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The Honorable W. E. Colby  
 Director  
 Central Intelligence Agency  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Colby:

When Mr. Helms appeared before the Foreign Relations Committee February 7, 1973 (under oath) in connection with his nomination to be Ambassador to Iran, he was questioned in some detail about prior associations with the Central Intelligence Agency on the part of the Watergate defendants.

The following exchange took place:

"The Chairman. And Frank Sturgis, was he an employee?"

"Mr. Helms. Never.

"The Chairman. In any capacity?"

"Mr. Helms. I am sure of that."

In an affidavit filed with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia October 10, 1973, supporting his motion for leave to withdraw his guilty plea, Mr. Sturgis says:

"I had also been active in the Bay of Pigs operation and continued clandestinely working for the liberation of Cuba thereafter."

And again:

"I had known of Mr. Martinez since the Bay of Pigs invasion and knew that he had been engaged in clandestine incursions into Cuba for many years following the Bay of Pigs invasion. I was doing similar work though Mr. Martinez was working for a different sector than I was. It was my

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belief based upon my own observations during the years following the Bay of Pigs invasion that Mr. Martinez was working for and being directly financed by the Central Intelligence Agency as opposed to my own situation which involved the agency's knowledge and approval of my operations and their indirect financing of them."

With respect to Mr. Martinez, Mr. Helms testified as follows February 7:

"Mr. Martinez was never an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency. He was on a retainer of \$100 a month at that time; seen occasionally by a representative of the agency, and his role was simply to identify to us from those legal and illegal immigrants from Cuba those individuals who he thought might be of interest for informational purposes. He simply ~~was to identify him and we took it from there,~~ and it was a very loose kind of arrangement in which he reported in from time to time. And it is indeed true that as soon as it was found out he was involved in the Watergate thing we simply turned him off and have not talked to him since."

Mr. Helms repeated the substance of this testimony on pages 58-59 of the Transcript.

I would appreciate your clearing up these discrepancies. Specifically--

Q Was Sturgis active in the Bay of Pigs operation?

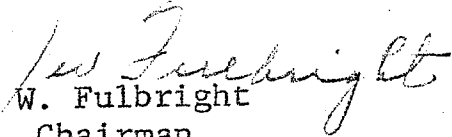
A Did he continue clandestinely working for the liberation of Cuba thereafter, either on behalf of the CIA or with its knowledge, approval, or acquiescence? If so, what were his activities?

Q Was Martinez engaged in clandestine incursions into Cuba for many years following the Bay of Pigs invasion? Were these made on behalf of the CIA or with its knowledge, approval, or acquiescence?

Q What does Sturgis mean when he says, "I was doing similar work though Mr. Martinez was working for a different sector than I was"?

What does Sturgis mean when he refers to "my own situation which involved the agency's knowledge and approval of my operations and their indirect financing of them"?

Sincerely yours,

  
J. W. Fulbright  
Chairman