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1. (Secret - REH) LIAISON Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called referring to an article which appeared in the NID on 5 August describing a recent Soviet nuclear test. Slatinshek said several of the members had questioned this article and asked if we could prepare him a short paper giving more background on it.

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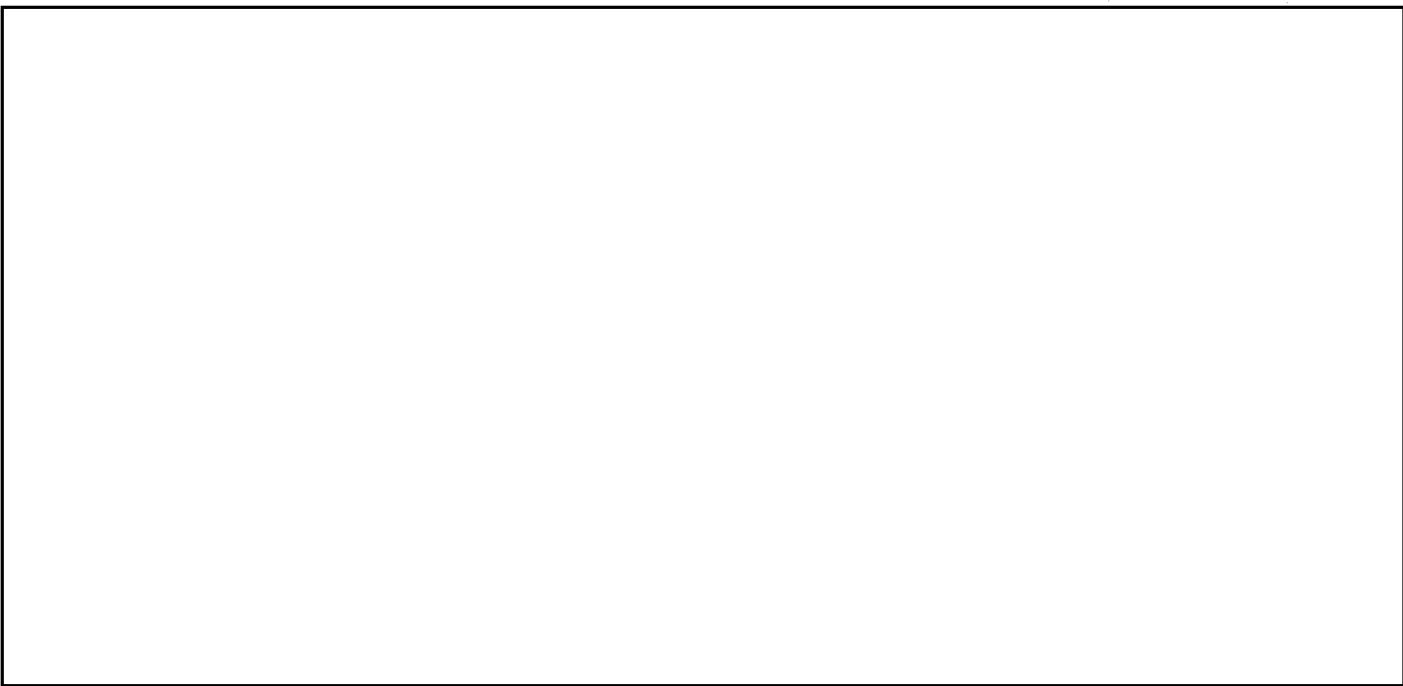
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18. (Unclassified - JK) LIAISON Called Bill Hogan, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee staff, and Bill Miller, Senate Select Committee staff, to advise them of the transmittal of mail intercept information to Chairwoman Bella Abzug (D., N. Y.) House Government Operations Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, including a copy of a letter from Mrs. Marguerite Oswald to Lee Harvey Oswald which was intercepted in 1959. Miller asked if that letter had been seen by the Church Committee. I said that I understood it had been among items available to the Committee but did not know if they actually saw the letter. Hogan wanted to know if and when the letter had been turned over to the FBI and under what circumstances. I informed him that the letter was turned over to the Bureau on November 23, 1963 together with other CIA references to Oswald.

I also informed Miller and Hogan that Mrs. Oswald is being notified at her last known address and is being provided with a copy of the intercepted letter.

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1. [Redacted] FAA ALERT Reported the fact of today's Presidential finding to the following Committees and in the absence of the Chairmen was assured that the Chairmen would be informed of the place and nature of the program and of the fact that the Director stands ready to provide the Committees with a briefing on the description and scope of the program. The Committees contacted were: House Armed Services (Frank Slatinshek); House Appropriations (Charles Snodgrass); House International Relations (Jack Brady); Senate Foreign Relations (Don Henderson); Senate Armed Services (Ed Braswell), and Senate Appropriations (Guy McConnell.). In several instances there was discussion whether programs of this nature were really suitable for a specific Presidential finding and whether this type of program could be conducted under the so-called Omnibus section of the 10 January 1975 Presidential finding.

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2. [Redacted] LIAISON Called Bill Hogan, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, to thank him for his help on CIARDS on Tuesday. He is aware of the need to move swiftly on the House floor prior to consideration of the conference report on the Defense Appropriations bill to avoid problems with a point of order.

I advised him of the inquiry to the Executive Branch by Representative Leonor Sullivan (D., Mo.) concerning Cuban presence in Panama and told him that in light of the Committee's earlier interest in the subject, we would provide the Committee with the substance of the response. Hogan indicated that Mrs. Sullivan's staff personnel had been badgering the Committee on this subject; that some of the leads being run down are based on information provided by Philip Harmon, Mr. Lastrow (phonetic), President of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Drummond (phonetic), President of the Zone Police. The above was passed on to [Redacted] NIO/LA.

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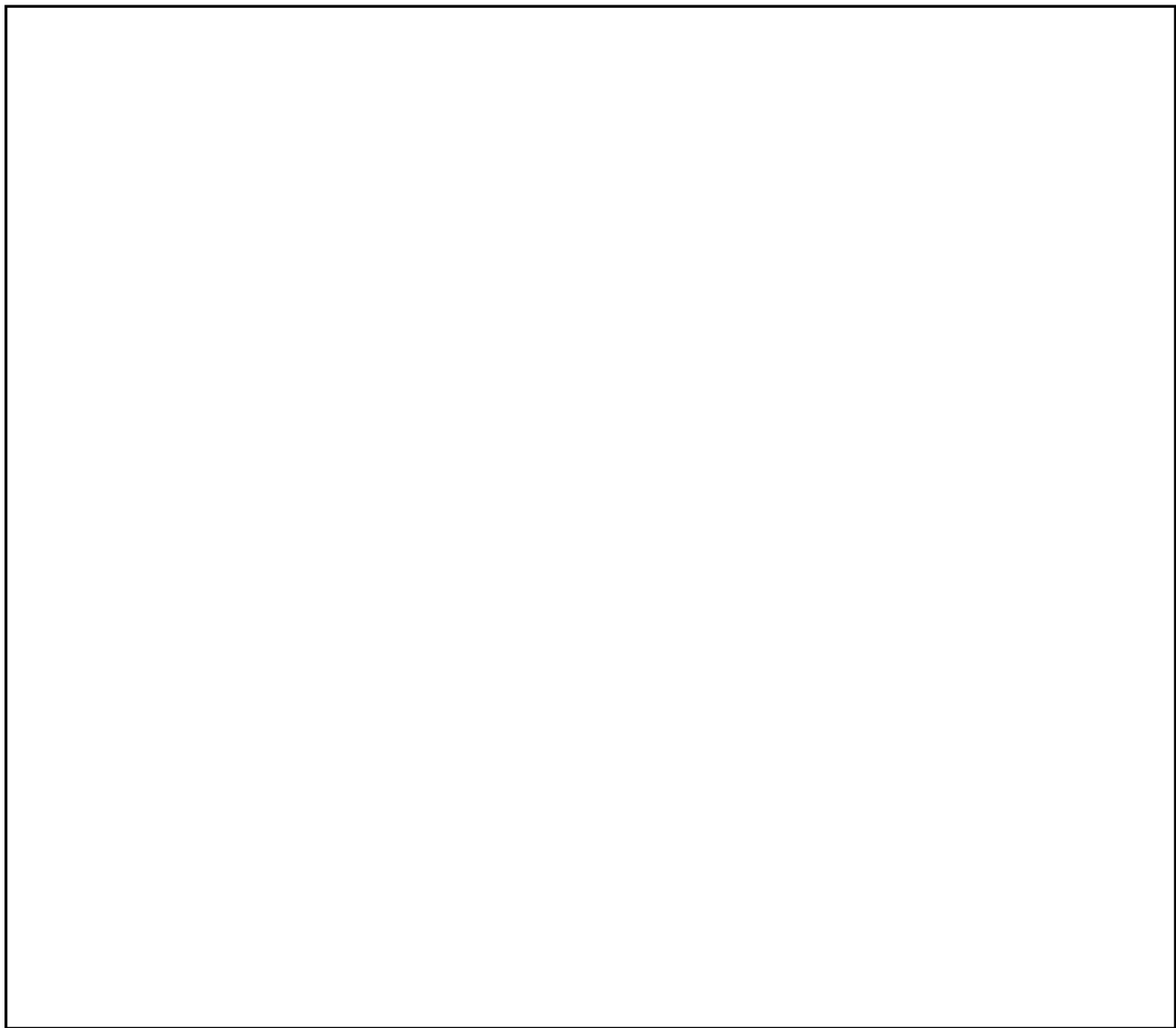
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11. [Redacted] LIAISON I met with Bill Hogan, on the staff of the House Armed Services Committee, and reviewed with him the briefing of Representative Toby Moffett (D., Conn.) and Representative Ronald V. Dellums (D., Calif.) of 2 August 1976.

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Ex. Sec. [Redacted] Mr. Lapham [Redacted]

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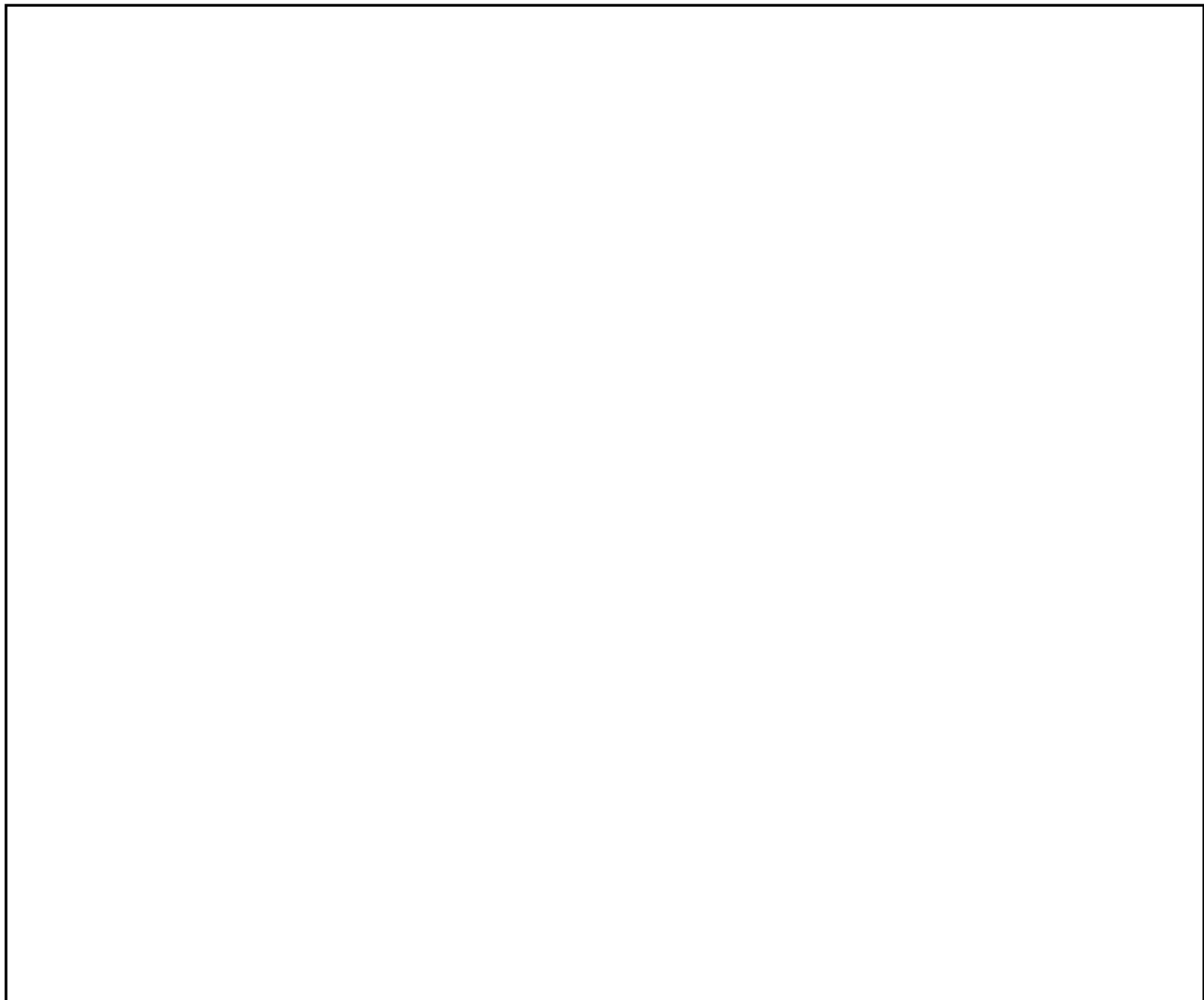
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17. [Redacted] LIAISON Bill Hogan, House Armed Services Committee staff, called and said that he would like our people up at his office at 10:00 this morning for the 10:30 House Rules Committee meeting on the CLAROS bill. He said he would like to talk to them and to ask them to make sure they bring the figures for the unfunded liability, even if the Committee will not be provided with those figures. [Redacted] OP, and [Redacted] OP, have been notified.

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