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Attached is a letter to the Attorney General from Representative Don Edwards, Chairman, Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, dated 10-29-78, which was forwarded to the Bureau for response by Michael Uhlmann, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs.

The letter sets forth a number of requests for documents and information which are intended to augment Mr. Adams' testimony before the above-captioned Committee on 10-21-78, concerning the Bureau's investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Among the matters to be furnished are:



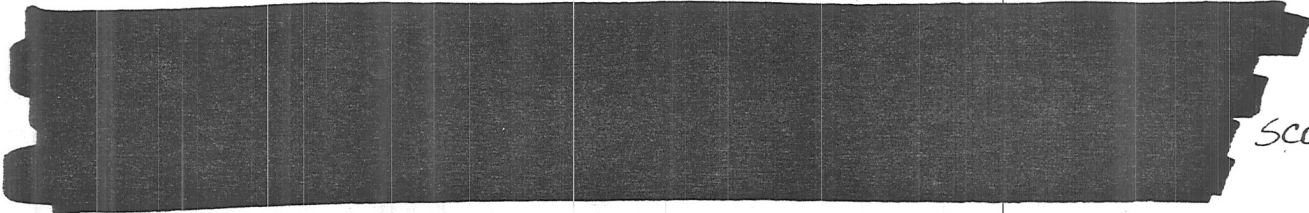
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Chairman Edwards requested that the information be provided as soon as possible and that a timetable be submitted as to when each item can be furnished to the Subcommittee.

This request by Chairman Edwards raises questions about access to raw files by that Committee. As you know, we have consistently opposed access to raw files by GAO which is conducting an audit of the Domestic Intelligence Division at the request of Chairman Edwards. In addition, the letter suggests that the Committee will interview current and former Bureau employees regarding these matters. At the present time, there are no established procedures governing such interviews, particularly with regard to the waiver of secrecy agreements signed by these employees. We must also obtain a determination from the Department as to whether the report prepared by the Inspection Division concerning destruction of the Oswald note will be made available to the Committee. We will meet with Mr. Uhlmann and Mr. Shabana at the earliest opportunity in an effort to resolve these matters.

The assignments for the preparation of the Bureau's response to each of these requests is set forth below. The response should be prepared in the form of a letterhead memorandum with a cover letter of transmittal addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, to be hand-delivered to that Office by a representative of the Office of Congressional Affairs. Any questions regarding the preparation of our reply should be directed to Office of Congressional Affairs.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the General Investigative Division respond to questions 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8(b) and (c).

(2) That the Intelligence Division respond to question 3.

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**(3) That the Inspection Division respond to questions 8(a) & 9, and questions 9 & 10 of Exhibit A regarding procedures for handling correspondence delivered to FBI offices.**

**(4) That the Files and Communications Division respond to questions 1 through 6, 8, & 12 of Exhibit A regarding procedures for handling correspondence delivered to FBI offices.**

**(5) That the Administrative Division respond to questions 4, 5, & questions 7, 11, 13, & 14 of Exhibit A regarding procedures for handling correspondence delivered to FBI offices.**

**(6) That the questions in Exhibit A concerning "legal issues regarding violation of FBI rules" be referred to the Criminal Division of the Department for appropriate response.**

**(7) That the above Divisions advise Office of Congressional Affairs by Friday, 11-14-75, of an estimated completion date so that we can furnish the Chief Counsel of the above Subcommittee an approximate timetable for the Bureau's responses.**