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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director for Operations
Acting Chief, Soviet/East European Division

FROM : Donald F. Vogel
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SUBJECT : Talking Paper for Briefing Chairman Stokes,
HSCA, on KITTY HAWK

1. The Chief Counsel of the House Select Committee on Assassination, Mr. G. Robert Blakey, has requested access to "all reports and documents referring to an operation code named KITTY HAWK," which Mr. Blakey describes as "a project concerning the debriefing of a Soviet defector and a KGB analysis of the Kennedy assassination." You propose to provide Chairman Stokes an oral response to this request.

2. Chairman Stokes may be informed that "KITTY HAWK" is not a defector but is a very sensitive in-place KGB source with whom we have not had recent contact but who is known to be alive and well. There has been some mention of KITTY HAWK in the press in connection with the current investigation of the fate of Nicholas SHADRIN, an FBI-CIA double agent who disappeared in 1975 while in Vienna for a meeting with the KGB. In spite of the unfortunate publicity, however, KITTY HAWK has apparently been able to survive KGB scrutiny thus far, and we continue to abide by the Director's statutory obligation to protect his identity.

3. We have reviewed our holdings on KITTY HAWK and have found no reference to any "KGB analysis of the Kennedy assassination" or any other information pertinent to the Committee's interest. Discussion of the assassination of

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