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10 March 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the DDO

ATTENTION:

Mr. Norman Shepanek

SUBJECT:

SSC Request

REFERENCES:

A. Review Staff 76-0200/C, 25 February 1976

B. Latin America Division Memorandum to the Review Staff, dated 25 February 1976

Regarding Reference A:

- 1. Question number one answered by reference B;
- Question number two was assigned to CI Staff;
- 3. Question number three -- no action required;
- 4. Question number four to be answered by SA/DDO;
- 5. Question number five answered by reference B;
- 6. Question number six -- a sanitized copy of the Gilberto Policarpo Lopez file was provided the SSC Staff for review in the Head-quarters Building on 28 February 1976 (via Mr. Elder) after an initial review by Messrs. Joseph Loftus (LAD), Norman Shepanek and John Walker (O/SA/DDO); denial of copies of the documents contained in the 201 file was based on the fact that the documents, including the photograph, were provided by an official ______ that Lopez is a U.S. citizen, and that the file is an official 201 file and not releasable; and

7. Question number seven was to be handled by SA/DDO.

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TO : CIA Task Force

FROM : The Review Staff, Walter Elder

SUBJECT: SSC/HSC Request

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The attached SSC letter confirms and expands on Review Staff 76-0200/b. These questions all relate to the JFK assassination.

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(FURSUANT TO S. MER. IL NTH CONGRESS)

WASHINGTON.D.C. 20510 February 25, 1976

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Mr. Walter Elder Review Staff

Central Intelligence Agency

Dear Mr. Elder:

Langley, Virginia

This is to confirm our discussion of February 20 regarding the deposition of certain requests of the Select Committee:

- (1) With regard to the Committee's letter of February 6, and CIA's letter response 76-0200/1 of February 11, I asked that a further attempt be made to identify the initials "G.N.N." Those initials follow handwritten comments on a March 1965 document in the AMLASH file which proposed giving the Cuban government information which might compromise AMLASH.
- (2) With regard to the Committee's letter of January 12 and CIA's letter response 76-0062/1 of February 11, I asked that CIA review its files on Osvaldo Dorticos, President of Cuba, to determine if the message received by Dr. Portell-Villa was placed in those files.
- (3) Dan Dwyer and I reviewed the list of CIA personnel at the Mexico City station referenced in CIA's letter 76-0083/3 of February 11 and agreed the list should remain at the Agency.
- (4) I requested the Select Committee be provided the current address and telephone number of Mr. John Whiten, the Desk Chief for Mexico in 1963.
- (5) With regard to the Committee's letter of January 29, requesting that two current Agency employees be made available for interviews, we agreed the Agency should provide the Committee a letter stating whether or not these employees were readily available for interviews.



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- (6) Ian Dwyer and I reviewed Agency originated documents in CIA's 201 File on Gilberto Policarpo Lopez. It is our understanding you would reconsider CIA's decision to deny the Committee's request for a copy of these documents.
- (7) With regard to the Committee's letter of January 30, we agreed:
- (a) We would for the time being narrow the request in paragraph 1 to include only contacts of Director McCone;
- (b) We would not alter the requests in paragraphs 2 and 3.

I trust this summary accords with your understanding of our discussion, but please let me know if there is any misunderstanding.

Sincerely,

James H. Johnston

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