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February 14, 1978

Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Director, FBI

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated December 16, 1977, requesting access to material in the files of the FBI pertinent to the John F. Kennedy assassination investigation. Additionally, reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from the Director, FBI, dated February 3, 1978, which responded in part to this request.

Enclosed are an original and two copies of a memorandum which responds to the above request and advises that the material is available for HSCA access at FBI Headquarters.

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NOTE: The HSCA has requested access to 17 enumerated items relative to the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Our response of 2/3/78 advised that material regarding four anti-Castro groups has been prepared for HSCA access. This response advises that the remainder of the material has been compiled and is available for HSCA access, subject to the usual excisions and deletions. Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable from Headquarters files or is not being produced pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

Additionally, this responds to the HSCA's letter of 12/20/77 requesting that retired Assistant Director, Alex Rosen, be made available for interview. This has been coordinated with Legal Counsel Division.



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Retrievable information in FBI Headquarters files regarding the 13 named individuals in referenced request has been prepared for the Committee's access, subject to the usual excisions and deletions. Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable from Headquarters files or is not being produced pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

It is noted that the requested material regarding the four anti-Castro groups was responded to in our referenced letter of February 3, 1978.

This serves as written confirmation of a conversation of January 6, 1978, between Mr. A. Purdy of the HSCA and Special Agent Drew Clark, wherein Mr. Purdy was advised that retired Special Agent James W. Anderton was available for interview by the Committee.

Additionally, by letter dated December 20, 1977, the HSCA requested retired Assistant Director Alex Rosen be made available for interview. Rosen has been cleared from his employment agreement and is available for interview as needed by the HSCA. Arrangements for interview can be made through contact with

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representatives of the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit and the Congressional Inquiry Unit, FBI Headquarters. By FBI memorandum dated February 8, 1978, the HSCA was advised that other Agents named in the letter of December 20, 1977, have been similarly cleared and are available for HSCA interview.

ORIGINAL AND ~~TWO~~ SENT TO  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION:  
MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch,  
dated 2/14/78, captioned as above.

1 - Legal Counsel Division  
(Attn: Mr. Coulson)  
1 - Mr. G. J. Foster

Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

February 8, 1978

Director, FBI

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
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Reference is made to letters to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated December 20, 1977, January 5, 1978, January 19, 1978, and January 20, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested that several Agents of the FBI be made available for interview by the HSCA.

Reference is also made to letter to the Attorney General from Mr. Blakey, dated January 17, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, requested that former Special Agent Ivor Ellis Nitschke be made available for interview by the HSCA.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum in response to the above requests. It is requested that you furnish a copy of the enclosed memorandum to the HSCA.

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NOTE: By memorandum dated 2/1/78, the current offices of assignment and/or last known addresses of Agents and former Agents, except Ahearn and Sheets, listed in the five HSCA letters were set forth and approval was obtained to clear them from their employment agreements and to contact them regarding interview by HSCA. Ahearn and Sheets were previously cleared by memorandum dated 10/25/77.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

NOTE CONTINUED:

Arrangements for these interviews are handled informally by representatives of the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit and the Congressional Inquiry Unit of FBI Headquarters.

This letter and memorandum completes our response to all five above-mentioned requests of the HSCA.



1 - Legal Counsel Division  
(Attn: Mr. Coulson)  
1 - Mr. G. J. Foster

February 8, 1978

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This memorandum is to confirm that Agents and former Agents of the FBI, listed in the above HSCA letters, have been cleared from their employment agreements and are available for interview as needed by the HSCA. Arrangements for interview can be made through contact with representatives of the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit and the Congressional Inquiry Unit of FBI Headquarters.

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ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH

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NOTE: See letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 2/8/78, captioned as above.

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U.S. House of Representatives

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January 5, 1978

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the F.B.I. make available for interview, on a priority basis, the following agents:

1. Theodore A'Hearn - Los Angeles
  2. Leroy W. Sheets - Los Angeles
  3. Thomas J. Wilson - Atlanta
  4. Gerald Galbreath - El Paso
- 10/7 LER cleared*

The Committee is ready to interview these agents on an immediate basis.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

CC: Danny O. Coulson

GRB:wwd

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation make available for interview Special Agent Cole Geary of the Birmingham Field Office. It is requested that arrangements for such an interview be made within the next two weeks.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:med

cc: Danny O. Coulson



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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the FBI make available for interviews, the following agents:

Richard S. Clark  
Dennis LeMaster  
Russell Jean Gray, Jr.  
Douglas G. Bills

The Committee is ready to interview these agents on priority basis, therefore your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghj

cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson



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January 17, 1978

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Attention: Robert L. Keuch  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of President Kennedy, the Select Committee on Assassinations would like to interview former F.B.I. agent I. E. Nitschke. The Committee, therefore, requests that the F.B.I. advise the Committee of Mr. Nitschke's last known location and that the F.B.I. release Mr. Nitschke from his employment agreement.

The Committee is in possession of the following identifying information with respect to Mr. Nitschke:

Name: I. E. Nitschke  
Last Known Address: 559 Focis Street  
Metairie, Louisiana  
Last Known Employment: Chief of Security  
NASA Installation  
Michoud, Louisiana  
F.B.I. Service: Prior to 1961; believed to have been  
assigned to Butte, Montana prior to  
1955.  
Known Associates: Guy Bannister

If at all possible, the Committee would like to have this information and the appropriate employment agreement waiver by January 23, 1978.

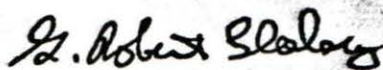


The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
January 17, 1978  
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This letter confirms the oral request made by Ms. Hess  
on December 16, 1978.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation.

Respectfully,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny O. Coulson

The Director

2/14/78

Legal Counsel

- 1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett
- ① - Mr. G. J. Foster
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 2 - Mr. Hotis

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

PURPOSE:

To request the release of former Assistant Director Alex Rosen from his employment agreement in order that he may be interviewed by captioned Committee.

DETAILS:

To date, staff attorneys of the HSCA have conducted a number of interviews of Special Agents and former Special Agents in connection with the Committee's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. The HSCA requested that former Assistant Director Alex Rosen be interviewed. Through records of the Administrative Services Division it has been determined that Rosen resides at 55 Fir Hill Towers, North, Akron, Ohio.

If approved, Rosen will be telephonically advised by the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, and the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, of the interest of the Committee and, prior to interview, a Legal Counsel representative will provide Rosen with a briefing as to the scope and limitations of the interview.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Director release former Assistant Director Rosen from his employment agreement to be interviewed by staff personnel of captioned Committee.

1 - Personnel file  
Alex Rosen

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The Associate Director

2/1/78

Legal Counsel

1 - Mr. Bassett  
1 - Mr. Foster  
1 - Mr. Mintz  
2 - Mr. Hotis

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to request the release of certain Special Agents from their employment agreement in order that they may be interviewed by captioned Committee.

DETAILS: To date, staff attorneys of the HSCA have conducted a number of interviews of Special Agents and former Special Agents in connection with the Committee's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. Additional requests for agent interviews have been submitted by letters to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA. These agents, their offices of assignment or last known address, the date of interview request and the case involved are as follows:

<u>Agent</u>	<u>Office of Assignment or Last Known Address</u>	<u>Date of Request</u>	<u>Case Involved</u>
3 Harry L. Lee (Former)	[REDACTED]	12/20/77	King
Richard D. Rackleff	Atlanta Office	12/20/77	King
James R. Riordan	New Haven Office	12/20/77	King
Thomas J. Wilson	Cleveland Office	1/5/78	King

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1 - Personnel file of Harry L. Lee  
1 - Personnel file of Richard D. Rackleff  
1 - Personnel file of James R. Riordan  
1 - Personnel file of Thomas J. Wilson  
1 - Personnel file of Gerald D. Calbreath  
1 - Personnel file of Coleman D. Geary III  
1 - Personnel file of Ivor Ellis Mitschke  
1 - Personnel file of Richard S. Clark  
1 - Personnel file of Dennis C. LeMaster  
1 - Personnel file of Russell Jean Gray, Jr.  
1 - Personnel file of Douglas G. Bills



Memorandum to The Associate Director  
Date: 1/23/78

<u>Agent</u>	<u>Office of Assignment or Last Known Address</u>	<u>Date of Request</u>	<u>Case Involved</u>
Gerald E. Galbreath	Houston Office	1/5/78	King
Colman B. Geary III	Birmingham Office	1/19/78	King
Ivor Ellis Mitschke (Former)	Travel Lodge Motel Amarillo, Texas (1971)	1/19/78	Kennedy
Richard S. Clark	Legat, London	1/20/78	King
Dennis C. LeMaster (Former)	[REDACTED]	1/20/78	King
Russell Jean Gray, Jr.	FDHQ	1/20/78	King
Douglas G. Bills (Former)	[REDACTED]	1/20/78	King

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If approved, the above agents will be telephonically advised by the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, and Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, of the interest of the Committee and, prior to interview, Legal Counsel representatives will provide these agents with a briefing as to the scope and limitations of the interviews.

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) That the Director release the Special Agents named in the attached letter from their employment agreement to be interviewed by staff personnel of captioned Committee.

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Memorandum to The Associate Director  
Re: HSCA

(2) That the Legal Counsel Division make appropriate notification to current employees regarding this matter.

(3) That the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, make appropriate notification to former employees regarding this matter.

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Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the FBI make available for interview the following agents who were assigned to the Atlanta field office in 1968:

1. Harry L. Lee
2. Richard D. Rackleff
3. James R. Riordan

In addition, the staff requests your assistance in arranging the availability for interview of Al Rosen, formerly Assistant Director of the FBI under the late J. Edgar Hoover. We understand that Mr. Rosen has recently retired.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*G. Robert Blakey*

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Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:mek

cc: Danny O. Coulson

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