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Mr. Fred D. Thompson  
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Senate Select Committee on  
Presidential Campaign Activities  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Mr. Lyle Miller has explained that Mr. Frank Sturgis continues to allege a relationship with and security obligation to the Central Intelligence Agency as the basis for refusing to answer questions put to him by your Committee. No such relationship or obligation exists now or ever existed.

Our files reflect information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation which indicates that Mr. Sturgis is a soldier of fortune who participated in Cuban revolutionary activities for a number of years. We have no evidence, however, that Mr. Sturgis officially participated in the Bay of Pigs invasion. Any activities related to the Bay of Pigs in which Mr. Sturgis may have been engaged were not directly connected with or organized by the CIA nor was CIA knowledgeable of any such activity. Similarly, any revolutionary activities in which Mr. Sturgis may have been engaged subsequent to the Bay of Pigs operation were without the prior knowledge, approval or acquiescence of CIA. (It is possible, although we have no knowledge to this effect, that Mr. Sturgis may have been in some way connected with groups with which CIA maintained a relationship with regard to Cuban operations.

In summary, there is no relationship nor security obligation between CIA and Mr. Sturgis which would inhibit Mr. Sturgis' testimony before your Committee.

Please let me know if we can be of further assistance in the above matter.

Sincerely,

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