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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Stokes and Members  
Select Committee on Assassinations

FROM: G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director

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RE: Suggested Rule for Issuance of Subpoenas

It is suggested that the Committee adopt the following rule for the issuance of subpoenas, as opposed to that which was suggested in the July 28, 1977 memorandum of proposed changes in the adopted rules.

5.2(b) A subpoena may be authorized and issued by the Committee or subcommittee under subparagraph (a)(2) in the conduct of any investigation or series of investigations when

- (1) authorized by a majority of the Members voting, a majority being present, or
- (2) authorized and issued by the Chairman of the Committee, provided that prior to its authorization and issuance, the Chairman have the Clerk send a notice to each member of the Committee or Subcommittee before which the subpoena is returnable of the intent of the Chairman to authorize and issue a subpoena. If two or more members of the Committee or Subcommittee before which the subpoena is returnable object to the issuance of the subpoena, and so notify the Clerk prior to the Chairman's authorization and issuance of the subpoena, the Chairman may not authorize and issue a subpoena pursuant to this subsection.

Authorized subpoenas shall be signed by the Chairman of the Committee or by any Member designated by the Committee.