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to be and appear before the Select Committee on Assassinations,
Committee of the House of Representatives of the United States, of which the Hon. Louis
Stokes is chairman,

(SEE SUPPLEMENT)

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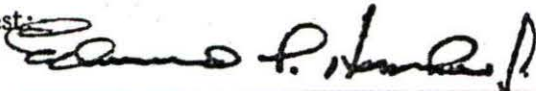
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Witness my hand and the seal of the House of Representatives
of the United States, at the city of Washington, this
_____ day of October, 1978

Louis Stokes Chairman.
Select Committee on Assassinations

Attest:



Clerk.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

44-3884
220430

June 13, 1978

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August 10, 1978

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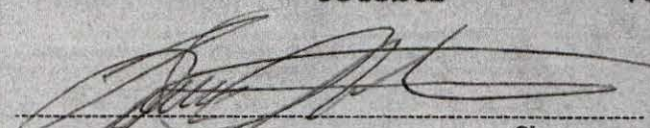
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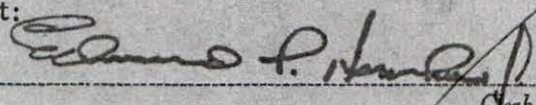
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