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Mr. Antonio de la Cova Karas G.P.O. Box 2902 San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936

Dear Mr. de la Cova:

Thank you for your letter of June 22.

There is evidently some misunderstanding in the reports you have heard. I am trying very hard to get the Kennedy-Khruschev papers declassified and made available, and I have been seeking to get Secretary Schultz to come before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and explain the documents.

At the moment the State Department adamantly refuses even to let anyone see the documents on a classified basis, much less declassified. You can be sure once we pry them loose that the news will be widely disseminated.

Thank you for writing.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

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