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THERE IS NO INFORMATION CONCERNING NESTER CASTELLANOS
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY AND
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
ATTN: Ms. Judith A. Miller

SUBJECT: Mr. Blakey's Request

The attached draft letter is provided for your use in
replying to Mr. Blakey's 10 August 1978 request on behalf of
the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Your note of 14 August 1978 refers.

Eugene F. Yeates
EUGENE F. YEATES
Chief
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a/s

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Mr. G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director
Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
3331 House Office Building, Annex 2
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Blakey:

In regard to your 10 August 1978 request for information concerning one Nestor Castellanos which you indicate was withheld by the FBI under the third agency rule, I am pleased to provide the following.

The intelligence report in question is a compendium of material relating to various Cubans who were reported to be studying in the USSR under scholarships granted by the Cuban government during the period from 3 March to 6 August 1967. The report makes no reference to a Nestor Castellanos.

Of possible relevance is a reference to a Jose Castellanos, in which it was indicated that he (Castellanos) was an engineering post graduate from the Cuban Institute of Meteorology who was to specialize in hydro-meteorology at the Academy of Sciences and who was scheduled to depart (Cuba) on 27 April 1967 aboard a Soviet ship. The foregoing is the only information contained in the report relating to anyone surnamed Castellanos.

I hope you will find this information useful to your investigation.

Sincerely,

John G. Kester
Special Assistant To
The Secretary

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M/R: Mr. Blakey requested an NSA document that the FBI refused to let the Committee have. NSA received the request for the document on 18 August. This letter gives a gist of the portion of the product report that may be of interest to the Assassinations Committee.

Concur: Exec, DDO, Mr. John Monroe
GC, *[Signature]*

Approved by: D/DIR *[Signature]*

[Signature]
E.F. Yeates, CH LAO, 3747s, 22Aug78, 11r

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Re: _____

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August 10, 1978

The Honorable Harold Brown
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20201

Attention: Mr. John G. Kester
Special Assistant to the Secretary

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to the third agency agreement, the FBI has withheld NSA Document Number 2X/0/CUD/R70-67 from review by House Select Committee on Assassinations staff members.

We request access to this document either at the FBI or at the Department of Defense. The document, which refers to Nestor Castellanos, is located in Bufile #64-330-210-5024, page 6.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel

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