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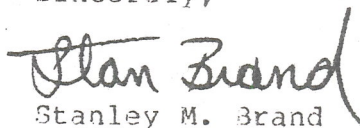
Dear Mr. Hoyle:

This responds to your recent letter concerning the examination of files in possession of the House Select Committee on Assassinations ("HSCA") by a Central Intelligence Agency officer.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. However, I am unable to confirm or deny that the staff of the HSCA authenticated the evidence after it was allegedly reviewed by the CIA officer. Pursuant to H.R. Res. 49, 96th Cong., 1st Sess., §2(b) the Clerk of the House was authorized and directed merely to supervise the "winding up" of the Committee's work and to disburse funds necessary to complete the final report.

Prior to the adoption of this resolution, the Clerk had no involvement in the substance or procedures of the Committee's investigation, other than to assist in the normal administrative tasks assigned to the Clerk with respect to the payment of employees or the procurement of furnishings or supplies. Because the House devolved upon the Clerk certain administrative and custodial duties related only to the completion of the project, I am unable to provide any meaningful or informed responses to your question.

Sincerely,



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