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The Honorable Louis Stokes
Chairman
Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
3331 House Office Building, Annex 2
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your recent letter to Secretary Brown raises the question of additional access by the Select Committee on Assassinations to sensitive intelligence information. The Department has sought to be responsive to your initial general request by providing a briefing and follow-up letter that would meet the information needs of the Committee while safeguarding operational sources and methods. I have recently been advised that it may be possible to provide more focused assistance to the Committee, however, if the Department is given written questions on specific factual allegations or incidents under staff investigation. DoD intelligence sources could then be checked and a statement could be furnished as to whether DoD intelligence sources hold any information that would support or refute the veracity of the allegation.

I believe that such an approach would assist the Committee in fulfilling its investigative responsibilities while allowing protection of sensitive defense intelligence techniques. I hope you will conclude that this proposal promises a satisfactory accommodation of our respective interests.

Sincerely,

John G. Kester
The Special Assistant

General Counsel

24 July 1978

NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

On 21 July 1978 I called Judy Miller
and told her that the enclosed letter
was all right.


DANIEL B. SILVER
General Counsel

Encl:
a/s

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July 19

Memo For

Gen. Silver

General Counsel, NSA

Attached is a draft of a possible response to the recent Assassinations Committee letter. We are leaning towards going this direction; I would like your comments / "fixes" ASAP since the letter has Stokes come in some time ago. Please call me to discuss any issues and find raised by the draft.

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