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24 August 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : HSCA Subpoena Issue and Public Hearings

1. This memorandum treats two subjects. The first has to do with a subpoena issue. An exchange with Mr. Blakey on the matter led to a meeting at which he also discussed the public hearings.

2. I spoke with Mr. Blakey yesterday to say that a letter to Chairman Stokes was being prepared on the question of the [redacted] history and the [redacted] file. He asked what the letter said. I replied that I could not give the details in advance, but that it indicated that we thought the matter could still be worked out. He asked if that meant the papers in question would not be available before his departure tomorrow to which I replied in the affirmative. He then asked if he could still see those sections of the history that had been offered him the day before, to which I replied in the affirmative. He asked if he could see the [redacted] file, beyond the five-month period, to which I replied in the affirmative.

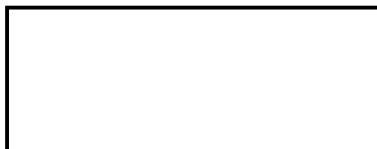
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3. I arranged to have the [redacted] file reviewed by [redacted] who opened up a total period of about a year-and-a-half; it was the most that he could review in the few hours before Mr. Blakey came out. Mr. Blakey arrived at about 1800 hours with his translator, Ed Lopez. Lopez reviewed the [redacted] material and Blakey reviewed the history. [redacted] sat with Mr. Blakey for the purpose of answering questions, but none were asked.

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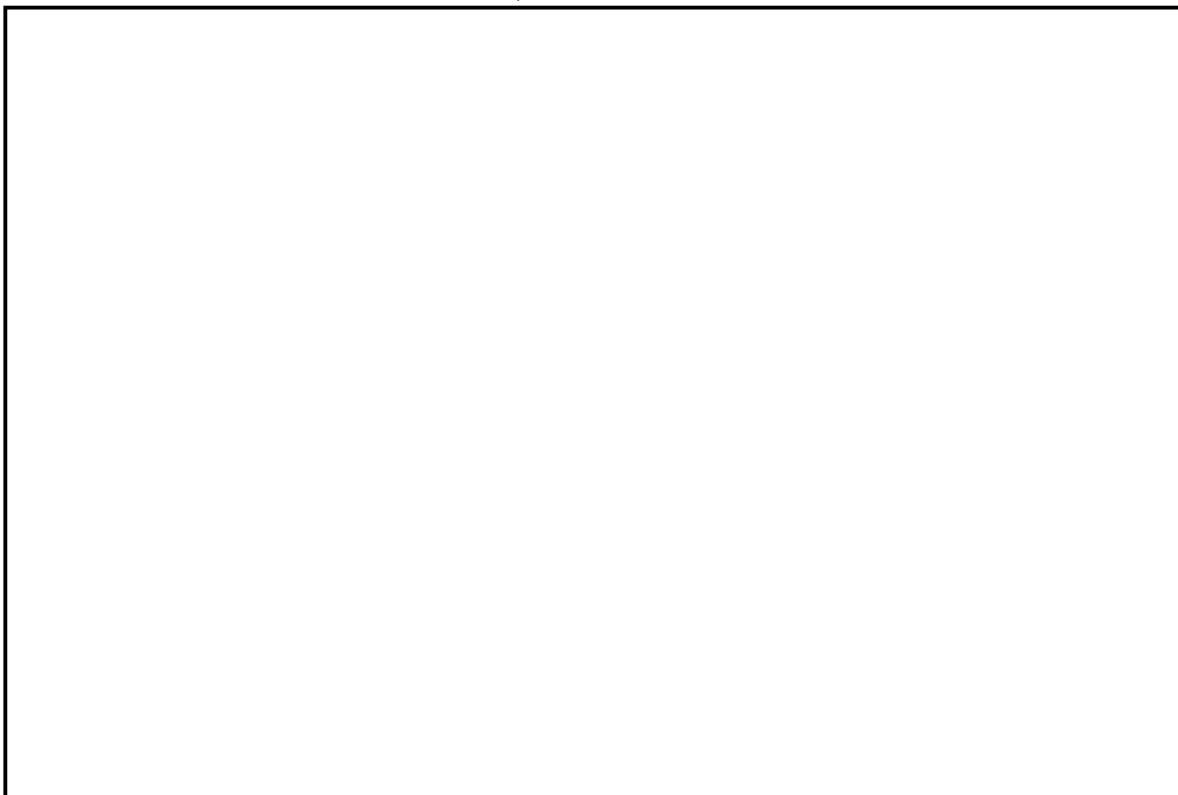
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4.  and I had a general discussion with Mr. Blakey prior to his reviewing the history. He outlined for the first time how the HSCA's Kennedy hearings are planned, insofar as they involve CIA. Direct involvement by CIA is envisioned as occurring on two separate days, with an additional day involving CIA "indirectly", as described by Mr. Blakey.

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5. The outline of and the problems raised by the plan for these three separate days are detailed in the attachments. They are summarized briefly here:



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6. Each of the separate sections of the hearings, outlined to us by Blakey, will present the Agency with different problems. They afford the Agency an opportunity to work with the Committee for the first time, in this instance to help avoid exposure of intelligence sources and methods.

7. Each of the three day's testimony requires advance planning by the Agency. Copies of this

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memorandum are going to the various affected parties. Most of the subject matter will be of direct interest to the Directorate of Operations, primarily CI Staff, SE Division and LA Division. In the Directorate of Science & Technology, the Office of Technical Services will have an interest. A working group should be established, with representation from those four offices and from the Policy Coordination Staff, chaired by the undersigned.

8. It goes without saying that the Agency will have reservations on some of the proposals, and they should be addressed at an early date. It is my impression that counter proposals and suggestions will be welcome.

9. It is requested that representatives of the above organizations meet with me at 1500 hours on Friday, 25 August in the OLC conference room in 6D0120.

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