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Honorable Walter E. Fauntroy
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Fauntroy:

Thank you for your letter of 18 May 1977 relating to the journalists covering the work of the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

I endorse your conviction that a free press is essential to a free and democratic society. In keeping with that, let me reassure you that no U.S. journalist is employed by the Central Intelligence Agency.

You suggest that I should contact the editors of journalists covering your Committee who may have been associated with this Agency in the past. My predecessors have established a policy of not disclosing the names of persons who have cooperated with us. I am enclosing a copy of the Agency statement on the subject. I support that policy and will adhere to it. If any journalists on the list you refer to had had previous relations with this Agency, to notify their editors would be a violation of this policy. I hope you will understand our position on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

STANSFIELD TURNER

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STATEMENT

Over the years, the CIA has had relationships with individuals in many walks of American life. These relationships, many of a voluntary and unpaid nature, have reflected the desire of Americans to help their country. Such relationships have been conducted by the Agency with the clear intent of furthering its foreign intelligence mission and have not been aimed at influencing or improperly acting on any American institution.

Genuine concern has recently been expressed about CIA relations with newsmen and churchmen. The Agency does not believe there has been any impropriety on its part in the limited use made of persons connected in some way with American media, church and missionary organizations. Nonetheless, CIA recognizes the special status afforded these institutions under our Constitution and in order to avoid any appearance of improper use by the Agency, the

DCI has decided on a revised policy to govern Agency relations with these groups:

-- Effective immediately, CIA will not enter into any paid or contractual relationship with any full-time or part-time news correspondent accredited by any U.S. news service, newspaper, periodical, radio or television network or station.

-- As soon as feasible, the Agency will bring existing relationships with individuals in these groups into conformity with this new policy.

-- CIA has no secret paid or contractual relationship with any American clergyman or missionary. This practice will be continued as a matter of policy.

CIA recognizes that members of these groups may wish to provide information to the CIA on matters of foreign intelligence of interest to the U.S. Government. The CIA will continue to welcome information volunteered by such individuals.

It is Agency policy not to divulge the names of cooperating Americans. In this regard CIA will not make public, now or in the future, the names of any cooperating journalists or churchmen.

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Attached for your signature is a response to Delegate Fauntroy's letter of 18 May which raises a question about the past association of journalists currently assigned to cover the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

George L. Cary
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Rob Roy Ratliff

D/ Executive Secretary

20 May 77

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May 18, 1977

The Honorable Stansfield Turner
Admiral, United States Navy
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 10, 1977, in response to my letter of April 25, 1977. It is reassuring to know that you share the view of former CIA Director William Colby that the now discontinued practice of the CIA employing journalists as undercover contacts, compromises the integrity of the free press in America and that you will not allow it in your administration either.

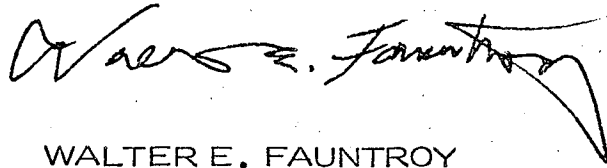
A free press, in my view, is essential to a free and democratic society. The despicable practice in totalitarian countries of employing government controlled journalists is as abhorrent to me as it is to the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Pursuant to your kind offer of complete cooperation, may I ask you to inspect the list containing the names of forty journalists, to which Mr. Colby referred, and, if you find among the names journalists or feature writers who are presently covering the work of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, inform the appropriate editors of your findings. It would be appropriate, it seems to me, for you to encourage those editors to relieve such journalists from their assignments related to the assassination probes. I have no need to know the names of those on the list; I need only to be assured that those who served the CIA during and after the period under investigation by our Committee are not reporting or interpreting the activities of the Committee to the American public today.

I know that you share my concern about the need for objective news reporting, and I look forward to hearing from you regarding this request.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter E. Fauntroy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

WALTER E. FAUNTROY
Member of Congress

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