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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Meeting with HSCA Staff Representatives

1. Last night at 2000 hours Messrs. Hawkins, Sturbitts, [redacted] Shepanek, Holmes, Joannides and the undersigned met with Messrs. Blakey and Goldsmith of the HSCA staff. The purpose was to consider the declassification of certain materials for use in Mr. Helms' testimony in public hearings on Friday, 22 September.

2. A number of questions were resolved at the time with a few remaining to be left over for today. One of the unresolved issues was declassification of certain sections of the 1967 IG report on plotting against Castro. We did not present the question of Agency policy against release of IG reports, it being felt this would serve as a red flag. We stated instead, that the report was written in such detail that blanket declassification would cause extensive deletions. I pointed out that when the question arose with the Church Committee it did not do so in the context of public hearings. Instead, the Committee wrote the report with the things that it wanted to say and we addressed those issues on a point-by-point basis. We asked that they tell us what specific things they would like declassified, which we could address more easily, noting that much of the substantive content of the IG report had found its way into the Church Committee Report. Mr. Goldsmith said that he could narrow this down to some ten or so pages, and we postponed further discussion until today.

3. Mr. Blakey said that Mr. Helms' attorney wanted to be advised by the Agency of those sections of his

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testimony, including the related documents, that are declassified. We undertook to prepare a package and transmit it to Mr. Helms' attorney. I discussed this with Mr. Rininger of OGC today, since OGC is in contact with Mr. Helms' attorney.


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