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## Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

June 26, 1978

The Honorable Harold Brown  
Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D. C. 20201

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On December 16, 1977, I wrote to Vice Admiral Inman of the National Security Agency, requesting that certain members of the Committee staff be allowed access to data, if any, relating to the assassination of President Kennedy, but particularly relating to the Cuban Intelligence network of Premier Castro, with emphasis on operations by Cuban Intelligence operatives. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your information.

Subsequent to this request, Professor G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel to the Select Committee, had a number of conversations with your Special Assistant John Kester, in an effort to set up a briefing by appropriate staff people from NSA. We had hoped that this briefing could have taken place prior to the end of March when Committee members and staff personnel were to be out of the country on matters relating to this request.

Nevertheless, a briefing was not arranged until May 15, 1978 at 1:00 p.m., over a month ago. The briefing was held, as scheduled, but the content of it had nothing whatsoever to do with our initial request. We have been waiting since that time for another briefing to be set up. What we have received is one short, hardly adequate, letter saying essentially that no information is possessed relative to the President's assassination.

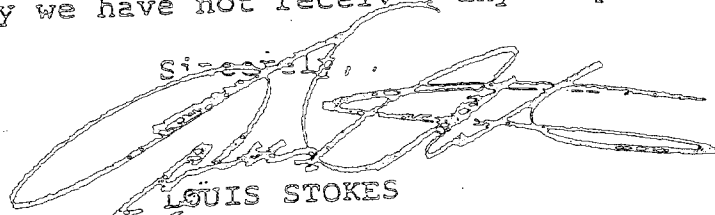
It is the Committee's feeling that to pursue this matter in the future as we have in the past would be a futile effort on our part.

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The Honorable Harold Brown  
June 22, 1978  
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Consequently, I respectfully request that you look into this matter personally, and advise me of the status of our request and the reason why we have not received any compliance.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Louis Stokes', is written over the typed name and title.

LOUIS STOKES  
Chairman

LS:dm

cc: John Kester

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12/16/77

Vice Admiral B. R. Inman  
 Director  
 National Security Agency  
 Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755

Dear Mr. Director:

The Select Committee on Assassinations was established by the House of Representatives pursuant to House Resolutions 222 and 433 to investigate the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In conjunction with our investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy, it has come to the Committee's attention that the National Security Agency has information which will be of substantial assistance to the Committee's inquiry.

The information to which the Committee staff needs access and which is held by the National Security Agency is all outlines and summaries and biographical data relating to the Cuban Intelligence network of Premier Castro covering the period from 1959 - December 31, 1964 with emphasis on operations by Cuban Intelligence operatives in the United States and other Latin American countries, and any analyses of the direction and evaluation of specific assassination operations.

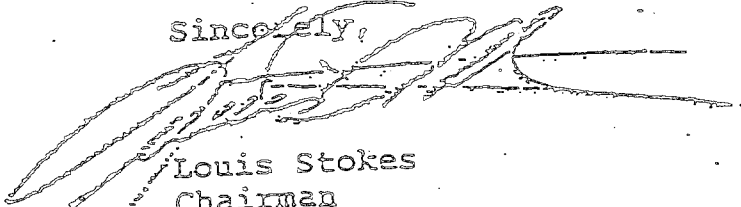
In addition, the Committee requests that it be provided access to any other materials you have relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy or any investigation into the assassination. Access to all materials we will receive from the National Security Agency will be restricted to staff members with a TOP SECRET security clearance.

Vice Admiral B. R. Inman

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The Committee requests that it be provided with these materials as soon as possible, and would very much appreciate it if we could receive such access prior to the end of December. Should you have any questions concerning this request, please address them to myself or our Chief Counsel, G. Robert Blakey.

Sincerely,



Louis Stokes  
Chairman

LS:jwc

cc: Mr. Frank Foster  
Office of Legislative Affairs

General Counsel

18 July 1978

NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR  
LAO

For your information, if you have  
not yet seen.



DANIEL B. SILVER  
General Counsel

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