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Mr. Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

The Committee wishes to consider the possibility that during his stay in the Soviet Union Lee Harvey Oswald may have received certain or psychological treatment or conditioning designed to reinforce or weaken his current inclination to violence and thereby render him a disoriented factor in the country after his return.

It is felt that a study of the various Soviet techniques in mind conditioning and suggested "brain washing" could be helpful in this regard. We would greatly appreciate your making such materials as you may have on this subject available to Mr. Stanley S. Mickler of our staff. There is a conference on this subject because appropriate members of your staff and members of our staff would be available.

Very sincerely,
to you and is appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: Mr. Helms
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