bureau regarding our technical coverage for all Organized Crime figures. Blakey's interest in this area relates to allegations received by the HSCA regarding a conspiracy between the Underworld and the CIA against the Kennedys. Staffeld responded by advising Blakey to direct his request to current Bureau officials familiar with this area. To date, no written or oral request has been received at FBIHQ for access to any records, logs or memorandums regarding technical coverage of Organized Crime figures who were prominent during the periods of the Kennedy assassinations.

This matter has been coordinated with the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division. Staffeld was released from his confidentiality agreement with the Bureau and a Bureau official was not present during the interview. A copy of Staffeld's account of his meeting with Blakey is attached.
Memorandum

TO: The Associate Director
FROM: Legal Counsel
SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

DATE: 3/22/77

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of instructions from Robert L. Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, concerning a request from captioned Committee.

DETAILS:

By memorandum dated March 11, 1977, captioned as above, and memorandum from J. S. Peelman to Mr. Moore, dated March 15, 1977, you were advised of receipt of a request from captioned Committee dated March 9, 1977, and the problems presented by responding to that request. Because of these problems we have been instructed to comply in two areas requested by the Committee. On March 21, 1977, Robert L. Keuch, who has been appointed Special Counsel by the Attorney General to handle all liaison for the Department with captioned Committee, asked that we prepare for Committee review information in our files concerning Santos Trafficante for the years 1959 through 1964. Excision should be made in accordance with standards being used for captioned Committee.

The instructions of Mr. Keuch were discussed with Assistant to the Director James B. Adams, and he stated we should comply with that request. It would appear since the matter in question pertains to the investigative activities of the Special Investigative Division that Division should process the material with the assistance of the General Investigative Division, which has the overall responsibility for responding to captioned Committee.
Legal Counsel to The Associate Director  
Re: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Special Investigative Division process for access the aforementioned material with the assistance of the General Investigative Division.