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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Stokes and Members

FROM: G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director *GB*

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RE: Recommendation that the Committee seek an order from a court conferring immunity on and compelling testimony from Carlos Marcello

Carlos Marcello is currently considered one of the leading Mafia figures in the United States. He was born in 1910 and his current place of residence is in New Orleans. It is reported that he had substantial business interests in Cuba prior to 1960, and was heavily involved in narcotics trafficking. Reportedly, Santos Trafficante was one of the key figures whom he worked with in his narcotics dealings. Mr. Marcello was on the target list of organized crime figures established by Attorney General Kennedy at the Justice Department. Two weeks prior to the Bay of Pigs invasion, he was summarily deported by the Justice Department. This summary deportation was reversed in the courts. His hatred for Robert Kennedy was well known, as was his hatred for President Kennedy.

Mr. Marcello employed David Ferrie. Ferrie was very active in training anti-Castro Cubans at Lake Ponchartrain for a possible raid into Cuba. Ferrie was a leading target of the Garrison investigation in New Orleans. It also has been reported that Mr. Marcello funded several anti-Castro groups.

Given his operations in Cuba, and his hatred of the Kennedys, Mr. Marcello is a figure that should be questioned about the Kennedy assassination.

Furthermore, there are some rumors linking Mr. Marcello with possible involvement with groups or individuals that may have been involved in the King assassination. Should he be called, these rumors may be checked.

It is desired that Mr. Marcello be questioned in early January, and since it will not be possible to get eight Members of the Committee together prior to that time, the immunity should be considered at the current time. Furthermore, since Mr. Marcello is one of the leading organized crime figures in the United States, should the Committee subpoena him, it is anticipated that he would claim the 5th amendment to any questions asked of him. Consequently, if the Committee desires to call Mr. Marcello, an order conferring immunity would be necessary should the Committee desire to receive any substantive testimony.