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

Dear Mr. Helms:

The Commission would appreciate receiving memoranda from the Central Intelligence Agency which can be published and cited as authority for the following propositions:

- (1) "It is not unusual for a Latin American to exaggerate the lightness of a North American's skin or hair color." (This is in reference to Sylvia Suran's identification of Oswald as "blond".)
- (2) The Hotel Berlin and the Hotel Metropole were both under the same administration and both are closely watched by the KGB.
- (3) The "Newport and Visa Office" which Victor Khrushchev told Lee Harvey Oswald had been notified of his desire to become a citizen of the Soviet Union, is probably the Visa and Registration Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.
- (4) There have been allegations that Sylvia Suran and her husband, Ruslan Leonidovich, are members of the Communist Party.
- (5) The Soviet Soviet procedure is to send defectors who have carried out their defection in Moscow to some place in the Soviet Union other than their permanent home either it has been determined to accept as defectors. (In the dispatch from Hong Lee Harvey Oswald probably visited to be accepted by the Soviet Union for residence there, the Commission would like to have authority for relying upon the fact that he had been in Moscow staying in a _____ (name of hotel) and had probably had had not been requested for residence in the Soviet Union.)

Sincerely yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR