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Mr. Francis B. Scott  
103 Princess Lane  
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Dear Mr. Scott:

Chairman Stokes has requested that I respond to your letter concerning the non-disclosure agreement in effect for the staff of the Select Committee.

It is not nor has it ever been the intent of the Select Committee to withhold evidence from the public pertaining to its investigations. The non-disclosure agreement does not prevent information from being disclosed. It does provide that the timing of any disclosure of information be determined by the Select Committee, or after the Select Committee's termination by the House of Representatives, or if the House should fail to act, by the agency, or department from which the information originated.

The types of information which are subject to these release provisions include: (1) Testimony given in executive session, (2) Any classifiable and properly classified information, (3) Information pertaining to intelligence sources or methods as designated by the Director of Central Intelligence and (4) Confidential (sensitive) information received by the Select Committee.

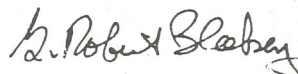
While other information which a staff member receives may not be divulged for the duration of the Select Committee's existence, it may be divulged at any subsequent time.

It is necessary in any investigation such as these to take preliminary testimony in closed session. Through proper investigation, attempts are made to corroborate, substantiate, and further develop such information in order that it might become credible evidence which will then be presented in open hearings.

When I took this job, I had a reputation for independence and integrity. Nothing is worth losing the reality behind that reputation. I do not know from what source you obtained the information on which your comments are based, but I can assure you that the work of the Committee, too, will be characterized by independence and integrity.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the Select Committee.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and  
Director

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