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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 Headquarters 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.

Richard S. Sampson

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TO : CIA Task Force

FROM : The Review Staff, Walter Elder

SUBJECT: SSC/HSC Request

RECEIVED: Date 25 FebruaryTime 1151

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 E. RES. IL NTH CONGRESS)

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510 February 25, 1976.

REVIEW STAFF

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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- (5) 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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