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SCIENTIST SAYS HIS ANALYSIS SHOWS KENNEDY WAS SHOT FROM THE REAR
NARRAGANSETT, RHODE ISLAND, JAN 2, REUTER - THE HOME MOVIE
OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F KENNEDY REVEALS THAT HE
WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD FROM THE REAR -- NOT FROM THE FRONT -- AS
SEVERAL ASSASSINATION THEORIES CLAIM, A SCIENTIST SAID ON
SATURDAY.

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND CHEMIST KENNETH RAHN SAID HE
ANALYSED THE DRAMATIC FILM BY ABRAHAM ZAPRUDER AND FOUND THAT AT
THE INSTANT KENNEDY WAS HIT -- A MOMENT MARKED BY THE CLOUD OF
BLOOD THAT APPEARS AROUND THE FACE -- THE PRESIDENT'S HEAD
SNAPPED FORWARD 2
INCHES (5.4 CM).

IT IS NOT UNTIL A FRACTION OF A SECOND LATER, AFTER THE
BULLET PASSED THROUGH KENNEDY'S SKULL, THAT THE PRESIDENT BEGAN
TO LURCH BACKWARDS AND TO THE RIGHT, HE SAID.

THAT MOVEMENT HAS CONVINCED MANY PEOPLE THAT THE FATAL SHOT
MUST HAVE COME FROM A GRASSY KNOLL TO KENNEDY'S RIGHT.

BUT RAHN, WHO USUALLY STUDIES THE PATH OF POLLUTION
PARTICLES IN THE ATMOSPHERE, SAID THE LAWS OF PHYSICS MAKE IT
IMPOSSIBLE FOR A BULLET TO MOVE A TARGET AFTER IT HAS FINISHED
PASSING THROUGH.

KENNEDY'S BACKWARD LURCH DOESN'T BEGIN UNTIL ABOUT A 10TH OF
A SECOND AFTER THE BULLET PASSED THROUGH, RAHN SAID, A DELAY
CONSISTENT WITH THE TIME IT WOULD TAKE FOR REFLEXES TO MAKE HIS
BODY JUMP BACK INVOLUNTARILY.

RAHN BECAME INTRIGUED BY THE ASSASSINATION MOVIE AFTER
WATCHING DIRECTOR OLIVER STONE'S CONTROVERSIAL FILM

J.F.K.,:

THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT OLIVER STONE BELIEVES: THAT THE
FATAL SHOT CAME FROM THE FRONT: AND NOW THERE'S NO DOUBT HE
BLEW IT. BIG TIME,: SAID RAHN.

A SPOKESWOMAN SAID THE FILMMAKER WAS TIED UP WITH A NEW
PROJECT AND DECLINED TO COMMENT.

KENNEDY, WAS KILLED IN DALLAS ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963, WAS ALSO
STRUCK IN THE THROAT BEFORE BEING SHOT IN THE HEAD.

ZAHN'S THEORY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE WARREN COMMISSION'S
FINDINGS, WHICH SAID THE SHOT THAT HIT KENNEDY IN THE HEAD CAME
FROM ABOVE AND TO THE REAR. THE COMMISSION CONCLUDED THAT
KENNEDY WAS KILLED BY A LONE GUNMAN, LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

MANY CONSPIRACY THEORIES ASSERT THAT KENNEDY WAS KILLED BY A
SHOT FROM THE FRONT, BUT RAHN SAID THE FORWARD SNAP OF KENNEDY'S
HEAD, SEEN ON FRAMES 312 AND 313 OF THE ZAPRUDER FILM, DESTROYS
MOST OF THESE THEORIES.

RAHN SAID IT IS STILL POSSIBLE THERE WAS MORE THAN ONE
ASSASSIN. BUT IF OTHER ASSASSINS PULLED THE TRIGGER, HE SAID,

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THERE IS NO CONVINCING EVIDENCE THEIR SHOTS MADE ANY DIFFERENCE.

RAHN SAID HIS ANALYSIS REQUIRED LITTLE MORE THAN A BASIC
BACKGROUND IN PHYSICS, A LASERDISK VERSION OF
J.F.K.: -

WHICH PERMITTED THE DETAILED, FRAME-BY-FRAME ANALYSIS OF THE
ZAPRUDER FILM -- AND TRACING PAPER TO COMPARE THE MOTION OF
KENNEDY'S HEAD TO IMMOBILE OBJECTS IN THE SCENE.

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CIA, FBI DIRECTORS BACK RELEASE OF JFK MATERIAL

(EDS: NEW STORY WITH BACKGROUND, DETAIL, QUOTES)

BY ROBERT GREEN

WASHINGTON, MAY 12, REUTER - THE CHIEFS OF THE CIA AND FBI ON TUESDAY URGED THE RELEASE OF STACKS OF CLASSIFIED KENNEDY ASSASSINATION DOCUMENTS TO HELP RESOLVE THE DOUBT, DEBATE AND CONSPIRACY THEORIES THAT SWIRL AROUND MODERN AMERICA'S MOST WRENCHING MURDER.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DIRECTOR ROBERT GATES SAID HE BELIEVES A PUBLIC AIRING OF WHAT INVESTIGATORS KNOW WILL FREE HIS AGENCY OF SUSPICIONS -- REVIVED BY HOLLYWOOD IN THE FILM JFK: -- THAT IT WAS PART OF A CONSPIRACY TO KILL PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY IN DALLAS ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963. WE ARE HOPING THAT OPENING UP AND GIVING JOURNALISTS, HISTORIANS AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT FILES WILL HELP TO RESOLVE QUESTIONS THAT STILL LINGER OVER 26 YEARS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION, :: GATES SAID IN TESTIMONY AT A SENATE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HEARING. FURTHER, I BELIEVE THAT MAXIMUM DISCLOSURE WILL DISCREDIT THE THEORY THAT CIA HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE MURDER OF JOHN F. KENNEDY.::

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DIRECTOR WILLIAM SESSIONS ALSO SUPPORTED THE PROPOSED RELEASE OF CLASSIFIED KENNEDY FILES, SAYING, I WHOLLY ENDORSE THE PURPOSE OF THIS BILL TO RELEASE AS MUCH INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE ASSASSINATION AS WE RESPONSIBLY CAN.::

THE SENATE COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING LEGISLATION TO RELEASE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOCUMENTS ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION THAT HAVE BEEN KEPT SECRET SINCE THE OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION CHAIRED BY SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN.

THE WARREN COMMISSION FOUND THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD ACTED ALONE IN SHOOTING KENNEDY FROM THE DALLAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY -- A CONCLUSION QUESTIONED FOR DECADES BY MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ATTRACTED BY CONSPIRACY THEORIES THAT CAST SUSPICION ON GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, THE MAFIA, A VARIETY OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND OTHERS.

THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WOULD CREATE A FIVE-MEMBER INDEPENDENT PANEL TO DECIDE WHAT KENNEDY INVESTIGATIVE MATERIAL SHOULD BE MADE PUBLIC.

DEMOCRATIC SENATOR DAVID BOREN, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE AND A CO-SPONSOR OF THE LEGISLATION, TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD CHECKED WITH THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND RECEIVED ITS APPROVAL FOR THE BILL.

DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID LEITCH SAID THE
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EXECUTIVE BRANCH WAS CONSIDERING ISSUING AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO RELEASE MANY OF THE DOCUMENTS COVERED BY THE BILL. THERE IS AN EFFORT UNDER WAY TO SEE IF THAT WOULD WORK,:: LEITCH SAID, ADDING THE PROPOSAL WAS IN THE DRAFTING STAGE AND HE DID NOT KNOW HOW IT WOULD COMPARE WITH THE PROPOSED BILL.

EFFORTS TO WIN RELEASE OF THE DOCUMENTS, MOST OF WHICH ARE BEING HELD UNTIL THE YEAR 2029, HAVE BEEN SPARKED BY THE MOVIE JFK,:: WHICH SUGGESTED THAT THE CIA AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES CONSPIRED TO MURDER KENNEDY AND COVER UP THEIR INVOLVEMENT. THE FILM HAS BEEN CRITICISED FOR MIXING FICTION AND FACT.

GATES SAID THE CIA HAD 300,000 PAGES OF MATERIAL RELATING TO THE ASSASSINATION AND WAS REVIEWING IT TO PREPARE IT FOR RELEASE.

SESSIONS SAID THE FBI HAD MADE PUBLIC 224,000 OF THE 499,000 PAGES OF DOCUMENTS IT HAD ON THE ASSASSINATION. I FULLY SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE THE NOTION THAT IT IS TIME TO RE-EXAMINE WHAT REMAINS UNDISCLOSED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE GOVERNMENTAL INTERESTS IN PROTECTING THESE DOCUMENTS REMAINS,:: SESSIONS SAID IN HIS STATEMENT.

THE BILL'S AUTHORS INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVE LOUIS STOKES, WHO CHAIRED A HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE ASSASSINATION IN 1977 THAT CONCLUDED IT WAS LIKELY THAT THERE WAS A SECOND GUNMAN.

STOKES HAS SAID TRANSCRIPTS OF FBI EAVESDROPPING ON MOBSTERS MIGHT ADD MORE INFORMATION ON WHETHER ORGANISED CRIME MEMBERS WERE INVOLVED IN A CONSPIRACY.

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CIA RELEASES OSWALD FILE

BY JIM WOLF

WASHINGTON, MAY 13, REUTER - THE CIA ON WEDNESDAY RELEASED SECRET DOCUMENTS ON THE ASSASSINATION OF U.S. PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY WHICH IT HOPES WILL CLEAR IT OF SUSPICIONS OF COMPLICITY BUT RESEARCHERS SAID THE NEW MATERIAL LEFT ALL THE CONSPIRACY QUESTIONS UNANSWERED.

THE 34 DOCUMENTS RELEASED BY THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WERE THE FIRST OF WHAT COULD SOON BECOME A VAST FLOW OF INFORMATION RELATED TO THE 1963 ASSASSINATION TO BE MADE PUBLIC IN COMING MONTHS.

PETER EARNEST, A CIA SPOKESMAN, SAID THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MATERIAL WAS THAT IT SHOWED THE TOTALITY OF WHAT IS CONTAINED IN AGENCY RECORDS UP TO THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION. SO I THINK THIS SHOULD PUT TO REST A LOT OF THE SPECULATION ABOUT THE AGENCY'S KNOWLEDGE OR INVOLVEMENT WITH OSWALD PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION, HE SAID.

BUT HAROLD WEISBERG, AN AUTHOR OF SIX BOOKS ON THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, SAID: THE MOUNTAIN OF LABOUR PRODUCED A MOUSE.:

WEISBERG, WHO SAID HE HAS FILED MORE THAN A DOZEN LAWSUITS SEEKING ASSASSINATION-RELATED MATERIAL, WONDERED WHY THE WARREN COMMISSION, WHICH INVESTIGATED THE KILLING, HAD NOT RECEIVED THE MATERIAL RELEASED ON WEDNESDAY.

THE PRESIDENTIALLY APPOINTED COMMISSION, HEADED BY SUPREME COURT JUSTICE EARL WARREN, CONCLUDED THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD ACTED ALONE IN THE ASSASSINATION. THE DEFUNCT HOUSE ASSASSINATIONS COMMITTEE SAID IN A 1979 REPORT THAT EVIDENCE POINTED TO A SECOND GUNMAN.

EARNEST, THE CIA SPOKESMAN, DECLINED TO COMMENT ON WHICH DOCUMENTS HAD GONE TO WHICH ASSASSINATION REVIEW COMMISSION.

ON TUESDAY CIA DIRECTOR ROBERT GATES ANNOUNCED THE VOLUNTARY RELEASE OF WHAT HE SAID WERE ALL CIA FILES ON OSWALD COMPILED BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION. THE PACKET, MADE PUBLIC AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, CONTAINED 34 SANITISED DOCUMENTS, 12 OF WHICH ORIGINATED WITH THE CIA.

GATES SAID A PUBLIC AIRING OF WHAT INVESTIGATORS KNOW SHOULD FREE HIS AGENCY OF SUSPICIONS -- REVIVED BY HOLLYWOOD IN THE FILM

JFK: -- THAT IT WAS PART OF A CONSPIRACY TO KILL KENNEDY IN DALLAS.

DOCUMENTS RELEASED ON WEDNESDAY SHOWED THAT U.S. AGENTS TRACKED OSWALD BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION, BUT THE CIA COULD NOT SECRET DOCUMENTS ON THE ASSASSINATION OF U

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IMMEDIATELY PUT ITS HANDS ON A RECENT PICTURE OF HIM.

A CIA MEMO DATED OCTOBER 23, 1963, ASKED THE U.S. NAVY TO SEND TWO COPIES OF ITS MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF OSWALD. WE WILL FORWARD THEM TO OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN MEXICO, WHO WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF THE LEE OSWALD IN MEXICO CITY AND SUBJECT ARE THE SAME INDIVIDUAL, :: THE MEMO SAID.

THE PICTURE REQUEST GREW OUT OF AN OCTOBER 1, 1963, VISIT TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY. ONE OF THE CIA DOCUMENTS DESCRIBES A PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS AS LEE OSWALD :: AS BEING SIX FEET (1.6 METRES) TALL WITH AN ATHLETIC BUILD, NOT A DESCRIPTION THAT MATCHED OSWALD'S SHORTER, SLENDER PHYSIQUE.

THE QUESTION OF WHETHER SOMEONE POSED AS OSWALD IN A CONTACT WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION REMAINS A MATTER OF KEEN INTEREST TO RESEARCHERS.

THE MATERIAL IN THE FILE RELATES TO THE PERIOD WHEN OSWALD, A FORMER MARINE CORPS RADAR TECHNICIAN FAMILIAR WITH U-2 SPY FLIGHTS, DEFECTED TO THE SOVIET UNION IN 1959, REDEFECTED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1962 AND TRAVELLED TO MEXICO A FEW MONTHS BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES SAID ONLY FIVE OF THESE DOCUMENTS APPEARED TO BE ADDITIONS TO THOSE ALREADY IN THE OPEN FILES OF THE WARREN COMMISSION.

EIGHTEEN DOCUMENTS ORIGINATED IN THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, STATE DEPARTMENT OR THE OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE. THE FOUR OTHERS ARE PRESS CLIPPINGS.

MARY FERRELL, A DALLAS-BASED RESEARCHER WHO HAS INDEXED THOUSANDS OF GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ON THE ASSASSINATION, DISMISSED THE LATEST RELEASE AS INSIGNIFICANT. I THINK THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO SHUT US UP AND KEEP US BUSY DECIDING WHAT THEY HAVEN'T DONE, :: SHE SAID BY TELEPHONE.

THE CIA'S FILES ON THE ASSASSINATION CONTAIN 250,000 TO 300,000 PAGES, INCLUDING 33,000 ON OSWALD -- MOST OF THEM RECEIVED FROM OTHER AGENCIES AND COMPILED AFTER THE KILLING.

CONGRESS IS CONSIDERING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CREATE A FIVE-MAN PANEL TO DECIDE WHICH FILES SHOULD BE MADE PUBLIC.

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GATES DETERMINED TO CLEAR CIA IN JFK ASSASSINATION
BY ROBERT GREEN

WASHINGTON, MAY 15, REUTER - U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY DIRECTOR ROBERT GATES SAID ON FRIDAY THAT RELEASING
DOCUMENTS ON LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS THE FIRST STEP IN HIS EFFORTS
TO CLEAR THE AGENCY OF SUSPICION IN PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S
ASSASSINATION.

HE ALSO CRITICISED THE MOVIE
JFK: AND ITS DIRECTOR OLIVER
STONE FOR RAISING THE SUSPICIONS.

THE CIA ON WEDNESDAY MADE PUBLIC 124 PAGES OF DOCUMENTS FROM
ITS FILE ON OSWALD'S ACTIVITIES BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY IN DALLAS, TEXAS, BUT THEY CONTAINED
LITTLE NEW INFORMATION.

OSWALD WAS NAMED BY A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION IN 1964 AS THE
SOLE ASSASSIN.
THERE HAS BEEN SOME COMMENT ON THIS PRE-ASSASSINATION
OSWALD FILE AND HOW LITTLE IT CONTAINED. I WANT TO RE-EMPHASISE
THAT THIS PRE-ASSASSINATION MATERIAL IS BUT THE FIRST INSTALMENT
OF ALL THE MATERIAL THAT WE WILL REVIEW -- AN EXAMPLE OF OUR
INTENTIONS,:: GATES SAID AT A HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HEARING.

GATES SAID THE CIA HAD SOME 300,000 PAGES OF DOCUMENTS ON
THE ASSASSINATION, INCLUDING 33,000 PAGES ON OSWALD. HE HAS
PROMISED TO MAKE PUBLIC AS MUCH OF THE INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE
AFTER IT IS REVIEWED FOR SECURITY AND PRIVACY CONSIDERATIONS.
I BELIEVE THAT MAXIMUM DISCLOSURE WILL DISCREDIT THE
THEORY THAT CIA HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE MURDER OF PRESIDENT
KENNEDY,:: HE TOLD THE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING LEGISLATION PROMPTED BY
JFK::

TO MAKE PUBLIC FILES FROM THE CIA, FBI AND OTHER GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES ON THE MURDER.
FRANKLY, I FIND THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE MOVIE ARE OFFENSIVE
TO THE AGENCY AND TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, TO A NUMBER OF
PEOPLE WHO WERE IN THE GOVERNMENT AT THE TIME,:: GATES SAID. HE
SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN THE MOVIE.

HE CALLED STONE
A SELF-STYLED EXPERT:: ON THE MURDER AND
SAID HE DID NOT THINK MEETING STONE TO DISCUSS THE ASSASSINATION
INVESTIGATION WOULD SERVE ANY PURPOSE.

GATES SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR MANY AMERICANS TO ACCEPT
THAT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION COULD BE CARRIED OUT BY ONE MAN
BECAUSE THE PUBLIC IMPACT OF THE MURDER WAS SO GREAT.

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REUTER WORLD NEWS HIGHLIGHTS AT 1800 GMT FRIDAY MAY 15

BAKU, AZERBAIJAN - THOUSANDS OF NATIONALISTS SEIZED AZERBAIJAN'S PARLIAMENT AFTER A FIERCE GUNBATTLE AND DECLARED THE OPPOSITION POPULAR FRONT IN CONTROL OF THE FORMER SOVIET REPUBLIC. A CROWD OF SOME 30,000 JAMMED INTO THE SQUARE OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT, CHEERING AND SHOUTING TO CELEBRATE WHAT THEY SAID WAS VICTORY OVER PRESIDENT AYAZ MUTALIBOV. THE FRONT ALSO TOOK CONTROL OF AZERBAIJAN'S TELEVISION AND ONE OF ITS LEADERS WENT ON THE AIR TO DECLARE VICTORY.

LONDON - BANK CREDITORS OF THE BRITISH SIDE OF PROPERTY GIANT OLYMPIA AND YORK DECIDED NOT TO FORCE IT AT THIS STAGE TO ACCEPT COURT ADMINISTRATION AS THE PRICE FOR ITS SURVIVAL, A BANK OFFICIAL SAID.

SARAJEVO - MOSLEM, CROAT AND SERB LEADERS AGREED TO AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE AND FRESH PEACE TALKS TO HALT FIGHTING IN BOSNIA, A UNITED NATIONS SPOKESMAN SAID. IN THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SECURITY COUNCIL PREPARED TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION URGING SECRETARY-GENERAL BOUTROS BOUTROS-GHALI TO RESUME HIS PEACE EFFORTS IN BOSNIA DESPITE HIS WARNING THAT CURRENT U.N. OPERATIONS MAY FALL APART.

TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN - SIX FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS SIGNED A DEFENCE PACT BUT THE COMMONWEALTH'S SECOND LARGEST MEMBER, UKRAINE, WAS AMONG FIVE OTHERS THAT REFUSED TO JOIN.

JOHANNESBURG - THE FIRST DAY OF A FALTERING SESSION OF SOUTH AFRICAN DEMOCRACY TALKS ADJOURNED WITHOUT HEARING EXPECTED SPEECHES FROM PRESIDENT F.W. DE KLERK AND AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) LEADER NELSON MANDELA.

OTTAWA - AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIDDLE EAST REFUGEES ENTERED ITS FINAL SESSION WITH THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA OPPOSING DEMANDS TO ISSUE A FINAL COMMUNIQUE REAFFIRMING THE PALESTINIAN RIGHT OF RETURN.::

KABUL - A RIFT HAS OPENED AMONG AFGHANISTAN'S NEW LEADERS OVER THE FATE OF FORMER PRESIDENT NAJIBULLAH, ENJOYING SANCTUARY IN U.N. OFFICES IN KABUL A MONTH AFTER GUERRILLA ARMIES DROVE HIM FROM POWER.

LOS ANGELES - A JUDGE ORDERED A NEW TRIAL FOR ONE OF THE FOUR WHITE POLICEMEN ACQUITTED IN THE VIDEOTAPED BEATING OF

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BLACK MOTORIST RODNEY KING, A VERDICT THAT TOUCHED OFF THE WORST
U.S. RIOTS THIS CENTURY.

WASHINGTON - U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DIRECTOR
ROBERT GATES SAID THAT RELEASING DOCUMENTS ON LEE HARVEY OSWALD
WAS THE FIRST STEP IN HIS EFFORTS TO CLEAR THE AGENCY OF
SUSPICION IN PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.

NUSA DUA, INDONESIA - IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ALI AKBAR
VELAYATI URGED THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT TO BACK LIBYA AGAINST
U.S. PRESSURE TO SURRENDER TWO SUSPECTS IN THE LOCKERBIE
AIRLINER BONEING.

SRINAGAR - INDIAN SECURITY FORCES CAPTURED ONE OF THE TOP
MILITANTS FIGHTING NEW DELHI'S RULE OF HIMALAYAN KASHMIR,
PROMPTING A DAY OF MILITANT ATTACKS IN WHICH AT LEAST SEVEN
PEOPLE WERE KILLED.

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AMA STUDY SUPPORTS WARREN COMMISSION FINDING ON JFK

NEW YORK, MAY 19, REUTER - A STUDY BY THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (AMA) RELEASED ON TUESDAY SAID PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY WAS KILLED BY A LONE ASSASSIN AND WAS HIT BY ONLY TWO BULLETS THAT ENTERED HIS HEAD FROM BEHIND.

THE STUDY COMPLETELY SUPPORTED THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY THE OFFICIAL WARREN COMMISSION, WHICH PROCEEDED THE NOVEMBER 22, 1963, ASSASSINATION.

DR GEORGE LUNDBERG, EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, SAID THE AMA BASED ITS CONCLUSIONS ON EXTENSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH THE PATHOLOGIST WHO EXAMINED KENNEDY'S BODY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION AND WHO HAS KEPT SILENT UNTIL NOW.

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AMA STUDY SUPPORTS WARREN COMMISSION FINDINGS ON JFK KILLING
(EDS: ADDS BACKGROUND, QUOTES, REACTION FROM CONSPIRACY
SUPPORTER)

BY ARTHUR SPIEGELMAN

NEW YORK, MAY 19, REUTER - TWO DOCTORS WHO PERFORMED THE
AUTOPSY ON JOHN F. KENNEDY BROKE A 29-YEAR SILENCE ON TUESDAY TO
SAY THE U.S. PRESIDENT WAS KILLED BY TWO BULLETS FIRED FROM
ABOVE AND BEHIND BY A LONE GUNMAN USING A HIGH-POWERED RIFLE.

IN DETAILED COMMENTS RELEASED BY THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, PATHOLOGISTS JAMES HUNES AND J. THORNTON
BOSWELL SPOKE OUT IN HOPES OF ENDING A NATIONAL DEBATE, FUELLED
BY THE FILM
JFK, :: THAT MAINTAINS KENNEDY WAS KILLED IN A
CONSPIRACY.

THE DOCTORS ENDORSED THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE OFFICIAL WARREN
COMMISSION PROBE INTO THE ASSASSINATION. THEY SAID ALL EVIDENCE
SHOWED KENNEDY WAS HIT BY TWO BULLETS IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD
FIRED BY A LONE GUNMAN USING A RIFLE.

THE JOURNAL PRESENTED THEIR CONCLUSIONS AT A NEWS CONFERENCE
WHICH WAS NOT ATTENDED BY EITHER DOCTOR. THEIR FINDINGS WERE
IMMEDIATELY CHALLENGED BY A LEADING SUPPORTER OF THE THEORY THAT
KENNEDY WAS MURDERED IN A CONSPIRACY.

THE JOURNAL'S EDITOR, DR GEORGE LUNDBERG, LASHED OUT AT
CONSPIRACY PROPONENTS WHO HE SAID WERE TRYING TO WIN PUBLICITY
AND PROFIT FROM A PRESIDENT'S DEATH.
THE BEST EXPLANATIONS FOR THE MOTIVATION OF THE MYRIAD
CONSPIRACY THEORISTS ARE PARANOCIA, DESIRE FOR PERSONAL
RECOGNITION AND PUBLIC VISIBILITY AND PROFIT, :: HE TOLD THE NEWS
CONFERENCE.

THE WARREN COMMISSION FOUND THAT KENNEDY WAS KILLED BY
GUNMAN LEE HARVEY OSWALD WHO FIRED AT HIM FROM THE WINDOW OF A
BUILDING OVERLOOKING THE ROUTE OF HIS MOTORCADE THROUGH DALLAS
ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963.

LUNDBERG SAID THE AUTOPSY COULD NOT STATE WHO FIRED THE
RIFLE, WHETHER THERE WERE SHOTS THAT MISSED OR WHETHER OSWALD
WORKED WITH ORGANISED CRIME OR WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY, ALL CHARGES MADE BY CONSPIRACY THEORISTS.

ALMOST THREE DECADES LATER, MOST AMERICANS SAY THAT THEY DO
NOT BELIEVE THE WARREN COMMISSION OR THAT OSWALD ACTED ALONE.

THE TWO DOCTORS SAID THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF A THIRD BULLET
STRIKING THE PRESIDENT OR OF ONE BEING FIRED FROM A DIRECTION
OTHER THAN ABOVE AND BEHIND KENNEDY.

THEY ALSO DENIED THAT THEIR ORIGINAL WORK WAS TAMPERED WITH
BY HIGHER-UPS, THAT THEY WERE PRESSURED TO REACH THE CONCLUSIONS
THEY DID, OR THAT THE BODY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT HAD BEEN

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ALTERED AT THE AUTOPSY. ALL THOSE CHARGES WERE MADE BY PEOPLE CLAIMING THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS KILLED IN A CONSPIRACY.

THEY SAID THAT THEY EXAMINED THE BODY AFTER IT WAS TAKEN FROM A COFFIN AND THEY TOOK EXTENSIVE PHOTOGRAPHS OF IT. HUKES SAID HE DESTROYED HIS ORIGINAL NOTES BECAUSE THE PAGES WERE STAINED WITH BLOOD BUT HE MADE A COMPLETE COPY WHICH IS IN THE RECORD.

THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IS PUBLISHING AN 11,000-WORD INTERVIEW WITH THE DOCTORS IN ITS LATEST ISSUE.

A LEADING SUPPORTER OF A CONSPIRACY THEORY, HARRISON EDWARD LIVINGSTONE, AUTHOR OF HIGH TREASON 2, IS ENGAGED IN A SPIRITED DEBATE WITH LUNDBERG OVER THE CONCLUSIONS.

LIVINGSTONE SAID, EVERYTHING IS THIS PRESENTATION IS COOKED. IT'S A LIE. JOHN KENNEDY WAS OVERTHROWN. HE WAS MURDERED IN A CONSPIRACY.:::

LUNDBERG SAID THAT HE AND AN ASSOCIATE INTERVIEWED HUKES AND BOSWELL, WHO PERFORMED THE FOUR-HOUR AUTOPSY ON THE PRESIDENT AFTER HIS BODY WAS FLOWN TO BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL OUTSIDE WASHINGTON.

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OSWALD:S EX-WIFE CALLS FOR FULL OPENING OF KENNEDY FILES
WASHINGTON, MAY 20, REUTER - THE FORMER WIFE OF LEE HARVEY
OSWALD ON WEDNESDAY URGED A FULL REVIEW OF ALL THE SECRET FILES
ON THE JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION SO AMERICANS CAN FINALLY
PUT THE CONTROVERSY TO REST AND LIVE IN PEACE.
IF THE FILES ARE OPENED, THEN EVERYBODY CAN DECIDE FOR
THEMSELVES,:: SAID MARINA PORTER, WHOSE FORMER HUSBAND WAS
ACCUSED OF MURDERING THE U.S. PRESIDENT THREE DECADES AGO.
I:M VERY TIRED OF BEING TOSSED AROUND.::

PORTER, CLEARLY SHAKEN BY THE MEDIA ATTENTION AND FLUSTERED
BY THE WALL OF CAMERAS, SPOKE OUTSIDE THE CAPITOL, WHERE SHE
THREW HER WEIGHT BEHIND LAWMAKERS: EFFORTS TO MAKE PUBLIC ALL
THE FILES ABOUT THE 1963 ASSASSINATION.

OPEN ALL THE DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN SEALED AND NOT
RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC,:: SHE TOLD REPORTERS.

PLEASE PASS THIS

BILL THROUGH SO WE CAN REST.::

GOOD OR BAD -- WE ALL NEED TO KNOW.::

THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) LAST WEEK MADE
PUBLIC 124 PAGES OF DOCUMENTS FROM ITS FILE ON OSWALD:S
ACTIVITIES BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 22, 1963, ASSASSINATION IN
DALLAS, TEXAS.

THEY CONTAINED LITTLE NEW INFORMATION.

CIA DIRECTOR ROBERT GATES SAID THE CIA HAD SOME 300,000
PAGES ON THE ASSASSINATION, INCLUDING 33,000 PAGES ON OSWALD. HE
HAS PROMISED TO REVEAL AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE AFTER IT
IS REVIEWED FOR SECURITY AND PRIVACY CONSIDERATIONS.

LAWMAKERS ARE MEANWHILE CONSIDERING LEGISLATION -- PROMPTED
IN PART BY THE CONTROVERSIAL FILM

JFK: -- TO MAKE THE FILES
PUBLIC AND PUT THE CONSPIRACY THEORY TO REST.

OLIVER STONE:S MOVIE ADDED GRIST TO THE MILL OF THEORISTS
WHO SAY OSWALD DID NOT KILL THE PRESIDENT ALONE, ALTHOUGH HE WAS
NAMED BY A COMMISSION IN 1964 AS THE SOLE ASSASSIN.

AFTER PERSISTENT RUMOURS THAT OSWALD WORKED WITH ORGANISED
CRIME OR THE CIA, MOST AMERICANS SAY THEY NO LONGER BELIEVE :THE
LONE GUNMAN: ACTED ALONE.

THE CONTROVERSY CAME BACK TO LIFE ON TUESDAY WHEN TWO
DOCTORS WHO PERFORMED THE AUTOPSY ON KENNEDY BROKE A 29-YEAR
SILENCE AND SAID THE PRESIDENT WAS INDEED KILLED BY ONE GUN.

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BC-USA-JFK (GENERAL FEATURE)

JFK LEGACY STRONGER THAN EVER ON 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH
BY JOHN ABELL

BOSTON, MAY 26, REUTER - JOHN F. KENNEDY, WHOSE STORYBOOK
CAMELOT: PRESIDENCY ENDED IN NOVEMBER 1963 WITH SHOTS HEARD
ROUND THE WORLD, REMAINS FROZEN IN TIME IN THE MINDS OF
AMERICANS AS A CHARISMATIC 46-YEAR-OLD.

WOULD KENNEDY, WHO WOULD HAVE TURNED 75 ON FRIDAY, HAVE BEEN
VIEWED AS A RESPECTED ELDER STATESMAN HAD HE LIVED -- OR AS A
WELL-MEANING PLAYBOY WHO NUDGED THE UNITED STATES INTO THE
NATION'S MOST UNPOPULAR AND POINTLESS WAR IN VIETNAM?

THE ANSWER WILL NEVER BE KNOWN, BUT IN DEATH THE KENNEDY
LEGACY STILL CAPTIVATES AMERICANS -- PERHAPS BECAUSE HE DIED
YOUNG, OR BECAUSE HIS FIRE BURNED SO BRIGHT, OR BECAUSE IT IS
CONSIDERED POLITE TO DWELL ON THE SINS ONLY OF LIVING HEROES.

ALTHOUGH THE WORLD MAY HAVE BECOME INURED TO POLITICAL
ASSASSINATIONS SINCE 1963 -- KENNEDY'S WAS FOLLOWED BY THOSE OF
HIS BROTHER ROBERT, CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER MARTIN LUTHER KING, TWO
INDIAN PRIME MINISTERS NAMED GANDHI AND MANY OTHERS -- HE WAS
ONLY THE FOURTH U.S. PRESIDENT KILLED IN OFFICE AND THE FIRST IN
MORE THAN 60 YEARS.

THE ELDEST SURVIVING CHILD OF WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS
AMERICA'S ROYAL FAMILY, WHOSE SELF-MADE MILLIONAIRE PATRIARCH
WAS DETERMINED TO PUT A SON IN THE WHITE HOUSE, KENNEDY WAS
STEEPED FROM AN EARLY AGE IN THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

ALWAYS AT EASE IN THE PUBLIC EYE, KENNEDY LEAVENED HIS
ENGAGING ORATORY WITH AN EASY WIT THAT DISARMED OPPONENTS AND
SEEMED TO PUT HIM WITHIN REACH OF THE COMMON PERSON.

HE JOKED ON AN OVERSEAS TRIP THAT HE WAS THE GUY WITH
JACQUELINE, HIS STUNNING AND POPULAR WIFE, AND AS A YALE
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER HE BOASTED THAT HE NOW ENJOYED
THE BEST

OF BOTH WORLDS -- A HARVARD EDUCATION AND A YALE DEGREE.::

KENNEDY'S MURDER IN DALLAS ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963 DREW
AMERICANS TOGETHER AS NEVER BEFORE IN PEACETIME. THE COUNTRY
SEEMED TO LOSE ITS INNOCENCE OVERNIGHT AS IT CONFRONTED THE
HORRIFYING REALITIES THAT MUCH OF THE WORLD ROUTINELY ENDURED.

THE KILLING ALSO BEGAN WHAT WOULD BE A BLOODY AND DIVISIVE
PERIOD THAT SAW THE MURDERS OF ROBERT KENNEDY AND KING, VIOLENT
PROTESTS AGAINST THE ESCALATING WAR IN VIETNAM AND THE
RESIGNATION IN DISGRACE OF PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON AFTER THE
WATERGATE SCANDAL.

NOW AMERICANS HAVE LARGELY COME TO TERMS WITH VIETNAM,
RECALL THE OTHER ASSASSINATIONS ONLY OCCASIONALLY AND HAVE SEEN
NIXON RESURRECTED AS A RESPECTED ELDER STATESMAN.

BUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF KENNEDY'S MURDER REMAIN AN

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UNSETTLING AND SEEKINGLY UNSETTLABLE OBSESSION.

THE CONTROVERSY WAS REFUELLED LAST YEAR WHEN OLIVER STONE'S FILM

JFK:: ASSERTED WHAT MANY AMERICANS MAY BELIEVE BUT CANNOT PROVE -- THAT KENNEDY WAS KILLED IN A FRIGHTENING CONSPIRACY REACHING TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

JFK:: DREW UNPRECEDENTED CRITICISM EVEN BEFORE ITS RELEASE -- NOT IN MOVIE REVIEWS BUT ON OP-ED PAGES WHERE KENNEDY'S COLLEAGUES AND CONTEMPORARIES CONDEMNED IT AS A SKILFUL FICTION STRUNG TOGETHER WITH TRUTHS, HALF-TRUTHS AND UNTRUTHS.

BUT IT INTENSIFIED INTEREST IN HOW AND WHY KENNEDY WAS KILLED AS A GENERATION BORN LONG AFTER HIS DEATH SOUGHT NEW ANSWERS TO THE OLD QUESTIONS.

JFK'S ONLY SURVIVING BROTHER, SENATOR TED KENNEDY, SAID FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING THE FILM'S RELEASE THAT VOLUMINOUS U.S. FILES ON THE MURDER INVESTIGATION, MEANT TO BE SEALED UNTIL WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY, SHOULD BE MADE PUBLIC.

BUT HE ALSO SAID HE BELIEVED FULL DISCLOSURE WOULD DO NOTHING TO CONTRADICT THE OFFICIAL WARREN COMMISSION CONCLUSION THAT A SINGLE ASSASSIN, MOST LIKELY LEE HARVEY OSWALD, KILLED THE PRESIDENT.

AS CALLS FOR RELEASE OF THE FILES GROW, THOSE WHO HAVE MADE A LIFE'S WORK OF PERPETUATING CONSPIRACY THEORIES MAY SOON HAVE A CHANCE TO COMB THEM FOR A SMOKING GUN.

KENNEDY, THE NATION'S FIRST AND ONLY ROMAN CATHOLIC PRESIDENT, WAS ELECTED BY ONE OF THE SLINNEST MARGINS IN U.S. HISTORY, DEFEATING THEN VICE-PRESIDENT NIXON.

ALTHOUGH KENNEDY'S POPULARITY RATINGS SUFFERED DURING HIS THREE-YEAR TENURE, HE BREATHED NEW LIFE INTO THE OFFICE AS THE FIRST PRESIDENT BORN IN THIS CENTURY AND A MAN OF GREAT PERSONAL CHARM WITH AN ATTRACTIVE WIFE AND YOUNG FAMILY.

HE DREAMED OF SENDING MEN TO THE MOON AND BRINGING THEM HOME SAFELY BY THE END OF THE DECADE BUT DID NOT LIVE TO SEE HIS VISION REALISED, ON SCHEDULE, IN 1969.

HE CHALLENGED PEOPLE TO ASK NOT WHAT THEIR COUNTRY COULD DO FOR THEM BUT WHAT THEY COULD DO FOR THEIR COUNTRY, A GENERATION BEFORE GEORGE BUSH CALLED FOR A THOUSAND POINTS OF LIGHT.

HE BOTCHED AN ILL-ADVISED ATTEMPT TO TOPPLE CUBA'S FIDEL CASTRO BUT STARED DOWN SOVIET LEADER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV IN THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS AND INSPIRED THE WEST TO STAND AGAINST COMMUNISM BY DECLARING, IN THE SHADOW OF THE IRON CURTAIN NEAR THE NEWLY BUILT BERLIN WALL, ICH BIN EIN BERLINER.::

FOR THE KENNEDYS, THE MURDER IS NOT A HISTORICAL EVENT BUT THE TRAGIC LOSS OF A HUSBAND, FATHER, BROTHER AND UNCLE. THEY MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH, NEVER HIS DEATH.

EACH YEAR IN MAY KENNEDY FAMILY MEMBERS AWARD A JOHN F.

KENNEDY PROFILE IN COURAGE:: PRIZE -- NAMED FOR HIS PULITZER-PRIZE WINNING BOOK -- TO A PUBLIC FIGURE WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED

AN EXEMPLARY ACT OF POLITICAL COURAGE.::

THEY ALSO REMEMBER HIM AT A FORUM AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY

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SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AT HARVARD, WHERE OLD FRIENDS REMINISCE.

THIS YEAR RICHARD GOODWIN, A FORMER KENNEDY SPEECHWRITER, AND OTHERS WILL DISCUSS KENNEDY'S COMMITMENT TO THE ARTS IN A PUBLIC SEMINAR MODERATED BY HIS SON, JOHN JUNIOR, WHO WAS JUST SHY OF HIS THIRD BIRTHDAY WHEN HIS FATHER WAS KILLED.

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JFK AUTOPSY REPORT FALSE, MEDICAL TECHNICIANS SAY

BY JEANNE KING

NEW YORK, MAY 28, REUTER - TWO U.S. NAVY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS WHO WITNESSED THE AUTOPSY OF PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY SAID ON THURSDAY THAT AUTOPSY PHOTOGRAPHS AND X-RAYS RECENTLY RELEASED BY THE GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN TAMPERED WITH AND FALSIFIED. *

JERROL CUSTER WHO TOOK X-RAYS OF KENNEDY'S BODY AT BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL IN MARYLAND AFTER HIS ASSASSINATION ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963, TOLD A MANHATTAN NEWS CONFERENCE THAT THE X-RAYS ARE WRONG.:: *

HE SAID THE RELEASED X-RAYS SHOWED A BLACK HOLE WHERE THE RIGHT SIDE OF KENNEDY'S FACE SHOULD BE, INDICATING THAT A PORTION OF THE FACE HAD BEEN DESTROYED. *

BUT HE SAID, THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO HIS FACE AND NO PART OF HIS SKULL WAS MISSING ON THE FORWARD PART OF HIS HEAD. THESE ARE FAKE X-RAYS.::

PHOTOGRAPHER FLOYD RIEBE, WHO TOOK PICTURES OF THE BODY DURING THE AUTOPSY, CLAIMS THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHS RELEASED BY THE GOVERNMENT ARE PHONY AND NOT THE PHOTOGRAPHS WE TOOK.::

AFTER THE AUTOPSY WAS COMPLETED, CUSTER SAID HE WAS SENT TO AN ADMIRAL'S OFFICE AT BETHESDA WHERE HE WAS WARNED TO KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT. NOTHING WAS TO BE SAID OF WHAT I SAW, WHAT I DID AND THAT IF I WERE TO OPEN MY MOUTH, I WOULD WIND UP IN PRISON.::

THE NEWS CONFERENCE WAS CALLED TO REBUT ARTICLES PUBLISHED LAST WEEK IN THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (JAMA) BY TWO NAVY PATHOLOGISTS WHO PERFORMED THE AUTOPSY ON KENNEDY AND WHO SUPPORT THE OFFICIAL WARREN COMMISSION FINDINGS THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS SHOT TWICE FROM BEHIND BY A LONE ASSASSIN, LEE HARVEY OSWALD. *

ATTENTION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ANEW ON THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION IN RECENT MONTHS BECAUSE OF THE FILM JFK,:: WHICH SUGGESTS THE FACTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH WERE NEVERY FULLY REVEALED. *

IN LOS ANGELES A GRAND JURY HAS REFUSED TO PROBE ALLEGATIONS OF A COVERUP BY LOS ANGELES POLICE IN THE 1968 ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S BROTHER, SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, A CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE WHO ASKED FOR THE INVESTIGATION SAID THURSDAY. *

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U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES RELEASE OF JFK FILES

WASHINGTON, JUNE 25, REUTER - A U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY VOTED TO MAKE PUBLIC SECRET GOVERNMENT FILES ON THE 1963 ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY THAT WERE NOT SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE UNTIL THE NEXT CENTURY.

THE BILL FROM THE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CALLS FOR RELEASING FILES FROM THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ON THE 1963 ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS. A FIVE MEMBER PANEL WOULD REVIEW THE PAPERS FOR SECURITY AND PRIVACY CONSIDERATIONS.

MANY OF THE DOCUMENTS ARE BEING HELD UNTIL THE YEAR 2029. THE BILL DOES NOT AUTHORISE THE GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT ANOTHER INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. HOWEVER, IT WILL GIVE THE PUBLIC A FIRST-HAND OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME FULLY INFORMED THROUGH THE PUBLIC RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION, OF THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THIS TRAGIC EVENT, :: SENATOR JOHN GLENN, AN OHIO DEMOCRAT, SAID IN A STATEMENT.

A HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED A SIMILAR BILL. THE LEGISLATION WAS IN RESPONSE TO INCREASED INTEREST IN THE ASSASSINATION BECAUSE OF THE 1991 MOVIE JFK, :: WHICH SUGGESTED THERE WAS A GOVERNMENT-WIDE CONSPIRACY TO MURDER KENNEDY.

A COMMISSION HEADED BY THEN-CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN FOUND IN 1964 THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD ACTED ALONE IN KILLING KENNEDY WITH A RIFLE.

THE LEGISLATION MUST BE PASSED BY BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE AND MUST THEN BE SIGNED BY PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH TO BECOME LAW.

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U.S. CANDIDATE GORE SEES PROBABLE CONSPIRACY IN JFK KILLING
MCKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA, JULY 19, REUTER - DEMOCRATIC U.S.
VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AL GORE SAID HE BELIEVES THERE
PROBABLY WAS A CONSPIRACY TO KILL PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY IN
1963 AND THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD DID NOT ACT ALONE. *

AT A RALLY FOR DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE BILL CLINTON
ON SATURDAY NIGHT, A QUESTIONER ASKED GORE ABOUT THE FINDING BY
THE WARREN COMMISSION, WHICH INVESTIGATED THE ASSASSINATION IN
THE 1960S, THAT OSWALD ACTED ALONE.

THE THEORY HAS BEEN CONTROVERSIAL AND A RECENT MOVIE,
JFK, :: REOPENED THE DISPUTE.

THE TENNESSEE SENATOR NOTED THAT A SPECIAL U.S.
CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE AFTER THE WARREN
COMMISSION REPORT HAD CAST DOUBTS ON THE SINGLE MAN THEORY.
THEY DID COME TO A CONCLUSION THAT...THERE PROBABLY WAS A
CONSPIRACY. THERE PROBABLY WAS MORE THAN ONE PERSON, LEE HARVEY
OSWALD, INVOLVED. I BELIEVE THAT. I THINK MOST AMERICANS BELIEVE *
THAT, :: GORE TOLD THE CROWD OF SEVERAL THOUSAND.
WE REALLY DO NOT KNOW WHICH OF VARIOUS THEORIES IS ONE
THAT MATCHES THE TRUTH, :: HE CONTINUED.

I BELIEVE VERY DEEPLY

THAT ALL THE FILES THAT ARE CLOSED OUGHT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO
THE PUBLIC:: FOR RESEARCHERS, HE ADDED.

CLINTON RESPONDED, SAYING:

I DON:T KNOW WHETHER LEE HARVEY
OSWALD ACTED ALONE OR NOT, :: BUT AGREED ALL FILES SHOULD BE MADE *
PUBLIC ABOUT THE HISTORIC CASE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROVES RELEASE OF KENNEDY DOCUMENTS
WASHINGTON, AUG 12, REUTER - THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
APPROVED A BILL ON WEDNESDAY PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC RELEASE OF
LONG-SECRET DOCUMENTS AND OTHER MATERIALS ON THE 1963
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY.

THE ACTION FOLLOWED RENEWED CALLS FOR DISCLOSURE OF
INFORMATION ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION SPARKED IN PART BY THE FILM,
JFK, WHICH DEPICTED IT AS THE RESULT OF A CONSPIRACY.

THE WARREN COMMISSION THAT INVESTIGATED THE ASSASSINATION
SAID LEE HARVEY OSWALD ACTED ALONE IN SHOOTING KENNEDY FROM A
WINDOW IN THE TEXAS BOOK DEPOSITORY IN DALLAS AS THE PRESIDENT
WAS PASSING BELOW IN A MOTORCADE.

BUT THE CONCLUSION HAS BEEN DISPUTED IN DOZENS OF CONSPIRACY
THEORIES ADVANCED OVER THE YEARS, INCLUDING CHARGES THAT THE
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) WAS INVOLVED.

A SPECIAL HOUSE COMMITTEE SET UP TO INVESTIGATE THE
ASSASSINATION REPORTED IN 1979 THAT IT BELIEVED OSWALD HAD NOT
ACTED ALONE.

THE COMMITTEE'S FILES, ALONG WITH THOSE OF THE WARREN
COMMISSION, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND CIA AND OTHER
AGENCIES, WOULD BE COULD BE MADE PUBLIC UNDER THE BILL.
THE TIME HAS COME TO END THIS UNNECESSARY AND DESTRUCTIVE
SECRECY, REP JOHN CONYERS, A MICHIGAN DEMOCRAT, TOLD THE HOUSE
ON TUESDAY, NOTING THAT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOCUMENTS
REMAINED SECRET AND UNDER CURRENT LAW WOULD BE CLOSED UNTIL
2029.

UNDER THE BILL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WOULD WOULD HAVE 60 DAYS
TO REVIEW ASSASSINATION MATERIALS IN THEIR POSSESSION AND DECIDE
WHICH CAN BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY. THE MATERIALS WOULD BE SENT
TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.

A SPECIAL FIVE-MEMBER REVIEW BOARD WOULD BE SET UP TO DECIDE
WHETHER OTHER MATERIALS SHOULD BE RELEASED OR KEPT FROM PUBLIC
DISCLOSURE BECAUSE OF PRIVACY CONCERNS OR A POSSIBLE THREAT TO
NATIONAL SECURITY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

THE BOARD COULD ISSUE SUBPOENAS AND PETITION COURTS FOR
RELEASE OF INFORMATION.

THE BILL MUST BE RECONCILED WITH A SENATE-PASSED BILL BEFORE
A FINAL MEASURE CAN BE SENT TO THE PRESIDENT.

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CONGRESS PASSES BILL TO RELEASE JFK ASSASSINATION FILES
WASHINGTON, SEPT 30, REUTER - THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON WEDNESDAY PASSED AND SENT TO PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH A BILL TO
RELEASE GOVERNMENT FILES ON THE 1963 ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY.

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT BACKS THE BILL, WHOSE SPONSORS SAID
THEY WERE CONFIDENT BUSH WOULD SOON SIGN IT INTO LAW SO THE
JFK:: CONSPIRACY THEORY IS PROVED OR FINALLY PUT TO REST.

THE BILL, PREVIOUSLY PASSED BY THE SENATE, WAS PROMPTED BY
OLIVER STONE:S MOVIE
JFK,:: RELEASED LAST YEAR.

THE FILM SPECULATED THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY WITHIN THE
GOVERNMENT TO MURDER KENNEDY. MANY AMERICANS ALSO BELIEVE IN THE
CONSPIRACY THEORY.

THE BILL ESTABLISHES A BOARD NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT AND
CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE TO REVIEW MATERIAL FOR NATIONAL SECURITY
AND PRIVACY CONSIDERATIONS, SO SOME OF THE INFORMATION IS NOT
EXPECTED TO BE MADE PUBLIC FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

BUT SENATOR DAVID BOREN, THE OKLAHOMA DEMOCRAT WHO
CO-AUTHORED THE BILL, SAID MANY DETAILS SHOULD START FLOWING OUT
FAST.

I THINK IT:S GOING TO BE MONTHS, NOT YEARS, IN TERMS OF
GETTING THE JOB DONE,:: HE TOLD REPORTERS.

I WOULD EXPECT SOME

DOCUMENTS TO START ALMOST IMMEDIATELY COMING OUT.::

A COMMISSION HEADED BY SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE EARL
WARREN CONCLUDED IN 1964 THAT KENNEDY WAS KILLED ON NOVEMBER 22,
1963 IN DALLAS, TEXAS BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD ACTING ALONE.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DIRECTOR ROBERT GATES HAS SAID.
HE WELCOMES RELEASE OF THE FILES TO CLEAR THE AGENCY:S NAME OF
SUSPICION THAT SOME OF ITS EMPLOYEES MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN
KENNEDY:S DEATH.

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JIM GARRISON, INVESTIGATOR INTO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, DIES
NEW ORLEANS, OCT 21, REUTER - FORMER NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON, WHO PROMOTED THE CONSPIRACY THEORY IN THE
1963 ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, DIED HERE ON
WEDNESDAY, THE CORONER:S OFFICE SAID.

GARRISON, WHO WAS 71 YEARS OLD, DIED AT HOME OF NATURAL
CAUSES, SAID THE CORONER, DR FRANK MINYARD. HE SAID AN AUTOPSY
WOULD BE CONDUCTED ON THURSDAY.

GARRISON:S BOOK ABOUT THE NOVEMBER 22, 1963 ASSASSINATION
BECAME THE BASIS OF OLIVER STONE:S 1991 FILM
JFK,:: IN WHICH

THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS PORTRAYED AS A MAN WHO
WOULD DO ANYTHING TO GET AT THE TRUTH ABOUT KENNEDY:S KILLING.

THE FILM HAS BEEN CRITICISED FOR BLENDING FACT AND FICTION
BUT STIMULATED GREAT PUBLIC CURIOSITY ABOUT THE KILLING.

GARRISON, WHO CONDUCTED HIS OWN INVESTIGATION AFTER THE
ASSASSINATION, IS KNOWN FOR BEING THE ONLY PERSON EVER TO BRING
CHARGES IN KENNEDY:S SLAYING.

HIS CONSPIRACY CASE AGAINST NEW ORLEANS BUSINESSMAN CLAY
SHAW ENDED IN SHAW:S ACQUITTAL ON MARCH 1, 1969.

THE TRIAL, PROBING GARRISON:S CONTENTION THAT SHAW WAS PART
OF A WIDER GROUP THAT CONSPIRED TO KILL KENNEDY, WAS WIDELY
VIEWED AS A COURTROOM DISASTER.

BUT OVER THE YEARS MANY HAVE JOINED GARRISON IN REJECTING
THE OFFICIAL 1964 REPORT BY THE WARREN COMMISSION, WHICH SAID
THAT KENNEDY WAS KILLED BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ACTING ALONE.

STONE, WHO DIRECTED THE MUCH-DISCUSSED FILM, URGED CONGRESS
LAST APRIL TO MAKE PUBLIC SECRET GOVERNMENT MATERIAL ON THE
ASSASSINATION TO HELP RESOLVE CONSPIRACY THEORIES.

GARRISON ALSO EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT REOPENING AN
NVESTIGATION INTO THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION WOULD HAVE THE
SUPPORT OF A GREAT MANY AMERICANS.

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GARRISON, FLAMBOYANT MODEL FOR JFK FILM, DEAD
(EDS: ADDS QUOTES, DETAILS, BACKGROUND, NEW THROUGHOUT)

BY JUA NYLA HUTCHESON

NEW ORLEANS, OCT 21, REUTER - JIM GARRISON, THE FLAMBOYANT FORMER NEW ORLEANS PROSECUTOR WHO MADE A PUBLIC CRUSADE OF HIS THEORY THAT PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION WAS A CONSPIRACY, DIED HERE ON WEDNESDAY, THE CORONER'S OFFICE SAID.

GARRISON, 71, DIED AT HIS HOME OF NATURAL CAUSES, DR FRANK MINYARD, THE CORONER AND A LONG-TIME FRIEND, TOLD REUTERS.

THE FORMER DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S FAMILY DID NOT DIVULGE THE NATURE OF GARRISON'S ILLNESS, BUT HE HAD BEEN BEDRIDDEN.

ONE OF THREE BOOKS GARRISON WROTE ABOUT THE NOVEMBER 22, 1963, ASSASSINATION BECAME THE BASIS OF OLIVER STONE'S 1991 FILM JFK, IN WHICH THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PLAYED BY KEVIN COSTNER, IS PORTRAYED AS A MAN WHO WILL DO ANYTHING TO GET AT THE TRUTH ABOUT KENNEDY'S KILLING.

THE FILM HAS BEEN CRITICISED FOR CONTAINING MORE FICTION THAN FACT.

GARRISON CONDUCTED HIS OWN PROBE AFTER THE ASSASSINATION AND IS THE ONLY PERSON EVER TO BRING CHARGES IN KENNEDY'S SLAYING. THE MAN HE PUT ON TRIAL, LOCAL BUSINESSMAN CLAY SHAW, WAS ACQUITTED IN LESS THAN AN HOUR ON MARCH 1, 1969.

HE WAS A BIG MAN, BIGGER THAN LIFE, WITH THIS ENORMOUS BOOMING VOICE, JOURNALIST DAVE SNYDER, WHO COVERED THE 1969 TRIAL FOR THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, TOLD REUTERS. HE SAID GARRISON'S REPUTATION AS A REFORMER HAD INFLATED EXPECTATIONS. WE ALL BELIEVED HE REALLY HAD SOMETHING, SNYDER SAID. BUT BEFORE THE TRIAL EVEN STARTED THERE WERE DOUBTS, LEADS THAT WENT NOWHERE, AND A LOT OF HIS KEY CHARACTERS WERE LOSERS AND WEIRDOS. HE WAS PRETTY WELL DISCREDITED.

AFTER THE TRIAL, WHICH PROBED GARRISON'S CONTENTION THAT SHAW WAS PART OF A WIDER GROUP THAT CONSPIRED TO KILL KENNEDY, GARRISON WAS SOUNDLY DEFEATED IN THE NEXT ELECTION BY HARRY CONNICK SR, FATHER OF ENTERTAINER HARRY CONNICK JR.

SIX YEARS LATER, GARRISON WAS ELECTED TO THE STATE APPELLATE COURT, FROM WHICH HE RETIRED AT AGE 70.

GARRISON WAS A DAREDEVIL ARTILLERY RECONNAISSANCE PILOT DURING WORLD WAR II. HE GRADUATED FROM TULANE LAW SCHOOL.

OVER THE YEARS MANY HAVE JOINED GARRISON IN REJECTING THE OFFICIAL REPORT ISSUED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION IN 1964, WHICH SAID THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ACTING ALONE, KILLED KENNEDY. BUT FEW ACCEPTED GARRISON'S THEORIES.

HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, THREE SONS AND TWO DAUGHTERS.

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OSWALD:S WIDOW CALLS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF KENNEDY CASE
BY CAROL CIRULLI

DALLAS, OCT 23, REUTER - LEE HARVEY OSWALD:S WIDOW MADE A
RARE PUBLIC APPEARANCE ON FRIDAY TO URGE INDEPENDENT RESEARCHERS
TO PERSEVERE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PROVE THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY TO
KILL JOHN F. KENNEDY.

MARINA OSWALD PORTER, WHO WAS MARRIED TO THE MAN ACCUSED OF
WORKING ALONE TO KILL THE U.S. PRESIDENT IN DALLAS IN 1963,
SPOKE HIGHLY OF THOSE WHO ARE STILL SEEKING NEW LEADS IN THE
29-YEAR-OLD CASE.

THANKS TO YOU I CAN WALK A LITTLE BIT STRAIGHTER,:: SHE
TOLD ABOUT 400 PEOPLE ATTENDING A FOUR-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON THE
KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

I CANNOT BREATHE EASIER YET, BUT MAYBE
THAT CHAPTER WILL BE CLOSED IN MY LIFE AS IT IS CLOSED IN YOUR
BOOK WHEN YOU FINISH IT.::

PORTER, WHO MARRIED OSWALD IN 1960, HAS KEPT A LOW PROFILE
IN THE YEARS SINCE HER HUSBAND WAS MURDERED BY DALLAS NIGHTCLUB
OWNER JACK RUBY. HER APPEARANCE AT FRIDAY:S SYMPOSIUM WAS
UNSCHEDULED.

SPEAKING IN HALTING ENGLISH, THE RUSSIAN IMMIGRANT WHO
BECAME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN LAST YEAR SAID SHE IS OFTEN ASKED
WHETHER SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE KENNEDY CASE PUT TO REST.
I:M IN THE MIDDLE. IN ONE WAY, I CAN SAY YES, I WANT TO
LIVE A PEACEFUL LIFE, LET:S JUST FORGET ABOUT IT,:: PORTER SAID.
BUT BY THE SAME TOKEN, IF SOME INJUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE, WE
CANNOT JUST SWEEP IT UNDER THE RUG.::

PARTICIPANTS IN THE DALLAS SYMPOSIUM, BILLED AS ONE OF THE
LARGEST EVER HELD ON THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, WANT THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT TO UNSEAL SECRET FILES AND REOPEN AN OFFICIAL
INVESTIGATION INTO THE CASE.

ORGANISERS HELD THEIR FIRST SYMPOSIUM IN 1991 AND SAY THEY
WILL CONTINUE MEETING ANNUALLY UNTIL THE CASE IS RESOLVED TO
THEIR SATISFACTION.

RESEARCHERS DISAGREE ON WHO MAY HAVE BEEN BEHIND THE
ASSASSINATION, BUT VARIOUS THEORIES HAVE POINTED TO POSSIBLE
INVOLVEMENT BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, THE CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, THE MAFIA AND CUBAN EXILES. A MAIN
PROPONENT OF THE CONSPIRACY THEORY, FORMER NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON, DIED EARLIER THIS WEEK.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER MARY FERRELL, A RETIRED DALLAS LEGAL
SECRETARY WHO IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED ONE OF THE LEADING U.S.
RESEARCHERS ON THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, TOLD THE SYMPOSIUM IT
IS UP TO THE PARTICIPANTS TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH.

A GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED COVER-UP BLOTTED OUT THE RIGHTS OF

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OUR CITIZENS AND THE SANCTITY OF THE RULE OF LAW,:: FERRELL
SAID.

IF WE ARE TRULY LIVING IN THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE
HOME OF THE BRAVE, THEN WE BETTER DAMN WELL PROVE IT NOW.::

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BUSH SIGNS BILL RELEASING DATA ON KENNEDY:S DEATH

PADUCAH, KENTUCKY, OCT 27, REUTER - PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH ON TUESDAY SIGNED A BILL THAT RELEASES MOST OF THE RECORDS COMPILED BY FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS WHO PROBED THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY.

IN THE MINDS OF MANY AMERICANS, QUESTIONS ABOUT PRESIDENT KENNEDY:S ASSASSINATION REMAIN UNRESOLVED,:: BUSH SAID IN A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

NOTING THAT THOUSANDS OF DOCUMENTS HAD ALREADY BEEN RELEASED, BUSH SAID, THE EXISTENCE OF ADDITIONAL, UNDISCLOSED DOCUMENTS HAS LED TO SPECULATION THAT THESE MATERIALS MIGHT SHED IMPORTANT NEW LIGHT ON THE ASSASSINATION.::

HE ADDED:

BECAUSE OF LEGITIMATE HISTORICAL INTEREST IN THIS TRAGIC EVENT, ALL DOCUMENTS ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION SHOULD NOW BE DISCLOSED EXCEPT WHERE THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE REASONS COUNSEL OTHERWISE.::

THE SLAYING OF KENNEDY ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963, HAS PRODUCED COUNTLESS CONSPIRACY THEORIES ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS THE LONE ASSASSIN.

THE LEGISLATION, SIGNED IN KENTUCKY WHERE BUSH WAS CAMPAIGNING FOR RE-ELECTION, WAS PROMPTED IN PART BY THE MOVIE JFK:: IN WHICH DIRECTOR OLIVER STONE SUGGESTED THAT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES MIGHT HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED.

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EX-CIA AGENT CLAIMS HE BOUGHT RIFLES FOR KENNEDY KILLING
BY DAN COX

NEW YORK, NOV 19, REUTER - A MAN CLAIMING TO HAVE BEEN LINKED TO THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SAYS IN A NEW BOOK THAT HE BOUGHT AND CUSTOMISED FOUR RIFLES HE SAYS WERE USED BY THE CIA AND THE MAFIA TO KILL PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

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FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE: HOW I PARTICIPATED IN THE CIA-MAFIA MURDER OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY,:: ROBERT MORROW CLAIMS THAT UNDER ORDERS, WHILE ON CONTRACT TO THE CIA, HE BOUGHT FOUR 7.35 MM MANNLICHER RIFLES AND SUPPLIED SEVERAL CIA HIT MEN WITH SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT TO HELP KILL THE PRESIDENT.

IN A LECTURE AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ON THURSDAY, MORROW SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE AT THE TIME THAT THE EQUIPMENT HE SUPPLIED WAS TO BE USED TO KILL KENNEDY.

I THOUGHT THEY WERE TO BE USED AGAINST A HEAD OF STATE IN CENTRAL AMERICA,:: HE SAID.

ALTHOUGH TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 22, 1963 SHOOTING HE HEARD A RUMOUR THAT A KENNEDY ASSASSINATION WAS IN THE WORKS AT THE CIA, HE SAID HE DISREGARDED IT UNTIL HE SAW ONE OF THE RIFLES HE HAD BOUGHT SHOWN ON TELEVISION THE NIGHT OF THE SHOOTING.

I DIDN:T PAY ANY ATTENTION UNTIL THE RIFLE WAS SHOWN ON THE AIR THAT NIGHT,:: HE SAID, REFERRING TO BROADCASTS OF LOCAL DALLAS POLICE HOLDING UP A RIFLE REPORTEDLY SEIZED FROM LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

THEN I WENT INTO A STATE OF PANIC. I WENT TO MY (CIA) CASE OFFICER AND HE SAID :SHUT UP.:::

MORROW:S CLAIMS ARE PART OF A LONG LINE OF CONSPIRACY THEORIES ABOUT KENNEDY:S ASSASSINATION AND THE EARL WARREN COMMISSION THAT INVESTIGATED IT. THESE THEORIES CLAIM KENNEDY WAS KILLED BY SEVERAL ASSASSINS, SOME CONNECTED TO THE CIA.

SUCH THEORIES WERE THE SUBJECT OF OLIVER STONE:S FILM JFK,:: WHICH FOCUSED ON ATTEMPTS BY THE LATE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JIM GARRISON, TO CONVICT A NEW ORLEANS BUSINESSMAN AS A CONSPIRATOR IN KENNEDY:S DEATH.

A CIA SPOKESMAN CONTACTED ON THURSDAY SAID:
THERE IS NO

RECORD THAT ROBERT D. MORROW WAS EVER A CONTRACT AGENT OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.::

BUT MORROW CLAIMED THE AGENCY WAS USING A LINGUISTIC TRICK TO AVOID NAMING HIM.

I WAS A CONTRACT EMPLOYEE, NOT AN AGENT, AND I WAS PAID BY THE U.S. ARMY,:: HE SAID.

MORROW REFERRED TO OSWALD, LONG THOUGHT TO BE KENNEDY:S

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ASSASSIN, AS

A PATSY:: IN THE WHOLE PROCESS, WHICH HE CLAIMS
LED TO THEN VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON AND FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER.

HE SAID HE HAD HEARD OSWALD:S NAME MENTIONED BEFORE THE
SHOOTING AS A
LOW-LEVEL CIA OPERATIVE WHO HAD BEEN SENT TO
RUSSIA.::

MORROW CLAIMS IN HIS BOOK THAT HE CUSTOMISED THE RIFLES SO
THAT THEY COULD BE DISMANTLED, HIDDEN AND REASSEMBLED QUICKLY.
HE ALSO CLAIMS THAT HE SUPPLIED CIA OPERATIVE DAVID FERRIE WITH
FOUR RADIO TRANSCEIVERS THAT WERE NOT DETECTABLE BY ANY
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT THEN AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET.

MORROW SAID HIS CIA CASE OFFICER ASSURED HIM AFTERWARDS THAT
HE WOULD BE
CLEAN AS A WHISTLE:: AND COULD NOT BE IMPLICATED
IN THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.

HE SAID HE DID NOT COME FORWARD WITH ANY OF THE INFORMATION
BECAUSE BARNES TOLD HIM HE WOULD BE SENT TO PRISON FOR VIOLATING
THE OATH OF SECRECY THAT ALL CIA AGENTS TAKE.

MORROW, 65, SAID THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN TWO ATTEMPTS ON HIS
LIFE SINCE THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

BUT HE SAYS HE WAS DETERMINED TO WRITE THE BOOK IN LIGHT OF
THE FACT THAT THE DANGER TO HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY HAS ABATED
WITH THE EXPECTED RELEASE OF CONGRESSIONAL FILES ON THE
ASSASSINATION.

MORROW ALSO CLAIMS THAT U.S. PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH HAD FULL
KNOWLEDGE OF THE ASSASSINATION CONSPIRACY, THOUGH HE DID NOT
SPECIFY WHEN BUSH, DIRECTOR OF THE CIA FROM 1976 TO 1977, MIGHT
HAVE BECOME AWARE OF IT.

GEORGE BUSH KNEW EVERYTHING,:: SAID MORROW.

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WACO CULT DISASTER REINFORCES TEXAS: GUN-VIOLENCE IMAGE

BY PETER COONEY

HOUSTON, TEXAS, APRIL 21, REUTER - TEXAS POLITICIANS SAY THE WACO SIEGE COULD HAVE HAPPENED ANYWHERE, BUT THE TRAGEDY, WHICH BEGAN AND ENDED WITH VIOLENCE AND DEATH, BUTTRESSED THE STATE'S PISTOL-PACKING IMAGE AND COULD REKINDLE THE GUN CONTROL DEBATE.

RICE UNIVERSITY SOCIOLOGIST STEPHEN KLINEBERG SAID MANY PEOPLE WOULD PROBABLY SEE THE DISASTER AS HAVING MORE TO DO WITH RELIGIOUS FANATICISM AND FBI TACTICS THAN CRIME IN TEXAS. BUT IT CERTAINLY FITS WITH THE STEREOTYPE,:: HE SAID. IT OFFERS ONE ADDITIONAL PIECE OF DATA TO THIS SENSE THAT TEXAS HAS GOT TO FIND A WAY TO MOVE MORE SUCCESSFULLY AWAY FROM THE FRONTIER, GUN-TOTING MENTALITY.::

HOUSTON, TEXAS:S MOST POPULOUS CITY, RANKS AS THE U.S. GUN DEALERS: CAPITAL WITH 1,791 LICENSED TO SELL WEAPONS. IN 1991, TEXAS WAS THE ONLY STATE WHERE MORE PEOPLE DIED FROM GUNFIRE THAN IN CAR CRASHES.

TO THE CONSTERNATION OF MANY TEXANS WHO ARGUE THE STATE HAS NO MONOPOLY ON CRIME IN A VAST COUNTRY WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS, THE LONE STAR STATE HAS BEEN LINKED WITH GUN-RELATED VIOLENCE SINCE THE FRONTIER DAYS OF THE WILD WEST.

THE 51-DAY SIEGE OF THE BRANCH DAVIDIAN CULT NEAR WACO BEGAN ON FEBRUARY 28 WITH A SHOOT-OUT THAT ERUPTED AFTER THE U.S. BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS (ATF) TRIED TO SERVE WARRANTS ON SECT MEMBERS FOR ALLEGED WEAPONS VIOLATIONS.

FOUR ATF AGENTS DIED IN THE BATTLE AND THE CULT SAID SIX OF ITS MEMBERS WERE KILLED.

AUTHORITIES SAID LATER CULT LEADER DAVID KORESH LEGALLY BTAINED MANY OF THE WEAPONS USED AGAINST THE FEDERAL AGENTS.

KORESH IS BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED WITH 85 FOLLOWERS ON MONDAY IN THE FIRE THAT DESTROYED THEIR COMPOUND.

SOME OF THE WEAPONS INSIDE WERE ORDERED RETURNED TO THE CULT BY A STATE JUDGE AFTER KORESH AND SEVEN OTHERS WERE ACQUITTED IN 1988 OF TRYING TO KILL A RIVAL LEADER.

OFFICIALS SAID THE WEAPONS INCLUDED CRATES OF AMMUNITION AND M-16S, COMPACT UZI-TYPE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, AND HANDGUNS INCLUDING .357-CALIBRE PISTOLS.

THE ATF SAID IT HAD NO RECORD OF KORESH HAVING A GUN LICENCE BUT WACO OFFICIALS SAID THE WEAPONS RETURNED TO HIM AFTER THE TRIAL WERE LEGALLY PURCHASED FROM TEXAS GUN DEALERS.

VARIOUS REPORTS HAVE SAID KORESH WAS KNOWN TO FREQUENT GUN SHOWS IN HOUSTON, ABOUT 180 MILES (290 KM) SOUTHEAST OF WACO.

TEXAS:S VIOLENT LEGACY INCLUDES THE 1963 ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY IN DALLAS, FOLLOWED TWO DAYS LATER BY THE SLAYING BY JACK RUBY OF KENNEDY:S ALLEGED ASSASSIN, LEE HARVEY

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OSWALD, AT THE DALLAS CITY JAIL.

IN 1966, CHARLES WHITMAN SHOT 14 PEOPLE DEAD FROM THE TOWER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS IN AUSTIN. IN 1991, 23 PEOPLE DIED IN A SHOOTING RAMPAGE BY A GUNMAN AT A RESTAURANT IN KILLEEN, TEXAS.

THE STATE HAS NO GUN REGISTRATION LAW. VIOLENT CRIMINALS AND PEOPLE INTOXICATED OR ON DRUGS ARE PROHIBITED FROM BUYING GUNS, BUT STATE LAW REQUIRES NO BACKGROUND CHECKS.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE IS CONSIDERING A BILL THAT WOULD ALLOW PEOPLE TO CARRY CONCEALED WEAPONS. A RECENT POLL SHOWS TEXANS ARE SPLIT ON THE MEASURE, WHICH HAS BEEN PASSED BY A HOUSE COMMITTEE BUT FACES A VETO BY GOVERNOR ANN RICHARDS.

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KENNEDY PATHOLOGIST DISMISSES CONSPIRACY THEORY

(EDS: RELEASE AT 1600 GMT MONDAY OCT 5)

CHICAGO, OCT 5, REUTER - A PATHOLOGIST WHO PERFORMED AN
AUTOPSY ON JOHN F. KENNEDY DISMISSED CONSPIRACY THEORIES ON
MONDAY, SAYING HE AGREED WITH TWO COLLEAGUES THAT THE PRESIDENT
WAS KILLED BY TWO BULLETS FIRED FROM ABOVE AND BEHIND.

SINCE KENNEDY'S DEATH ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963, PEOPLE HAVE
SPECULATED MORE THAN ONE GUNMAN MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED AND HE
WAS SHOT FROM BOTH THE FRONT AND REAR. SUCH THEORIES HAVE BEEN
MOST RECENTLY FUELLED BY THE FILM

JFK.::

BUT IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
JOURNAL, PIERRE FINCK SAYS:

WE GOT IT RIGHT IN 1963 AND IT

STILL STANDS IN 1992...THERE WERE TWO BULLETS STRIKING FROM
BEHIND, AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY WOUNDS FROM THE FRONT.::

THE SWISS-BORN FINCK WAS A U.S. ARMY LIEUTENANT COLONEL AT
THE TIME OF KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION. HE PARTICIPATED IN THE
AUTOPSY AT THE U.S. NAVAL MEDICAL CENTRE IN BETHESDA, MARYLAND,
WITH U.S. NAVY PATHOLOGISTS JAMES HUMES AND THORNTON BOSWELL.

FINCK'S REMARKS TALLY WITH THE WARREN COMMISSION WHICH
INVESTIGATED THE SHOOTING AND WITH HUMES AND BOSWELL, WHO BROKE
A 24-YEAR SILENCE IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE SAME JOURNAL LAST MAY.

THE AMA SAID IT DID NOT INTERVIEW FINCK THEN.

FINCK, WHO NOW LIVES IN GENEVA, SAID:

I EXAMINED THE

WOUNDS WITH MY OWN EYES. THE FATAL WOUND WAS FRIGHTENING -- 13
CENTIMETRES ACROSS AT ITS WIDEST. IT WAS VERY OBVIOUS THAT IT
CAME FROM THE BACK AND EXITED THE FRONT.::

FINCK SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN

JFK.:: BUT HE UNDERSTOOD THE

FILM GOT ONLY TWO THINGS RIGHT -- THE DATE AND THE VICTIM.

ALL THESE FANTASIES AND ADD-ONS CREATE FICTION, NOT
HISTORY. THE DANGER IS THAT THE FICTION WILL BE MISTAKEN FOR
HISTORY,:: HE SAID.

GEORGE LUNDBERG, EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL, SAID IN AN EDITORIAL
THE COMMENTS OF THE THREE PATHOLOGISTS SHOULD CLOSE THE DOOR ON
THE WOUND DISCUSSION.

I CAN STATE WITHOUT RESERVATION THAT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS
STRUCK AND KILLED BY TWO AND ONLY TWO BULLETS FIRED FROM ONE
HIGH-VELOCITY RIFLE,:: HE SAID.

THE AMA JOURNAL ALSO SAID IT COULD NOW BE OFFICIALLY STATED
KENNEDY SUFFERED FROM ADDISON'S DISEASE, A POTENTIALLY FATAL
THOUGH TREATABLE CONDITION THAT MIGHT HAVE HAD A BIG IMPACT ON
KENNEDY'S CLOSE ELECTION VICTORY IN 1960 HAD VOTERS BEEN TOLD.

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JUN 23 1964

President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy
200 Maryland Avenue N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20002
ATTN: Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Skilled cryptologists at NSA carefully examined the materials relating to the Lee Harvey Oswald case provided by the Warren Commission. The results are as follows:

a. A detailed examination of the two dictionaries revealed no indication of their use for cryptographic purposes.

b. In the correspondence, the Oswald Diary, and the other documents examined there were no evidences of the use of any type of cryptography, to include the use of an open code.

c. Certain letters had been removed from pages 150 and 152 of the Russian novel, *GLAZA KOTORYE SPRASHIVAYUT*, "Questioning Eyes." Eight letters had apparently been cut from page 152 as follows:

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| Line 13 | 1 |
| Line 16 | 1 |
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One letter had been removed from page 150; however no significance is attributed to the removal of this letter since it corresponds in exact

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position to one of the letters removed from page 152. It was concluded that this letter had been accidentally removed by the cutting process applied to page 152 and that its removal resulted from the application of excessive pressure on the cutting tool when the letter on page 152 was taken out.

The sample is considered too small for any valid conclusions to be reached as to the purposes for which the above noted letters were removed. It is considered most unlikely that this process of letter removal has any cryptographic implication.

d. The Russian "Tourist" portable radio was examined for cryptologic evidence. The radio appears to be a normal receiver and there was no evidence of its use for any other purpose.

e. The names appearing in Lee's and Marina's address books were checked. No evidence of cryptologic implication was found.

Although the results of the examination of the materials provided by the Commission are essentially negative, further study of these materials will be made. If any results are obtained, the Commission will be advised. However, it is considered most unlikely that anything beyond what is reported above will be discovered.

Sincerely,

GORDON A. BLAKE
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director



NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
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9 December 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY AND
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Further Requests by Senate Select Committee on
Oswald

REFERENCES: (a) Your Memo dtd 4 Dec 75
(b) My Memo, Serial: N1404, dtd 3 Dec 75
(c) My Memo, Serial: N1380, dtd 24 Nov 75

References (b) and (c) represented a comprehensive
and complete search of NSA's files containing all information
still available on Oswald. This Agency has no further
information on Oswald in response to Reference (a).

DAVID D. LOWMAN
Special Assistant
to the Director
for Congressional Reviews

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8. OCT 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PUBLIC AFFAIRS)
ATTN: Lt. Col. Baker

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act Request (Kessler)

1. The attached letter representing a request by Mr. Ronald Kessler, under Title 5 U.S.C. 552 is hereby referred to your office with respect to the DoD originated documents, with inclosures, located in our records in response to Mr. Kessler's request.

2. We intend to inform Mr. Kessler of the existence of these documents and that we have referred these documents to your Office for further action by you pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and DoD Directive 5400.7, Section V, Paragraph E.

Original Signed By

NORMAN BOARDMAN
Information Officer

2 Incls:

- 1. Ltr from Kessler dtd 7 Sep 76
- 2. DoD Documents

Copy Furnished:

Mr. Ronald Kessler (Less Incls)

- cc: ESS/R (Less Incls)
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M/R: Referral approved by Lt Col Baker (DoD FOIA Unit) on 7 Oct 7

K. Miller, D4, 3083, 8 Oct 76, 1f

Serial: N 9347R1

8 OCT 1976

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn: FOIA Unit, Room 5278
9th & Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The attached letter representing a request by Mr. Ronald Kessler, under Title 5 U.S.C. 552, is hereby referred to your Office with respect to the inclosed records which were originated by you and located in our records in response to Mr. Kessler's request.

We intend to inform Mr. Kessler of the existence of these records and that we have referred these records to your Office for further action by you pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and DoD Directive 5400.7, Section V, Paragraph E.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

NORMAN BOARDMAN
Information Officer

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1. Ltr from Kessler dtd 7 Sep 76
2. FBI Documents

Copy Furnished:

Mr. Ronald Kessler (Less Incls)

cc: ESS/R (Less Incls)
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SC/DIR has seen

M/R: Referral approved by Mr. Shackelford (FBI FOIA Unit) 8 Oct

K. Miller, D4, 3083, 8 Oct 76, ~~RECORDS CONTAIN~~

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Serial: N 9347

13 OCT 1976

Mr. Ronald Kessler
c/o the Washington Post
1150 15th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20071

Dear Mr. Kessler:

This replies to your letter of 7 September 1976, in which you request copies of all material relating to Lee Harvey Oswald and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. We have made a search which has located records which appear to fall within the scope of your request. In accordance with the provisions of Title 5 U.S.C. 552 as amended by Public Law 93-502, this Agency has reviewed these records and provides the following response to you.

Some of these records were originated by other components of the U.S. Government. These records have been referred to them pursuant to Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 5400.7, Section V, Paragraph E. Copies of our letters of referral are attached.

The remaining records were originated by this Agency. Certain of these records may be released to you and are attached as Inclosures 1 through 4. However, certain items have been deleted from these records in conformance with the requirements of Public Law 86-36. Section 6 of Public Law 86-36 provides that no law shall be construed to require disclosure of the organization or any function of the National Security Agency, or any information with respect to the activities thereof, or the names, titles, salaries, or number of the persons employed by such agency. Title 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3) provides that information is exempted from public disclosure when any statute exempts such disclosure. The above items are therefore exempt under Title 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(3) as they are exempted from public disclosure by Public Law 86-36.

Certain other of these records cannot be released to you for the following reasons:

We cannot provide you access to, or release copies of, these records because they are classified and therefore exempt from access or release pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(1). The records have been reviewed and are judged to be currently and properly classified in their entirety under criteria set forth in paragraph 2-303, DoD Regulation 5200.1-R,

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which implements Executive Order 11652. The records are currently and properly classified within the categories provided in Chapter 1, Section 5 of DoD Regulation 5200.1-R and Section 1 of Executive Order 11652. Further they are properly excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification according to the exemption categories provided in Chapter Section 3 of DoD Regulation 5200.1-R and Section 5(b) of Executive Order 11652.

In addition, this Agency is precluded by law from providing information on specific results of its classified activities except to those persons authorized to receive such information Title 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3) exempts matters which are specifically protected from disclosure by statute. The appropriate statute in this case are: Title 18 U.S.C. 793; Title 50 U.S.C. 403; and Section 6 of Public Law 86-36. DoD Directive 5400.7, Sections III and VI.C.3., specifically recognizes this exemption. As this may be construed as a partial denial of your request, you are hereby advised of this Agency's appeals procedures, as follows:

Any person denied access to records may, within 30 days after notification of such denial, file an appeal to the NSA/CSS Freedom of Information Act Appeal Authority. Such appeal shall be in writing addressed to the NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority, National Security Agency, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755. The appeal shall reference the initial denial of access issued by the Agency to the requester and shall contain in sufficient detail and particularity, the grounds upon which the requester believes release of the information is required. The NSA/CSS Appeal Authority shall respond to the appeal within 20 working days after receipt of the appeal.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

NORMAN BOARDMAN
Information Officer

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1. Note dtd 21 Nov 75
2. Memorandum dtd 24 Nov 1975
3. Memorandum dtd 3 Dec 1975
4. Memorandum dtd 9 Dec 1975
5. Ltr of referral to DoD dtd 8 Oct 76
6. Ltr of referral to FBI dtd 8 Oct 76

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Concur: D6 J. C. [Signature] Special Counsel has seen

K. Miller, D4, 3083, 8 Oct 76, lf

Serial: N 9347A

7 DEC 1976

Mr. Ronald Kessler
c/o the Washington Post
1150 15th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20071

Dear Mr. Kessler:

This is further to my reply of 13 October 1976 to your letter of 7 September 1976, in which you request copies of all material relating to Lee Harvey Oswald and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. We have received the two letters referred to in paragraphs b.(1) and (2) of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense letter of 16 November 1976 to you. In accordance with the provisions of Title 5 U.S.C. 552 as amended by Public Law 93-502, this Agency has reviewed these letters and provides the following response to you.

The subject letters may be released to you and are attached as inclosures 1 and 2. However, certain items have been deleted from these letters in conformance with the requirements of Public Law 96-36. Section 6 of Public Law 96-36 provides that no law shall be construed to require disclosure of the organization or any function of the National Security Agency, or any information with respect to the activities thereof, or the names, titles, salaries, or number of the persons employed by such agency. Title 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(3) provides that information is exempted from public disclosure when any statute exempts such disclosure. The above items are therefore exempt under Title 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(3) as they are exempted from public disclosure by Public Law 96-36.

Certain other deletions have been made because the information is classified and therefore exempt from access or release pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1). The information has been reviewed and is judged to be currently and properly classified under criteria set forth in paragraph 2-303, DoD Regulation 5200.1-R, which implements Executive Order 11652. The information is currently and properly classified within the categories provided in Chapter 1, Section 5 of DoD Regulation 5200.1-R and Section 1 of Executive Order 11652. Further it is properly excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification according to the exemption categories provided in Chapter 3, Section 3 of DoD Regulation 5200.1-R and Section 5(B) of Executive Order 11652.

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In addition, this Agency is precluded by law from providing information on specific results of its classified activities except to those persons authorized to receive such information. Title 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3) exempts matters which are specifically protected from disclosure by statute. The appropriate statutes in this case are: Title 18 U.S.C. 793; Title 50 U.S.C. 403; and Section 6 of Public Law 86-36. DoD Directive 5400.7, Sections III and VI.C.3., specifically recognizes this exemption. As this may be construed as a partial denial of your request, you are hereby advised of this Agency's appeals procedures, as follows:

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Sincerely,

J.F.D. Smith

for
NORMAN BOARDMAN
Information Officer

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K. Miller, D4, 3083, 7 Dec 76, lf

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9 Dec 77

TO: DIR


THRU: D/DIR

SUBJECT: Correspondence from
House Assassinations Committee

1. The Deputy Chief Counsel
of the Assassinations Committee, Mr. J.
Wolf called to say he is sending
a letter to DIR. Letter, to be
drafted Monday, will request
certain information (unspecified)

of NSA.

2. Committee is investigating assassinations
of President Kennedy & Dr. King.



MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

7 July 1978

SUBJECT: Phone Call from House Select Committee on Assassinations

This office received a phone call this date from a staffer of the House Select Committee on Assassinations who said the Committee is "doing research on a personality and needs some information from [REDACTED] and wanted to know how to address a letter to NSA. She was given LAO's address and said the letter would be on its way shortly.

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20753

Serial: N0853-78
14 July 1978

Mr. G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director
Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
331 House Office Building, Annex 2
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Blakey:

We are in receipt of your letter of 10 July 1978 requesting certain information in support of the investigation being conducted by the Select Committee.

I understand that it has been agreed between the Defense Department and the Select Committee that all requests for information from elements of Defense will be directed to the Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, Mr. John G. Kester. I am therefore taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to Mr. Kester for appropriate action.

Sincerely,

EUGENE F. YEATES
Chief
Legislative Affairs

Copy Furnished:
Special Assistant to the
Secretary and Deputy
Secretary of Defense (w/attach)
DoD General Counsel (w/attach)

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M/R: The above response is consistent with a letter of understanding, dated 5 April 1978, between John G. Kester, and G. Robert Blakey. The letter essentially defines the ground rules under which the House Select Committee on Assassinations will be provided information obtained from intelligence sources; that is, requests for information "...will be stated as specifically as possible with respect to dates and subject matter and will be directed to the Department of Defense rather than any Defense intelligence agency...." Coordinated with GC, Dan Silver; approved by DIR.

E. F. YEATES/LAO/3747s/14 Jul 78/11r

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 8 November Meeting with Mr. Blakey

1. On 8 November, [redacted] visited Mr. Robert G. Blakey, Chief Counsel and Staff Director for the House Select Committee on Assassinations, to receive questions concerning a [redacted] allegation that he had [redacted] information linking an assassination plot against President Kennedy with a figure in organized crime. Mr. Blakey had been referred to NSA (GC, Dan Silver) by Ms. Judy Miller, Special Assistant to John Kester, OSD.

2. Mr. Blakey indicated that [redacted] had communicated with a friend of his named Sgt Michael B. Stevensen at "Corry" Field, Florida. [redacted]

3. At that time, [redacted] Sometime before November, 1963, in his work as [redacted] referred in paragraph 1. Mr. Blakey stated that he did not know who the crime figure is. [redacted] supervisor, Sgt Praeter (actually "Prater") [redacted]

4. Mr. Blakey stated that NSA had already acknowledged the existence of such a facility during this period, but he didn't indicate to whom such a statement had been made.

5. Mr. Blakey posed the following questions for NSA:

- (a) What is NSA's capability for retrieving communications from this time and place?
- (b) How quickly can we make this retrieval?
(His Committee completes its work in December. If NSA can easily provide the answers to a number of questions, he will do some preliminary investigation before formally requesting the information, but if we indicate that much time will be required, he will task us now.)
- (c) What additional information does NSA need from Mr. Blakey to speed the retrieval process?
- (d) Is the data still available for retrieval?

[redacted]

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(e) Was ~~_____~~ working for Praeter (Prater), and actually doing this kind of work at that location during that period?

6. He asked for the responses, or at least, a status of what can be provided and how soon, by Monday, 13 November.

7. On 7 September, the General Counsel sent a copy of ~~_____~~ letter to the FBI (GC/335/78), along with a letter from AF Security Service (to which Sgt Stevensen had sent the letter). In the General Counsel's letter he noted that Security Service was ~~_____~~

8. On 9 November, ~~_____~~ and I met with Dan Silver and decided Dan should respond initially to Mr. Blakey's questions by phone. After coordinating with EXEC/DDO, ~~_____~~ asked ~~_____~~ to provide input for a response.

9. ~~_____~~ conducted an initial review of the availability of data from ~~_____~~ covering the first eleven months of 1963. ~~_____~~

10. I notified ~~_____~~ Mr. Blakey with the news, and he requested that I put our reply in writing. I agreed to do so upon receipt of a written request from him.

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EUGENE F. TEATES
Chief
Legislative Affairs

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21 November 1978

SUBJECT: House Assassination Committee Inquiry

1. On 17 November 1978, [REDACTED] GC, and I attended an interview conducted by staff members of the House Select Committee on Assassinations in regard to the allegations of [REDACTED] concerning the involvement of certain individuals in the assassination of President Kennedy.
2. The interview was conducted by Messrs Kenneth Klein and Gary Cornwell and was held in secure spaces provided by Mr. George Murphy, Director of the Senate National Security Office. Both individuals are [REDACTED].
3. The interview was conducted under terms of a Memorandum of Understanding executed between the Committee and OSD on 15 November, 1978 (copy attached).
4. For purposes of the interview, DoD made available Sgt. Nicholas B. Stevenson, USAF, [REDACTED]. Sgt. Stevenson was accompanied by LTC Jeffrey Graham, USAF, Air Force Legislative Liaison.
5. The Committee staffers were interested primarily in Sgt. Stevenson's recollections in regard to events described by [REDACTED] in a letter to Stevenson written in May 1978.
6. Sgt. Stevenson briefly described [REDACTED]. Regarding the specific allegations made by [REDACTED] relating to the President's assassination, Sgt. Stevenson emphatically stated that he had no knowledge of such an event, though in all likelihood, if it had occurred, it would have been widely known within [REDACTED] and the probable subject of a [REDACTED].
7. [REDACTED] and my role in the interview was concentrated largely on interpreting [REDACTED] and emphasizing the fact that the [REDACTED].
8. The staffers made no notes and agreed to let us review their report; for purposes of classification, on or after 20 November 1978.

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9. The staffers remain particularly interested in determining the name of the individual who ~~believes~~ believes relates to the assassination. They will explore means of determining this information to include the possibility of having Sgt. Stevenson call ~~and~~ and ask him for the identity (Stevenson indicated his extreme unwillingness to do this. LTC Graham stated that this request would have to be examined at policy level within DoD).

10. If the Committee is able to determine a specific name, the staffers indicated that they would probably initiate a specific inquiry to NSA to again search our materials.

E. Yeates
EUGENE F. YEATES
Chief
Legislative Affairs

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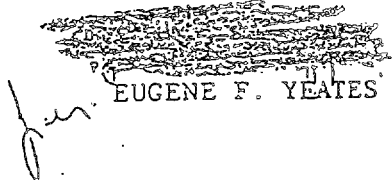
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28 November 1978



TO: Judy Miller . .

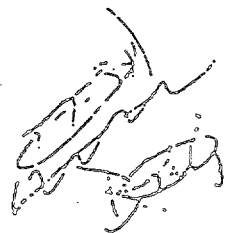
1. Enclosed is a request made directly to us by Mr. Blakey and a reply which we propose be provided to Mr. Blakey by Mr. Kester.

2. If you have any questions concerning this please give me a call.


EUGENE F. YEATES

Encl:
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Mr. G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director
Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
3331 House Office Building, Annex 2
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Blakey:

This responds to your letter of November 13, 1978, directed to a component of the Department of Defense.

With respect to the subject of the FBI file to which the requested information relates,

Sincerely,

JOHN G. KESTER
Special Assistant to
The Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

28 November 1978

SUBJECT: Visit to House Select Committee on Assassinations

1. On 21 November I visited House Select Committee on Assassinations spaces to review for classification purposes the report Messrs Cornwell and Klein wrote following the 17 November interview with Sgt Nicholas B. Stevenson, USAF.

2. The report, about one and a half pages long, listed the participants in the interview and described generally the substance of the discussions. Although it did not mention the specific site to which Sgt Stevenson and [redacted] were assigned, it did say that the facility was able to [redacted]. The report further mentioned [redacted] and "NSA" in several places.

3. I told Mr. Cornwell that as written, portions of the report should be classified "CONFIDENTIAL, [redacted]". He agreed to classify it and asked me to mark it which I did. I suggested that with a few changes we could make it unclassified. Mr. Cornwell stated that he would prefer to retain the original language of the report at this time but that if it was to be used in any unclassified report by the Committee, he would then ask us to review the wording so that classified information would not be disclosed.

4. Mr. Cornwell asked if NSA had determined whether the conversation [redacted] referenced had been published and disseminated in product channels. I told him that we had not yet determined the answer to that question and that we would be back in touch.

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Legislative Affairs

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Serial: N9022

13 JAN 1981

Mr. Mark Allen
P. O. Box 9032
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Allen:

This responds to your letter of 12 January 1981 in which you request all correspondence or records of any communication between this Agency and the U. S. House Select Committee on Assassinations concerning the Committee's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Your request has been processed under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, the Freedom of Information Act. Information which is releasable is enclosed.

National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA/CSS) functions, activities, and internal organizational designators, as well as titles and names of NSA/CSS employees, have been deleted from the enclosures. These deletions have been made pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3), in conjunction with 50 U.S.C. 402 note (Public Law 86-36). Section 6 of Public Law 86-36 provides that no law shall be construed to require the disclosure of the organization, or any function of the NSA, of any information with respect to the activities thereof, or of the names, titles, salaries, or number of persons employed by the Agency.

Other items have been deleted from the enclosures pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6), as their disclosure would cause an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of the individuals concerned.

The remaining items have been deleted because they are classified and therefore exempt from access or release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1), which provides that the Freedom of Information Act does not apply to matters that are specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order. The information is currently and properly classified in accordance with the criteria for classification in Section 1-3 of Executive Order 12065, and paragraph 2-202 of Department of Defense Regulation 5200.1-R. The information has been reviewed for possible declassification or downgrading according to the provisions of Sections 3-3, 3-4, and 3-6 of Executive Order 12065 and Chapter III of DoD Regulation 5200.1-R and found to be properly excluded from declassification or downgrading.

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Henry B. ...
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In addition, this Agency is authorized by law to protect certain information concerning its activities. Title 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3), exempts matters that are specifically exempted from disclosure by statute. The applicable statutes in this case are 18 U.S.C. 798, 50 U.S.C. 402 note (Public Law 86-36), and 50 U.S.C. 403(d)(3). DoD Directive 5400.7, Sections III and VI.C.3, specifically recognizes this exemption.

As the deleted items constitute a partial denial of your request, you are hereby advised of this Agency's appeal procedures.

Any person denied access to records, or parts thereof, may, within 30 days after notification of the denial, file an appeal to the NSA/CSS Freedom of Information Act Appeal Authority. The appeal shall be in writing addressed to the NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority, National Security Agency, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755. The appeal shall reference the initial denial of access and shall contain, in sufficient detail and particularity, the grounds upon which the requester believes release of the information is required. The NSA/CSS Appeal Authority shall respond to the appeal within 20 working days after receipt.

Please be advised that records originated by the Congress of the United States are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY


EUGENE F. YEATES
Chief, Office of Policy

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CONCUR: U _____

M/R: Classified portions of the records were bracketed by M. Levin and P. Dinwoodie on 26 Feb 1981.

 L. Figallo, Q324, 3085s, 9 March 1981, dd



Serial: GC/305/81
13 May 1981

Mr. Stanley Brand
General Counsel
Office of the Clerk
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Brand:

Pursuant to our conversation of 11 May, enclosed please find a copy of our response to an FOIA appeal requesting correspondence or records of communications between NSA and the House Select Committee on Assassinations. The documents were released as the result of an initial request and prior to our knowledge of congressional intent that this information be maintained in confidentiality.

Future requests of this nature will be handled in accordance with expressed congressional intent; we would appreciate receiving, however, a letter addressed to this Agency specifying current congressional views with respect to the information maintained by NSA.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me or Robin Ullman on 688-6054.

Sincerely,

Patricia Murphy
PATRICIA A. MURPHY
FOIA Appeals Coordinator

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AL Kennedy
DSCS
27 April 1992
SGAC-2-1/HGOC-2-1

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Congressional Committees on Disclosure of Kennedy Assassination Records (U)

1. (U) On 10 April 1992, Kevin Powers, David McManis, and the undersigned attended a meeting with staffers from the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee (SGAC) and the House Government Operations Committee (HGOC) to discuss pending legislation to provide for disclosure of government records relevant to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. SGAC staffers present were Dr. Leonard Weiss, staff director, and Steven Katz, counsel. HGOC staffers present were James C. Turner, counsel; Robert Gellman, counsel; and Don Goldberg, committee staffer.

2. (U) The purpose of the meeting was to inform NSA of the committees' interest in any material the Agency possesses regarding the JFK assassination and Warren Committee investigations. Bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate (H.J. Res. 454 and S.J. Res. 282 respectively) to establish an assassination materials review board that would determine whether JFK assassination material provided to the board by government entities should be immediately transferred to the National Archives for public review or qualifies for postponement of public disclosure. Documents will be requested from the CIA, FBI, NSA, DOD, Department of State, Warren Commission files, House Assassination Committee files, Senate Church Committee files, and any other sources found to maintain files on the JFK assassination.

3. (FOUO) Both Mr. Powers and Mr. McManis told the staffers that they did not think that NSA's holdings of assassination material would be voluminous. They added that after nearly 30 years it was likely that NSA holdings would be limited to copies of published reports and responses to queries posed by Congressional committees at the time. The staffers noted that it was the committees' intent to push for the declassification of as much relevant material as possible.

4. (U) Hearings on the bills are scheduled for 28 April and 14 May in the House committee and on 12 May in the Senate committee. Copies of the bills have been provided by the committees to the Legislative and Regulatory Counsel for separate comment.

Carl R. Allen

CARL R. ALLEN
Legislative Staff Officer

cc: ~~MR~~, A/DIR, C/S, DDO, P05, DDT, T54, D9, L&RC, OGC(OPS)

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PLOT TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO REPORTED

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REPORT ON CUBA'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS WITH REBELS

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10 Oct 63 [M]
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On 7 October [REDACTED] reported from Havana:

Comments on FIDEL's speech of 28 September. Cuba's foreign policy and its attitude toward the Moscow Treaty are determined by the aggressive activities of the United States. General relaxation may not be applicable to the Caribbean area.

1. The coups in Honduras and the Dominican Republic, and the rise of reactionaries in Venezuela, he ties in with coordination of operations against Cuba by the CIA from Central America.
2. Smuggling of arms to the capitol is on the increase. The underground is switching to a long-range harassment supported by pirate activities from the outside. In September the government carried out massive military operations in the Escambray and Matanza areas.
3. The Cuban counterrevolutionaries and Cubans from Central America announce heavier underground traffic in men and arms for November and December.
4. I believe that the approaching Presidential elections in the United States will strengthen reactionary forces from within and without. Immediate US aggression is out of the question. Therefore, there is a need for a strong gorilla [sic] collar around Cuba. Simultaneously, the economic blockade is being intensified. This is dictated by the consequent "anti-imperialistic lines of our own foreign policy." On the whole, in their opinion, relaxation is due to the peaceful policy pursued by the Soviet Union, but they attribute this, first of all, to their own position.

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NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS

FROM (hour) 0800 (is) 1600 DATE 24 November 1963

ASSUMED THE WATCH FROM _____ AT 0800

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- 0945 Recd APSC msg from USJ-790, DTG 210429Z. All copies/tape picked up by Sgt. Holtz at 1000 hours.
- 1330 AFSSO SAC msg DTG 220420Z (BRASS KNCB preflight) sent to M63 with dist 2 instructions per Mr. Newman PO4. Hard copy dist to A615, B1, B11, C11.
- 1335 All couriers for weekend cable run briefed.
- 1414 Sent msg to CAG CNNIS reporting President Kennedy reported shot. DIRNSA's DTG 221914Z.
- 1436 Sent msg to CAG ONNIS reporting that President Kennedy is dead. DIRNSA's 221936Z.
- 1446 Recd INDIC msg 16-63 from DIA/CIIC, DTG 221928Z. Sent SRS, ALR, advance copies to PO5, SNOO.

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ROBERT KENNEDY VIEWED AS LEADING CONTENDER TO SUCCEED HIS BROTHER
IN 1964

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Reference my [redacted] ((A)).

I should add that succession to the presidency falls to the
Presidency of the Senate and Senator from Texas, Vice President
LYNDON JOHNSON, who will be in office until 20 January 1965.
After the latter, it would fall to the Representative from
Massachusetts and Speaker of the House of Representatives
MACCORMACK.

The press today reported that Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY,
brother of the late President, was in the process of leaving the
post to participate actively in his brother's presidential cam-
paign. In diplomatic circles it is believed that, in the absence
of other Democratic figures of the first rank who could aspire to
the presidency in the November 1964 election, the present Attorney
General becomes, with the death of President KENNEDY, the first
choice to succeed him for the presidential term which will begin
in January 1965.

News has just arrived that at 1438 (Eastern time) LYNDON
JOHNSON took the oath of office as President of the United States
before a federal district judge.

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MEXICO DECLARES PERIOD OF NATIONAL MOURNING FOR PRESIDENT KENNEDY



22 Nov 63

The President of the Republic, Lic. ADOLFO LOPEZ MATEOS, has declared three days of national mourning for the death of the President of the United States of America, JOHN F. KENNEDY. All kinds of entertainment and social functions have been suspended, with the national flag at half mast during the 23rd, 24th and 25th of this month.

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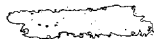
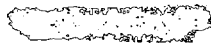
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0600 22 November - 0600 23, November 1963

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32. SECTION III/8 - Cuban Military Alert: Addendum to #23, this file.

1. In a message originated by [REDACTED] at 2300 and relayed by [REDACTED] was requested to deny access to the coastal observation post until Monday, 25 Nov due to the state of alert.

2. At 2200, a message passed between two unidentified units on [REDACTED] communications which normally link [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] stated: "Inform the chief that by orders of [REDACTED] (unit commander) here, all of them, all of the points were put on alert."

The reason for the alert was not mentioned.

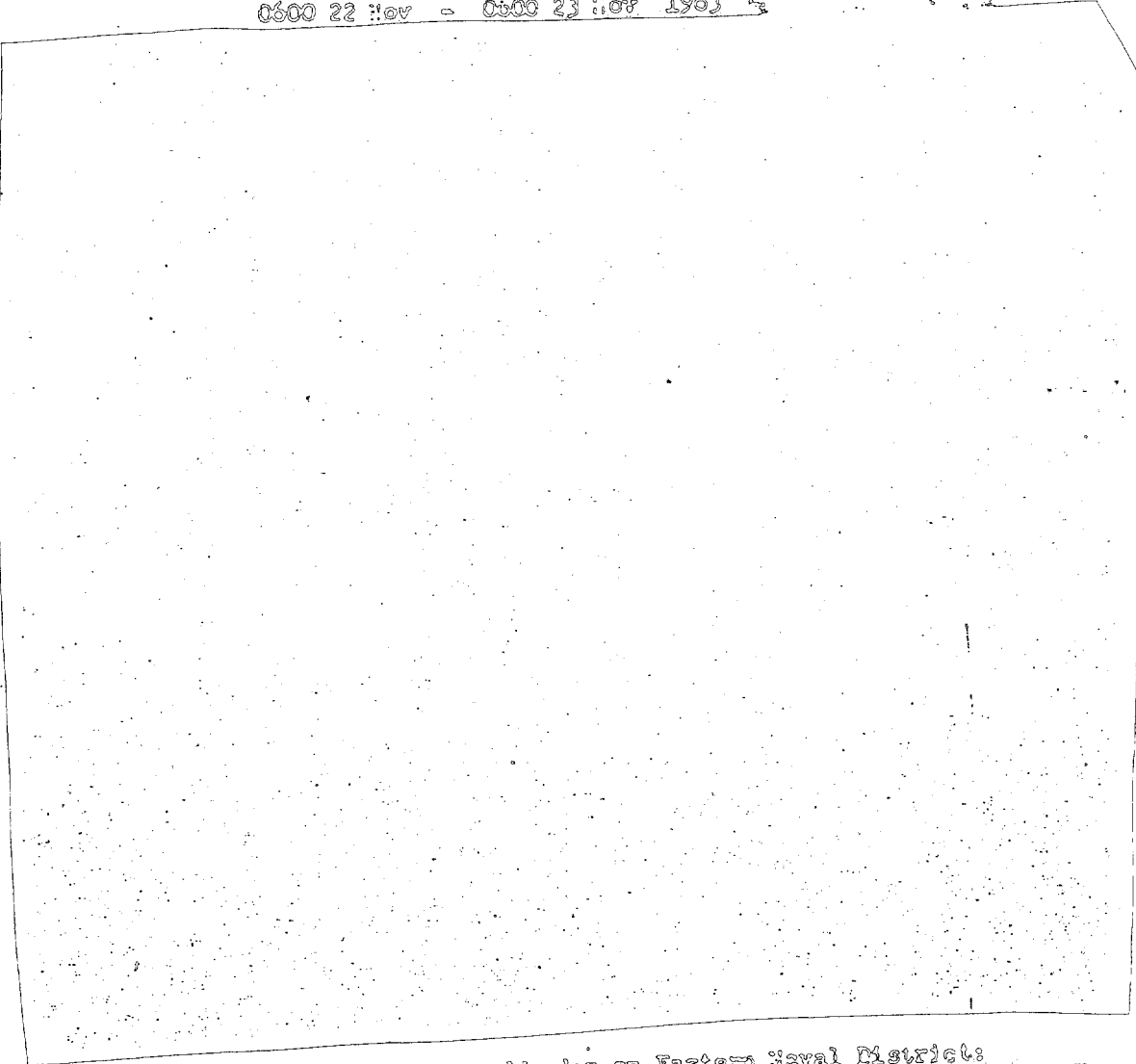
- (1) (USH 834, 2/05/63/2657-6; 230701Z) (TSB)
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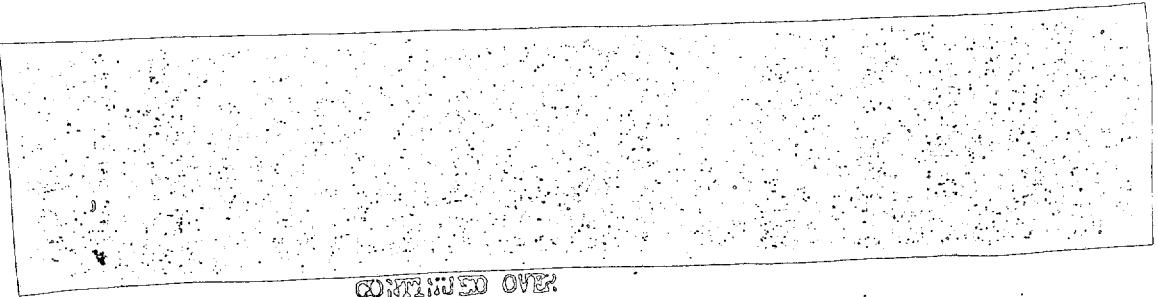
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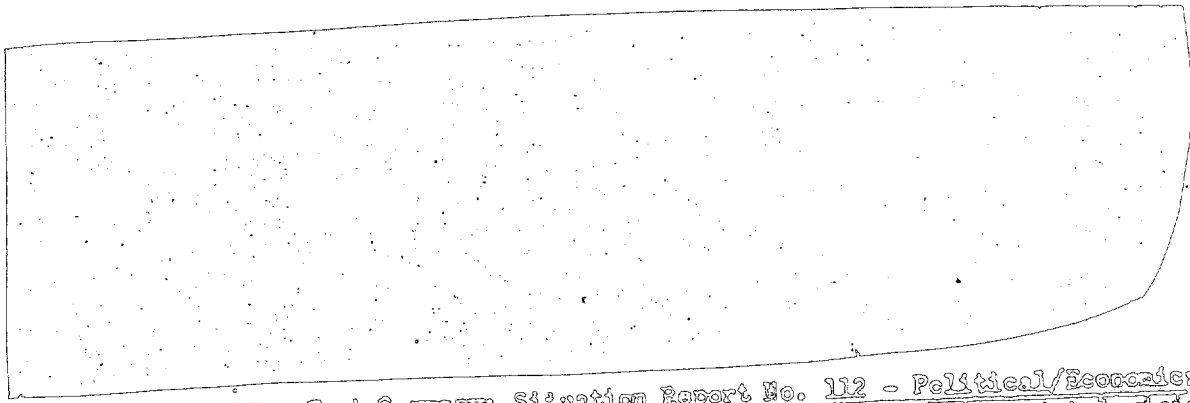
23. SECTION III/8 - Cuban - Attention on Eastern Naval District:

in ~~message~~ passed at 22 ~~0000Z~~,
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to have all personnel ready to repel aggression.
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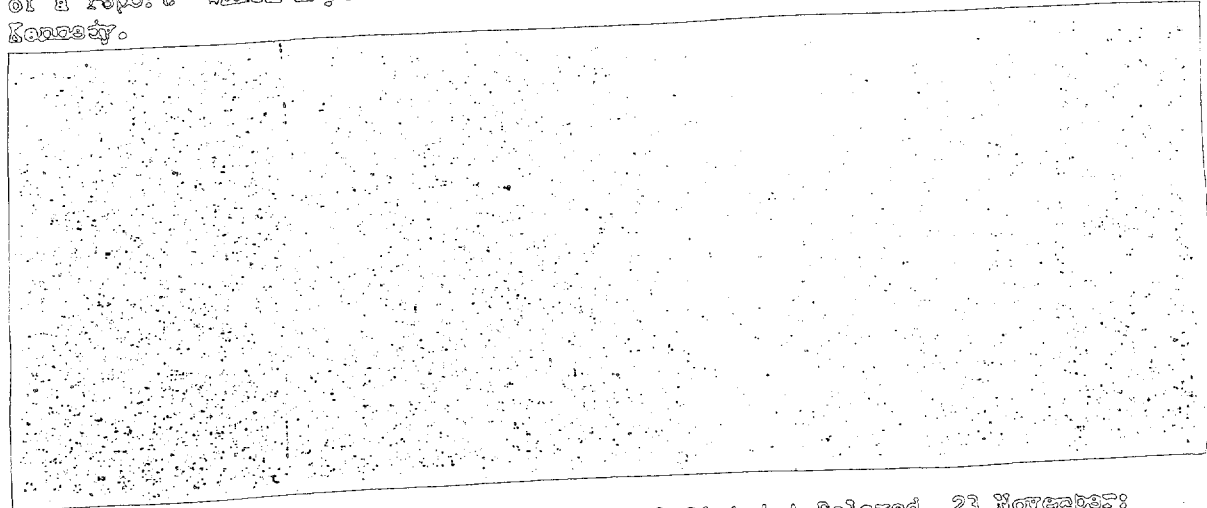


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12. CATEGORY 13 - East Germany: Situation Report No. 112 - Political/Economic:
33 [redacted] on 22 November revealed that press, radio and television had been advised by the Party Agitation Commission in Berlin to "take note of a report" which implicated Fascist circles in the assassination of President Kennedy.



13. SECTION III/8 - Alert in Eastern Naval District Relaxed, 23 November:
As a result of the death of President Kennedy, the Eastern Naval District of Cuba was placed on an alert on 22 November by [redacted]. At [redacted] on 23 November, the alert was relaxed a certain degree by [redacted] instructions were passed to [redacted] a subordinate, to give leave to 25 percent of their personnel. For the 23rd and 24th and that further orders would be forthcoming on 25 November 1963.
COMMENT: The authorization to grant leave to personnel is an indication that the alert is somewhat relaxed and the note that further instructions would be issued on Monday, 25 November indicates that a permanent view has been adopted for the situation by Cuban Naval authorities in the Eastern Naval District.
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0600 26 November 1963 - 0600 27 November 1963

32. SECTION III/3 - Alert in Oriente Province Believed to be Terminated (see Item #13, MW's 25/26 November):

The alert in Oriente Province is believed to be terminated. The alert, apparently prompted by President Kennedy's death on 22 November, was possibly pre-scheduled to terminate on 25 November. There have been two orders which suggest that the alert was destined to be concluded on 25 November. They are:

- 1) Access to the coastal observation post at [redacted] was restricted until 25 November because of the alert.
- 2) Subordinates of [redacted] were to receive further orders on the 25th, presumably concerning their alert status; no such orders have been noted in communications.

There have been no further references in intercepted communications to the alert since [redacted] on 23 November.

It is possible that the restricted access to the observation post at [redacted] extends to other observation posts in Oriente Province such as reported on 23 November when First Army Coastal Observation Posts were placed in alert status, and that the restriction was to be lifted on 25 November by all those posts.

Further indications that the alert was terminated is the fact that the Cuban Navy was engaged in an island-wide [redacted] exercise on 25 November. It is considered unlikely that such an exercise would be conducted under alert conditions.

There have been no further references to the alert status of the (D Percent [redacted]) units which was first observed on 23 November. All CRAF and Soviet Forces Cuba Communications appear to be normal during this period, 22 - 26 November 1963.

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15 June 64

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Report on Examination of Material
Related to Lee Harvey Oswald Case

The undersigned have examined all the material relating to the Lee Harvey Oswald case provided to us by the Warren Commission and have found no indication that any of the items was used for a cryptographic purpose or for passing secret information:

a. A detailed examination of the dictionaries failed to show any indication that they had been used in connection with a dictionary code.

b. A review of the letters of all the correspondents related to the case, as well as of the Oswald Diary and other documents, provided no suggestion of the use of an open code.

c. Perforations which suggested the use of a grille system appeared on two pages of the Russian novel, GLAZA KOTORYE SPRASHIVAYUT, "Questioning Eyes". However, the manner of perforating only a few letters does not conform to any known system. For purposes of further study, we would like to obtain the original of the novel on long-term or permanent loan. We believe, nevertheless, that it is most likely that the letters were cut out for some purpose related to Oswald's photographic experiments.

d. The appearance of the term "micro dots" on page 44 of Lee Oswald's address book aroused our suspicion, particularly in that it was associated with the address of the photographic firm where he was once employed. There was nothing to indicate to us that micro dots were actually used and we have had to assume that appropriate technical tests were made by the FBI or CIA.

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e. Oswald's Soviet-made portable radio receiver and its associated power supply were examined and tested by R34 with negative results. The radio (for purposes of the tests the power supply was considered an integral part) conformed closely to one examined by the British in 1959. A copy of R34's findings is attached.

f. The names appearing in Lee's and Marina's address books have been checked against NSA files but no COMINT references have been discovered. Collateral references held in the files have only confirmed known information. A copy of the report is attached.

g. In addition to the information on the addresses developed in the personality check, a separate study of NSA address files is being made. While this study is not yet complete, results have so far been negative and there is no reason to expect that anything beyond what the personality check has already turned up will be discovered.

Meredith K. Gardner
Meredith K. Gardner

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16 June 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. TORDELLA

SUBJECT: Letter for the President's Commission

1. Please note that I have eliminated two items from the original Memorandum for the Record on the examination of the Oswald materials. These are the reference to "micro dots" (paragraph d) and the COMINT reference in paragraph f.

2. I suggest that you informally (possibly by telephone) call the Commission's attention to the appearance of the term "micro dots" on page 44 of Oswald's address book. You might indicate that this reference aroused our suspicion but that we do not feel competent to make an exhaustive examination of the materials for the presence of micro dots - such examination should be conducted by the FBI or CIA. If micro dots are actually found, we would be happy to collaborate to the fullest degree required in the analysis of these dots.

3. I do not believe a statement that we have checked the names against the NSA files needs to be made since:

a. The results were negative and

b. It identifies the existence of sensitive COMINT records.

Of course, if we had found something, a positive report would have been required.

4. Mr. Arnold has reviewed the text of the letter and accepted it as unclassified under the circumstances.

FRANK B. ROWLETT

Special Assistant to the Director

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The material relating to the Lee Harvey Oswald case provided by the Warren Commission was examined and there was no indication that any of the items were used for a cryptographic purpose or for passing secret information.

President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy
200 Maryland Avenue N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20002
ATTN: Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Skilled cryptologists at NSA carefully examined the materials relating to the Lee Harvey Oswald case provided by the Warren Commission. The results are as follows:

a. A detailed examination of the two dictionaries revealed no indication of their use for cryptographic purposes.

b. In the correspondence, the Oswald Diary, and the other documents examined there were no evidences of the use of any type of cryptography, to include the use of an open code.

c. Certain letters had been removed from pages 150 and 152 of the Russian novel, *GLAZA KOTORYE SPRASHIVAYUT*, "Questioning Eyes." Eight letters had apparently been cut from page 152 as follows:

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|---------|------|
| Line 10 | К |
| Line 11 | С, С |
| Line 13 | Г |
| Line 16 | А |
| Line 24 | Г |
| Line 26 | К |
| Line 27 | Б |

One letter had been removed from page 150; however no significance is attributed to the removal of this letter since it corresponds in exact

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position to one of the letters removed from page 152. It was concluded that this letter had been accidentally removed by the cutting process applied to page 152 and that its removal resulted from the application of excessive pressure on the cutting tool when the letter on page 152 was taken out.

The sample is considered too small for any valid conclusions to be reached as to the purposes for which the above noted letters were removed. It is considered most unlikely that this process of letter removal has any cryptographic implication.

d. The Russian "Tourist" portable radio was examined for cryptologic evidence. The radio appears to be a normal receiver and there was no evidence of its use for any other purpose.

e. The names appearing in Lee's and Marina's address books were checked. No evidence of cryptologic implication was found.

Although the results of the examination of the materials provided by the Commission are essentially negative, further study of these materials will be made. If any results are obtained, the Commission will be advised. However, it is considered most unlikely that anything beyond what is reported above will be discovered.

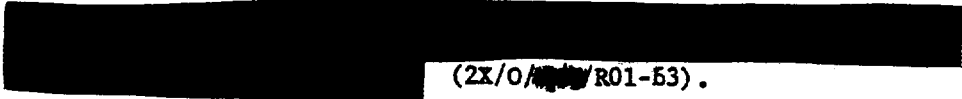
Sincerely,

GORDON A. BLAKE
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director

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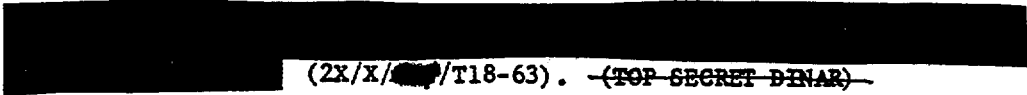
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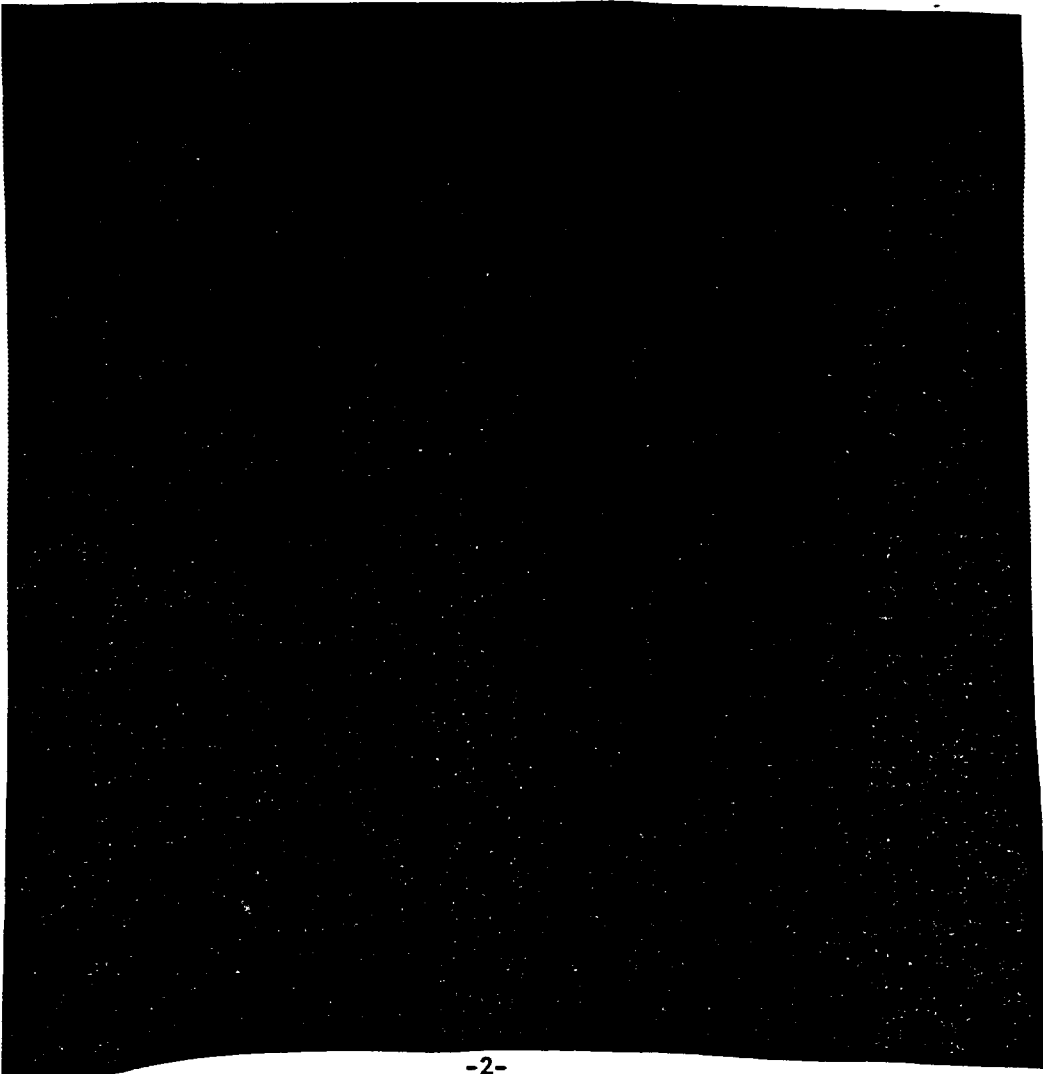
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OFFICIAL CUBAN STATEMENT ON DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

23 Nov 63

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[REDACTED]

In spite of the antagonism existing between the Government of the United States and the Cuban Revolution, we have received the news of the tragic death of President KENNEDY with deep sorrow. All civilized men always grieve about such events as this. Our delegation to the Organization of the United Nations wishes to state that this is the feeling of the people and of the Government of Cuba.

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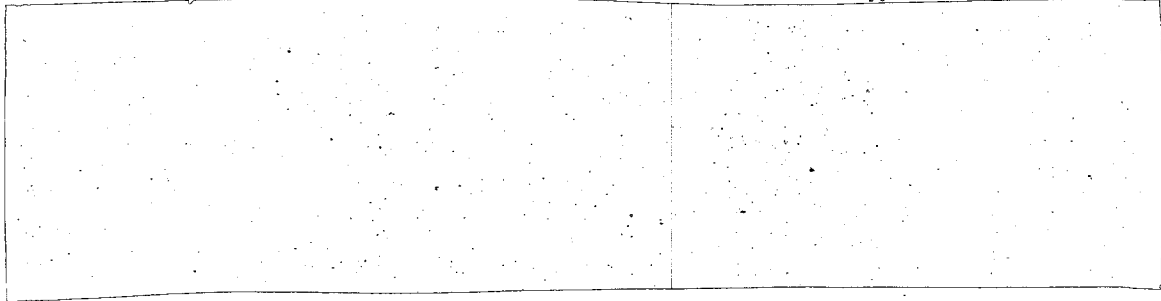
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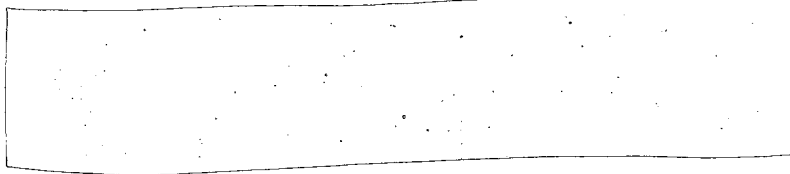
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REPORT ON PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S SPEECH BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

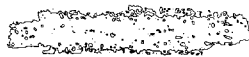


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In a brief address to the United Nations General Assembly the new President of the United States attempted to make clear what his future foreign policy will be like. He pointed out that 30 years ago he was a collaborate of ROOSEVELT in a peaceful revolution in the United States, and said that he now seeks something similar for the entire world. His remark that no one particular political system will dominate the future of mankind may be taken as an expression of his willingness to accept peaceful coexistence. Every leader who strives for peace, he said, will find himself side by side with the United States. Mr. JOHNSON's speech, which took only 15 minutes, did not go into details, but in its main outlines left nothing to be desired so far as clarity is concerned.

The New York police took extensive precautions to insure the President's safety. The hall was carefully checked, and even the grounds outside the building were inspected closely. The President, who was accompanied by his wife and 11 members of the Congress, was welcomed by Secretary General U THANT. It was the last day the General Assembly, and most of the delegates were about to return home, but the large hall was filled to capacity. All seats in the public gallery were occupied by special invitation.



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Mr. JOHNSON said that the late President had inspired humanity with fresh hope, which he shared with a new generation of world leaders. KENNEDY had addressed himself to the future, and wanted to forget the disunity of the past. The world should follow his example.

It is true that the world knows more about how to destroy itself than how to live together in understanding, but the United Nations has been too successful for one to despair of the future. President JOHNSON pointed to successes in the Congo and Middle East, to the slowing of the arms race, to the progress of decolonization, to the furthering of human rights. The United Nations should provide opportunities for constructive action and not become a platform for name-calling.

The President does not desire only bilateral assistance to underdeveloped countries, but lays great stress on collective international action. Just as he wishes to create the impression among Americans that he is liberal and progressive, so did he take this opportunity to convince the Assembly that he is deeply interested in the fight against illiteracy, poverty, and disease. Just as 30 years ago under ROOSEVELT he helped eliminate poverty in America, so does he now wish to contribute to the elimination of misery throughout the world.

Above all else, however, he sees his task as the maintenance of peace. Thanks to KENNEDY, the world has become a little safer and the road to the future a little easier. The greatest tribute one can pay to President KENNEDY is to continue his work for a peaceful future. On this note the new President ended his brief, reassuring speech.

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ALERT IN EASTERN NAVAL DISTRICT RELAXED, 23 NOVEMBER

As a result of the death of President KENNEDY, the Eastern Naval District of Cuba was placed on an alert at [redacted] on 22 November by [redacted] ((A))

At [redacted] on 23 November, the alert was relaxed a certain degree by [redacted] instructions were passed to [redacted] a subordinate, to give leave to 25 percent of their personnel for the 23rd and 24th and that further orders would be forthcoming on 25 November 1963.

COMMENT: The authorization to grant leave to personnel is an indication that the alert is somewhat relaxed and the note that further instructions would be issued on Monday, 25 November indicates that a nonurgent view has been adopted for the situation by Cuban Naval authorities in the Eastern Naval District.

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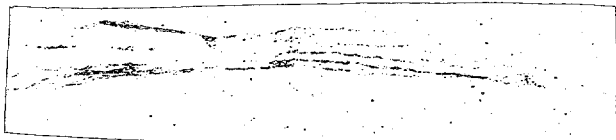
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[REDACTED] UNDECIDED ON SENDING DELEGATION TO KENNEDY FUNERAL



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Reference your [REDACTED] ((A)).

Since the [REDACTED] has as yet no reliable information on the procedure to be followed by the small European countries, with the exception of the Netherlands, it has not yet been decided whether [REDACTED] will send a government delegation. Please let us know immediately whether your [REDACTED] has acquired any information about the intentions of the Scandinavian countries, Finland, and Switzerland. According to information here, Sweden and Norway intend only to appoint their ambassadors to Washington as special ambassadors, but have not yet come to any decision, since it is said that the Danish Prime Minister intends to go to Washington. It is said that the the Swiss do not even intend to appoint their Ambassador to Washington as special ambassador.

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EGYPTIAN REACTION TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S MURDER

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23 Nov 63
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Also in Cairo the murder of President KENNEDY has made a very deep impression.

President NASSER sent the widow a moving and significant telegram. Actually, and especially very recently, KENNEDY appeared, particularly as far as Egypt is concerned, a strong defender of the necessity of the continuation of American economic aid in favor of Egypt and this was in spite of the active anti-Nasserian campaign [8G] by the Senate majority in Washington.

Concerning the attitude of the press and concerning responsibility for the murder, the position (B val is) still (B val uncertain) but there is no lack of [REDACTED] comments tending to indicate that KENNEDY was murdered (B val mainly) for the cause of racial equality and for his actions in favor of the colored people.

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REPRESENTATIVE OF [REDACTED] TO BE IN DALLAS

[REDACTED]

23 Nov 63

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Please have the [REDACTED] in Dallas put \$200 at the
disposal of editor [REDACTED] Editor
[REDACTED] will report in Dallas some time today. Reimbursement
will be sent from [REDACTED] on Monday.

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[redacted] REQUESTED TO FLY FLAG AT
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23 Nov 63
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Please fly the [redacted] flag at half-mast for three days beginning today, the 23rd, in compliance with a decree of the President of [redacted] which orders that mourning be observed in homage to the memory of President KENNEDY.

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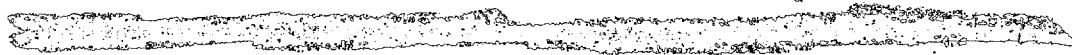
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23 Nov 63
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By airmail, we are sending you information regarding manifestations of the sorrow of the Government of ~~SECRET~~ because of the assassination of President KENNEDY, consisting of messages to President LYNDON B. JOHNSON, Secretary RUSK and Mrs. KENNEDY, as well as a decree declaring a three-day period of official mourning.

The ~~SECRET~~ will attend, as the personal representative of our Chief Executive, the funeral ceremonies which will be held this coming Monday in Washington.



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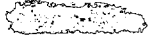
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SIGINT DAILY SUMMARY NUMBER TWENTY

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SIGINT DAILY SUMMARY - PART ONE

WORLD HIGHLIGHTS

1. CUBAN MILITARY UNITS PUT ON ALERT BECAUSE OF THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

At [redacted] 22 Nov 63 the message "a state of alert is ordered for all personnel. Be ready to repel aggression." (2/LR1/[redacted] R11-63). U/I military units were alerted at [redacted] communications which normally link [redacted] with [redacted] with [redacted] with the following message "Inform the Chief that by orders of [redacted] (unit commander) here, all of them, all of the points, were put on alert. (2LR1/[redacted] /R187-63).

At [redacted], 22 November, [redacted] instructed [redacted] to recall all units. A later message from [redacted] to [redacted] reported all units have been recalled due to the death of President KENNEDY. (2/QS/[redacted] /R665-63).

[redacted] indicated that the death of President KENNEDY had been announced in Cuba. One Cuban [redacted] remarked "There will be some happy people here."

Other special instructions from the Cuban Government included:

- 1) A [redacted] message dated 23 November apparently sent to all the Cuban [redacted], in which the Cuban [redacted] instructed the [redacted] to make no statements. (3/0/[redacted] /T1380-63). 2) The Cuban Government ordered the [redacted] to stay open all night an unprecedented move, and 3) The Cuban [redacted] was asked by [redacted] to forward immediately all possible data concerning President JOHNSON. He was told to look in Who's Who and was also informed that Prensa Latina had biographical data of this type. (3/0/[redacted] /T1381-63, 3/0/[redacted] /T1382-63). ~~(TOP SECRET DINAR)~~



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INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOUT FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES' ATTENDANCE
AT KENNEDY FUNERAL

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23 Nov 63

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Wire as quickly as possible whether, according to information
available in Washington, despite the dissuasion of the State
Department representatives or special ambassadors of foreign
governments will participate in the funeral ceremony for KENNEDY.

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CUBAN REACTION TO ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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23 Nov 63
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The reaction in Havana to the assassination of President KENNEDY has been calm but cautious. Only isolated Communist groups have shown any rejoicing. The radio and news reels are reporting objectively and in a correct manner, without showing regret [REDACTED] statement by the government. The newspapers are printing today the statements of the Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations.

((A)) Circles were seriously concerned over the repercussions which the assassination of the President of the United States may have.

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[redacted] REPORTS KENNEDY WAS GREAT FRIEND OF [redacted]

[redacted]
23 Nov 63
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[redacted]
Real shock exists over the assassination of President KENNEDY. Television, via Telstar, is showing touching demonstrations in Europe.

The Chiefs of State from many countries will attend the funeral services.

It is my personal opinion that your attendance would be advisable in view of the fact that the new martyr to human rights was a great friend of [redacted] and was convinced of the grandeur and hopes of the national revolution.

Cordially,

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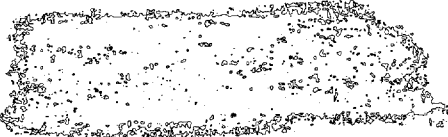
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CUBA'S ANALYSIS OF FACTS AND POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES BELIEVED
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[XM] therefore, because of the [XM] which occurred yesterday in the United States and resulted in the assassination of the President of that country [XM] of international policy, that is why we believe we must make a calm and particularly objective analysis of the facts and of their possible consequences.

The Government of the United States, both the previous EISENHOWER Administration and the KENNEDY Administration, has not practiced a precisely friendly policy toward us. The policy of both administrations has been characterized by an aggressive,

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hostile and implacable spirit toward our country.

Our country has been the victim of aggressions of an economic type tending to cause the ruin of our economy and hunger among our people. It has been the victim of attacks of every kind which have caused bloodshed. Hundreds of our compatriots have lost their lives, defending themselves against the attacks of Yankee imperialism. And that is not all. [X]

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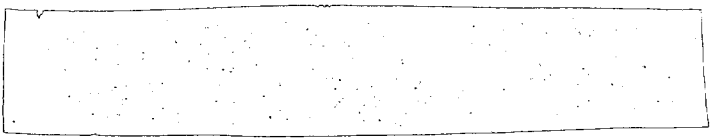
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KENNEDY'S DEATH FELT TO WEAKEN FOREIGN POLICY



23 Nov 63
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The tragic death of the President of the United States has caused great shock and uneasiness.

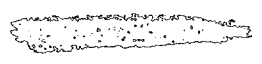
The first reaction from political and official circles shows concern over an event which they feel will considerably weaken in the next few months the international policy of the West particularly with regard to the USSR.

I shall continue to report via air mail.

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AMERICAN AMBASSADOR BELIEVES RUSSIA AND CUBA INVOLVED IN
KENNEDY'S DEATH

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After signing the register which is open in the American Embassy on the occasion of the death of KENNEDY, I saw the Ambassador. He is of the opinion that Russia and Cuba had a finger in the assassination.

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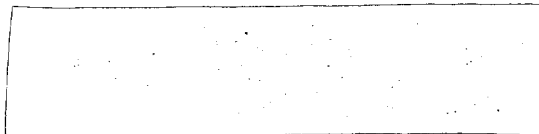
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[REDACTED] LEGATION [REDACTED] REPORTS REACTION TO KENNEDY'S
ASSASSINATION



25 Nov 63
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Pursuant to my preceding [REDACTED] (A)).

The President's death was given official notice only by the lowering of a black flag to half-staff at the government headquarters and by the visit of a deputy minister of Foreign Affairs and an assistant deputy trade minister to my American colleague. The people remain dismayed, but their anxiety of the first few hours seems to have died. The press, on the other hand, did not deviate from its harsh custom of anti-American manifestation and sought, with a touch of irritability, to reject any suggestion of Communist implication in the attempt.

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REACTION TO KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION



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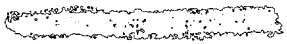
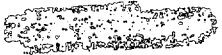
Certain ill-intentioned persons are rejoicing over the death of the President of the United States of America, considering that grievous and [1 wd G] event a sign of victory for them. They are multiplying (B val their) nocturnal (B val meetings) and drawing up (B val their) blacklists of persons to assassinate.

Please do your utmost to find me means of transportation so that I may be of service. This will permit me to carry out a rapid and efficacious action to frustrate all these behind-the-scenes maneuvers.

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COMMENT: In an unpublished message of 25 November the [redacted] in the name of the personnel of the [redacted] and in his own name, presented sincere condolences to the American consul for the tragic death of the President.

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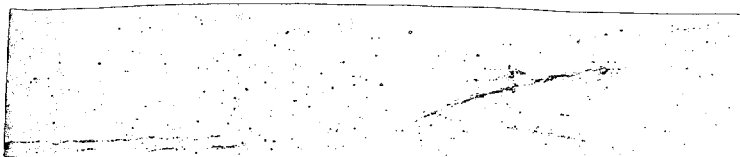
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PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION A ZIONIST CONSPIRACY



25 Nov 63
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The assassination of the great President KENNEDY was a shock to Palestinians. Please convey our sincere sympathy to the KENNEDY family and to the people of the United States.

Behind the mysterious crime is a carefully plotted Zionist conspiracy. Review of the secret and overt Zionist criminal conspiracies against Lord MOWEEN BERNANDOTTE, the Egyptian and German scientists, as well as the terrorist method adopted in kidnaping EICHMAN and many others, provides the evidence to question the position of their secret organizations. The late President was likely to win the coming Presidency elections without supplicating the Zionist sympathy or seeking the Jews votes. Aware of the fact that their influence and power in the United States are based upon the Jews votes, the Zionists murdered the courageous President who was about to destroy that legend of theirs. His assassination is a warning to the rest of the honorable leaders.

Reveal their conspiracy to the supreme judgement of the world. Be careful, you are the hope of the Palestinians.

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CUBAN STATEMENT ON VISA FOR OSWALD

25 Nov 63
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I am reproducing below the note given to the press by

With relation to the information published today in the newspaper Excelsion in Mexico City, affirming that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had requested a transit visa for travel to the Soviet Union at the Cuban Consulate in Mexico in September, the Cuban Government requested information from the officials of our Consulate in that city confirming that it is certain that MR. LEE HARVEY OSWALD requested the transit visa for travel to the Soviet Union on 27 September in the said Consulate.

On being informed by the consular officials that their office could not grant such a visa without the authorization of the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Relations, which likewise would not grant it if it was not previously authorized by the country of destination, Mr. OSWALD left the Consulate visibly disgusted.

The said visa was never granted.

This detail, in connection with the other circumstance that surround the facts, confirm our suspicion that the assassination of KENNEDY was a provocation against world peace, perfectly and thoroughly planned by the most reactionary sectors of the United States.

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It is evident that these sectors planned beforehand to involve Cuba and the Soviet Union in these deeds.

The inconceivable and inexplicable impunity with which an individual of known penal antecedents assassinated OSWALD, the principal accused of the assassination of President KENNEDY, in the presence of the police themselves and in the [5G] of a prison, demonstrates in a scandalous and indisputable manner that the powerful reactionary political forces within the United States are making use of all their resources and influences in order to conceal those who master-minded KENNEDY's assassination, and the true motives for it.

World public opinion demands the enlightening of the deeds. It is absurd that the political authorities and the prosecuting attorney of Dallas have declared that the case is closed when hardly 48 hours have passed since a deed of so great a result as the assassination of the President of the United States.

Regards.

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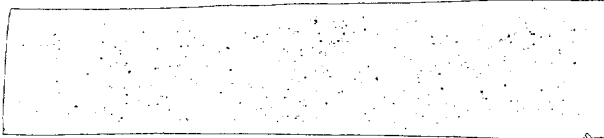
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CASTRO MAKES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY



25 Nov 63

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At a special appearance on 23 November, FIDEL stated:

We do not hate men, we hate systems. The death of a man, although he is our enemy, cannot cheer us. Always in the presence of death we cease our belligerence and we bow with respect although it is in respect to an enemy.

KENNEDY was strongly attacked for being bellicose. Ultra-reactionaries are the only ones that can be called beneficiaries of these events. Advantage is taken of the assassination to release in the USA anti-Soviet and anti-Cuban hysteria and they are

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staging a strange move and no one knows what sinister plot it conceals. This campaign tries to place the USA in the worst international positions, in the most reactionary international positions, and that is a serious and grave threat to peace. KENNEDY's death is a negative act for the interests of humanity. The enemies of Cuba know that they will always find us firm.

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HUNGARIAN REACTION TO NEWS OF ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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25 Nov 63

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The Hungarian press, television, and radio reported fully the assassination of President KENNEDY, attributing it to fascist elements and inspired by racial hatred. Despite the fact that [Redacted] emphasizes the grief and distress of all Hungary, none of the principal government figures visited the United States Legation to present personnel condolences and the text of the [Redacted] telegram sent by President DOBI was not published. Moreover, the Hungarian funeral delegation, along with those from Romania and Czechoslovakia, was of the lowest rank of the countries of this area, acting Foreign Minister PETER MOD.

Finally while the government officials expressed restrained grief, the people in general were deeply touched.

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[REDACTED] ASSESSES JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION

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26 Nov 63

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Confidential.

The personality and political background of President LYNDON B. JOHNSON, as well as the circumstances which brought him to power, seem to indicate that American foreign and domestic policies, under the new Administration, will probably adhere to the following basic directives:

1. In the short run, as a natural result of the momentum of a strong Administration, such as that of President KENNEDY, no profound changes are expected, especially in the field of foreign policy (President JOHNSON has already stated that he will follow the foreign policy of President KENNEDY);

2. In the longer run, however, one can foresee:

A) In the field of foreign policy, with the pre-dominance of the State Department over the White House "staff" ((A)) (which reflected the strong personality of President KENNEDY and his marked interest in international policy), there probably will be:

I) No substantial change from the KENNEDY line in relations with the Soviet Union; the new Administration will tend toward a wait-and-see attitude;

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II). In the field of relations with Western Europe, or more precisely with France, a less rigid attitude and one of greater acceptance of the French position, with the objective of maintaining a united Western front vis-à-vis the possibility of a political offensive by the Kremlin;

III). In relations with Latin America, the interview which President JOHNSON will have this afternoon with the Foreign Minister will certainly be more enlightening than any prediction made at this time;

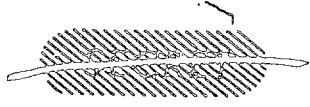
B) In the field of domestic policy, there will possibly be an improvement in relations between the Executive and the Legislative within the line of "compromise"((A)); the new President, much more the conservative than the innovator, with intimate connections with the Congress, and a Southerner, will have more facility in [gaining] approval of the big bills ("civil rights," "fiscal reform," "medical aid," "aid to the aged," etc.) precisely because he will accept more conservative formulas of compromise; the new Administration will also tend to be more conservative with regard to government intervention in the economy; however, radical changes cannot be expected, since JOHNSON will also face the pressure of the more liberal wing of the Democratic Party, and any more pronounced split within the Party would be fatal to the hopes for victory in next year's election.

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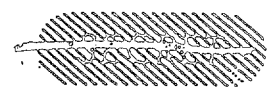
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ALERT IN ORIENTE PROVINCE BELIEVED TO BE TERMINATED

The alert in Oriente Province (see 2/OA/R196-63) is believed to be terminated. The alert, apparently prompted by President KENNEDY's death on 22 November, was possibly pre-scheduled to terminate on 25 November. There have been two orders which suggest that the alert was destined to be concluded on 25 November; they are:

1) Access to the Coastal Observation Post at [redacted] was restricted until 25 November because of the alert (see 2/QS/R667-63); and

2) Subordinates of [redacted] were to receive further orders on the 25th, presumably concerning their alert status (2/OA/R196-63); no such orders have been noted in communications.

There have been no further references in intercepted communications to the alert since [redacted] on 23 November (2/QS/R667-63).

It is possible that the restricted access to the Observation Post at [redacted] extends to other Observation Posts in Oriente Province such as reported on 23 November when First Army Coastal Observation Posts were placed in an alert status (2/LR1/R188-63), and that the restriction was to be lifted on 25 November by all those posts.

Further indication that the alert has terminated is the fact that the Cuban Navy was engaged in an island-wide [redacted] exercise on 25 November. It is considered unlikely that such an exercise would be conducted under alert conditions.

There have been no further references to the alert status of the (D percent [redacted]) units which was first observed on 23 November (2/SL/R05-63). All CRAF and Soviet Forcés Cuba communications appear to be normal during this period, 22-26 November 1963.

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REPORT FROM WASHINGTON IN IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF PRESIDENT'S
DEATH

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26 Nov 63
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[redacted] left Washington on Monday evening, since he had to be back in [redacted] early Tuesday without fail. Before leaving, he was able to see Mrs. KENNEDY, who received all the distinguished guests in the White House after the funeral. [redacted] was treated with especial courtesy by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force General LEMAY, who [redacted] made a plane available to fly him direct to [redacted]

[redacted] after visiting the White House, attended the reception at the State Department, where [redacted] spoke at some length with Mrs. JOHNSON, who was seated between the Dutch Princess and Queen FREDERIKA of Greece.

[redacted] left at about 1300 on Tuesday. We had a brief talk with him that morning. He believes that RUSK will now come more to the fore, because of JOHNSON's previous preoccupation with domestic politics. He considers it a favorable omen that the new President recently spent [redacted] in [redacted] [redacted] assumes that there will be no abrupt change in American policy, but one must be prepared to note nuances. Officially, JOHNSON has always conformed to KENNEDY's policies, but he has always been a few degrees more conservative, and it remains to be seen how much of his earlier outlook will carry over.

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The White House atmosphere will undoubtedly change, for it is hard to believe that personal collaborators of KENNEDY such as BUNDY and SCHLESINGER will be on the JOHNSON team. The influence of ROSTOW, the planning head in the State Department, could decline, as will, of course, that of ROBERT KENNEDY.

At the Monday evening reception in the State Department, JOHNSON had a cordially interested greeting for each guest. He had a two-handed handshake for [redacted] who was accompanied by the [redacted]. The former received hearty applause from the crowd when [redacted] left the building.

Americans are deeply appreciative of DE GAULLE's coming to Washington, but [redacted] has not got the impression that there will be a change in the American attitude toward France.

At the reception, [redacted] had rather long conversations with ERHARD and Indonesian Defense Minister NASUTION, with which he was very satisfied. ERHARD had just visited Paris, and it can easily be guessed what he and [redacted] talked about.

[redacted] will remain Wednesday in New York. He will arrive in [redacted] on Thursday morning and go direct to Strassburg, where the European Parliament seems quite anxious that he speak as soon as possible.

On Tuesday, RUSK had talks with several important visitors, including MIKOYAN, ERHARD, and HOME. He also received a group of Latin American representatives. In all these talks the President ((B)) assured his guests that American policy toward their countries would not change.

On the same day, many people visited President KENNEDY's grave across the river. Queen FREDERIKA laid an olive wreath as a symbol of peace.

On Wednesday, President JOHNSON will deliver to the Congress a speech which is awaited with interest. However, it

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does not seem likely that he will hold a press conference this week, since Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. This was originally a festival of thanks for the harvest, and later became a day of general thanksgiving. This year it will be an-unprecedentedly somber day for America. What one can be thankful for at this moment is that political institutions provide for a quick and peaceful take-over in the event of the sudden death of the President.

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PRENSA LATINA IN HAVANA INQUIRES ABOUT REACTION OF BRITISH PRESS
TO SLAYING OF U.S. PRESIDENT



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Send, as soon as possible, reactions of the British press
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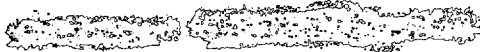
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[REDACTED] REACTIONS TO KENNEDY'S DEATH

22 Nov 63 1966
Urgent

For [REDACTED]

First reactions in the UN after KENNEDY's assassination:

1. A unanimous opinion exists that even in the most favorable circumstances, East-West relations will deteriorate in the next few months and may last until elections. KENNEDY's assassination will deepen the break in the Democratic Party between the North and the South. JOHNSON, weak and subject to influence, will be forced to concentrate on stopping this process. GOLD-WATER's position will decline which will increase ROCKEFELLER's chances for the nomination. The results of the elections for the most part will depend on the popularity of the Democratic candidates. Being mentioned are HUMPHREY, ROBERT [25-50M] and American journalists in talks emphasize JOHNSON's liberal past (it is said that he was ROOSEVELT's favorite), and his moderate position in critical periods during KENNEDY's term.

3. It is alarming that anti-Communist hysteria has been turned on. Radio and television continue to broadcast unconfirmed reports that held as a suspect in the assassination is a man who it is said asked for Soviet citizenship two years ago, has a Russian wife and who recently was an activist in the (Fair Play for Cuba) pro CASTRO organization.

American extremists having great influences in the propaganda apparatus here want at all costs to be divorced from responsibilities for the attempt.

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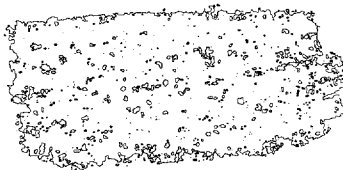
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CUBAN CATHOLICS FORBIDDEN TO HOLD SERVICES FOR PRESIDENT KENNEDY

[OPERATORS CHATTER BETWEEN]:



26 Nov 63

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The Communist Government has not permitted us Cuban Catholics to do anything; we greatly regret the tragic death of the illustrious President KENNEDY. Deep in our hearts we offer prayers for him.

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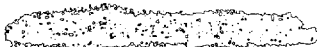
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BULGARIAN REACTION TO ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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The [Bulgarian] Government presented official condolences to the United States Government on the assassination of President KENNEDY. The Minister of Foreign Affairs visited the United States Minister for the same purpose.

The people received the news with surprise and regret. The local television station repeated via Moscow the burial services in the United States. The press of this country eulogized the personality of the late President as a supporter of peace, attributing his death to an ultrarightist group.

All the diplomatic missions flew their flags at half-mast -- the Soviets with black crape -- with the exception of Communist China. Religious services held in Sofia were attended by representatives of all the diplomatic missions.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO [REDACTED] ON OBSERVANCE OF KENNEDY'S DEATH

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23 Nov 63 0130
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In connection with KENNEDY's death, relay our message of sympathy to the [REDACTED] representative of the USA according to local procedures. Hang the flag at half mast for the period decided upon by the local corps.

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[redacted] APPEAL RECEIVED TOO LATE; PRISONER EXECUTED FOR ATTEMPT
AGAINST CASTRO

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27 Nov 63
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With reference to your [redacted] ((A)),
dated 23 August 1963, and my [redacted] ((B)), dated
6 November 1963, I report that I presented a second plea in
the case of CARLOS ESPIN[XU] Y ESCALES ((C)) on the same day
that his sentence was pronounced.

The plea was submitted by Dr. RAUL ROA, Cuban Foreign
Minister, to President DORTICOS, who told Dr. ROA to inform me
that on that same day he [ESCALES] had been executed, before
Cuba knew about Mexico's note. In any event, the sentence of
capital punishment would not have been commuted, because he was
one of the principal persons responsible for an attempt against
the life of the Prime Minister, Dr. FIDEL CASTRO.

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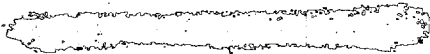
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PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S DEATH NEW BASIS FOR ANTI-ZIONISM IN SYRIA



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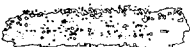
It was not difficult to foresee that the dramatic murder of the American President with all of [3G] new complications would have repercussions also in the usual polemic between the Arabs and Zionism.

In fact, the circumstance that the killer of OSWALD is of Hebrew-Polish origin has now caused a notable part of the Cairo press to move in the [5G] that Zionism [redacted] to this whole tragedy. Naturally, there are no explanations of motives and circumstances but this subject (B val also) is, in the eyes of some of the Arab extremists, useful in muddying the waters and once again directing accusations against Hebrew organizations.

A report follows.

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CUBA'S REACTION TO KENNEDY'S MURDER

[REDACTED]

27 Nov 63 0710
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On 24 November [REDACTED] reported from Havana:

1. All information connected with the assassination is being studied in detail by the local leadership. They believe the present situation to be very serious. Their presumption was confirmed by the direction taken by the search for KENNEDY's murderers, that is among Castroites, Communists and USSR influence. They are concerned with the anti-Cuban and anti-Soviet past which will exert a substantial influence on the foreign and domestic policy of the USA. This will be possible because there is a lack of a head of government with the authority and modernistic leanings which KENNEDY represented.
2. Ultrareactionary circles in the USA, the Pentagon and the (E val C) IA considered KENNEDY's policy too weak and conciliatory and its continuation as dangerous to them. It is believed here that the assassination may be connected with the partially controversial position of KENNEDY and that it actually could have been planned or committed by these circles. The fact of the assassination was immediately used by them to increase positive influences on the Department of State and to turn world opinion away from the real culprits and intention.
3. The assassination is being used to strengthen conservative circles throughout Latin America. They fear that an adventurous decision will be made with regards to Venezuela.

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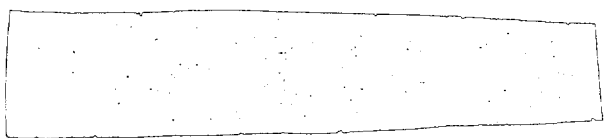
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COMMENT ON CASTRO'S REACTION TO DEATH OF KENNEDY



27 Nov 63
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Late Friday afternoon and through the night a large movement of troops began here. They were sent to take up positions and reinforce strategic positions around Havana and the northern coast of the island because of the assassination of President KENNEDY. Saturday evening FIDEL CASTRO appeared on television and spoke about the death of KENNEDY and tried to refute charges which had already appeared in the United States that the assassin was a Marxist and a Communist Castroite. Although it was only the third time that I had witnessed a speech by FIDEL, I got the immediate impression that on this occasion he was frightened, if not terrified. ~~however,~~ however, confirmed that impression and indicated surprise at this hasty jump into the arena to denounce insinuations which were merely from news and nongovernmental agencies. In fact, it is the general opinion in ~~circles~~ circles that CASTRO feared that the assassination would be the spring which would unleash passions and violent and blind hysteria of the American people against Cuba and Russia and provide the excuse which up to now was lacking to justify internationally an invasion of Cuba. There is talk again about the coincidence of rumors concerning a crisis at the end of the year ~~()~~.

FIDEL, emotional and uneasy, tried through the same telegrams of the American news agencies to refute the accusations which were then appearing and to twist them so that the assassination would appear as the work of the Ultra Reaction, of the extreme racists of the Pentagon, who are fanatical supporters of war against Cuba and the Soviet Union.



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He (B val sketched) the life of LEE OSWALD and showed with these telegrams that after his trip to Russia OSWALD seemed to be supported by forces of the Right and that even counterrevolutionary circles suspected that he was an agent of the CIA or the FBI. This caused CASTRO to wonder whether the assassin was not the mere instrument of a monstrous plot of American militarists who, by eliminating KENNEDY, would put JOHNSON in a position from which there would be only one way out: to drain off anti-Cuba hysteria by an action of declared war.

Be that as it may, CASTRO tried to bring forward any possible formal accusations against Cuba, clamoring that all people should demand that the death of KENNEDY should be clarified and harping on the theme that KENNEDY was being ferociously attacked because of his weak policy against Cuba and Russia and therefore, his death could not be the work of Leftists, since it would only benefit the intentions of the Ultra Reaction and the Rightists.

I must inform you that the assassination did not cause a great deal of consternation in counterrevolutionary circles in the interior, disillusioned as they were with the "weakness" of KENNEDY, especially after his speech in Miami, from which they expected measures or decisions to intervene in Cuba which would presage the forthcoming end of the Communist regime of FIDEL CASTRO.

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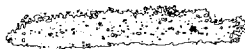
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Soon after the death of KENNEDY several authorities and persons associated with the Cuban Government openly expressed to me their concern relative to the consequences in regard to Cuba and were unanimous in believing that any other president would be "even worse." Another concern of the Cubans was expounded in the unexpected speech by FIDEL CASTRO on Saturday when he accused the news agencies of trying to connect the Soviet Union and Cuba to the crime and asserted that the reactionaries of the United States are trying to create "a state of anti-Soviet and anti-Cuban hysteria." Further, yesterday the Foreign Ministry in an official communique confirmed that the indicated assassin tried to obtain a visa to Cuba without success and repeated that reactionary sectors tried, in that way, to involve beforehand Cuba and the Soviet Union in the events and are trying now to cover up the masterminds and real motives for the crime. There was no official announcement here of sorrow for the death of the President of the United States.

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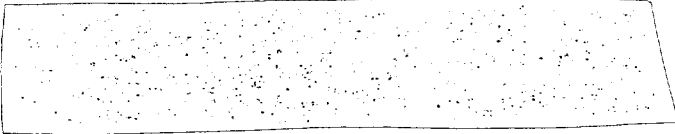
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U.S. PRESIDENT'S SPEECH BEFORE CONGRESS EASES TENSION IN HAITI



28 Nov 63

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The speech of the United States President before Congress has decreased tension, for the rumor was circulating that the Vice President had given evidence in recent months that he favored taking radical measures against the DUVALIER Government.

In official circles, it is believed that the assassination was plotted by [redacted] secret [redacted].

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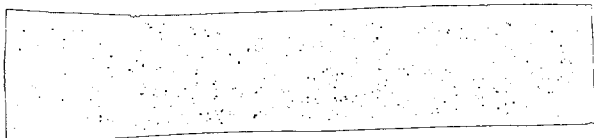
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CASTRO SPEAKS ON PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION AND CUBAN ECONOMY



28 Nov 63

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FIDEL stated, "Events are demonstrating the sinister plot behind the assassination of KENNEDY. Contradictions show that OSWALD was made the culprit by the police or was prepared to commit the act with promise of escape, and was assigned activities so as to have responsibility fall on or be insinuated against those whom the perpetrators wished. It is clear that United States reactionaries tried to make Cuba and the world the victims of their criminal designs, even at the price of assassinating their own president. They sent OSWALD to Mexico to request a transit visa to Cuba for later travel to the USSR. Imagine the president's assassin just returning from the USSR and

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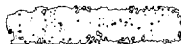
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passing through Cuba. The visa to the USSR he could have requested from the nearest European country and not have to come to Cuba to later go to the USSR, which is much farther."

He also said, "By 1970 we will be in condition to surpass 10 million tons of sugar and to export it. The economy begins to improve solidly. We have sugar sold at close to 10 centavos for 1965 and 1966. There shortly will be a notable increase in meats and other articles. At the year's end, nougats, wine and grapes will reappear as the result of the development of foreign trade.

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POSSIBLE CHANGE IN MEXICAN POSITION TOWARD CUBA

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29 Nov 63
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It is known that the Mexican Foreign Minister was obviously disturbed by the knowledge of the note sent by the Cuban Government to the Mexican Government attributing to it participation in a plot aimed at involving the CASTRO Government in: the plan for the attack on KENNEDY. Because of this, it is felt that there may be a change in the well-known Mexican position toward the Cuban problem.

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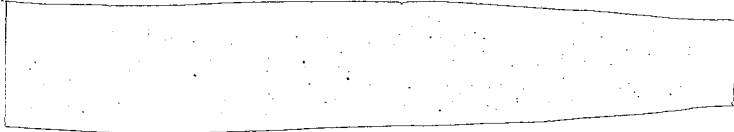
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TEXT OF CUBAN LETTER OF PROTEST TO MEXICO



29 Nov 63

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The following transcription is the text of the note presented on Tuesday night to the Mexican Embassy for the maltreatment of the employee of the Cuban Consulate in Mexico City, SILVIA DURAN, in relation to the request for a transit visa made by LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Regards,

I have the honor of addressing myself to Your Excellency in order to expound the following:

Our embassy in the Republic of Mexico has informed this Ministry that the employee of our consulate in Mexico City, Mrs. SILVIA DURAN, of Mexican nationality, was detained by agents of the Federal Police of your country, and also her husband, on the night of Saturday, 23 November, and that, furthermore, her home was violated, a search having been made of it. She was kept in prison until approximately midnight and during her detention she was submitted to a violent and coercive interrogation in relation to the request for a transit visa made to our consulate in the month of September by the United States citizen, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, accused of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

Mrs. SILVIA DURAN told the aforesaid agents all she knew, adhering strictly to the truth; in spite of which she was the object of censurable treatment, going as far as to make despicable insinuations and asking her about supposed personal

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relations, even intimate, with Mr. OSWALD. Furthermore, she was physically mistreated by the agents of the Federal Police of your country; as a consequence of which, she bears bruises on her arms.

The Revolutionary Government feels that the gross, illegal and unjustifiable manner in which the police arrested and maltreated Mrs. DURAN corresponds to the plan of the reactionaries that, in the United States, planned the assassination of KENNEDY to promote a policy of retrogression and was continued on infamous accusations against Cuba and other countries.

The gravity implicated by the conduct of the aforementioned police agents cannot be dismissed by the Government of Cuba, which considers this act a flagrant complicity of the members of the Mexican Police with those who treacherously tried to involve our country in the filthy crime.


The dispicabilities, coercious and physical aggressions of which an employee of our consulate in Mexico City has been the victim, constitute not only a criminal act which challenges the judicial authorities of your country, but also the ignoring of the minimal guarantees to which are accredited all the officials and employees of a consular office. The transpired events are, besides, totally unfriendly toward Cuba.

Therefore, the Revolutionary Government of Cuba feels itself in the right and with the duty of presenting before the Government of the United States of Mexico this protest and stating to your illustrious government that the perpetration of these acts damage the friendly relations between both Governments, the maintenances of which have been of profound and demonstrated interest to the people and the Revolutionary Government of Cuba.

I take this opportunity to reiterate to Your Excellency my highest esteem.

RAUL ROA, Minister of Public Relations,
Republic of Cuba

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[Redacted] REACTIONS TO KENNEDY'S DEATH

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23 Nov 63 1100
Urgent

For [Redacted]

Our [Redacted] Everything points to the continuation of the internal struggle [B val based] on the political interpretation of KENNEDY's assassination. Immediately after the attempt, the initial commentaries linked it with the racist movement, which assumed the offensive by rallying themselves around the efforts of the Texas police in order to saddle OSWALD, a reputed pro CASTRO activist who two years ago wanted to remain in the USSR, with the responsibility for the attempt. The arrest of Cubans was begun in Dallas. GOLDWATER, who yesterday refused to comment on the assassination, joined the campaign. Radio and television suspended all their programs and -- with minor exceptions which included ABC directed among others by the former EISENHOWER press agent HACKETT -- taking advantage of this background to bring about anti-communist hysteria. The fact that Saturday through Monday are days free of work facilitates reaching the community.

Today's declaration by JOHNSON and the Department of State denying the existence of reputed facts of a conspiracy against KENNEDY's life involving the USSR and Cuba has as its aim the restraint of the campaign of extreme racists, which can create difficulty in overcoming the internal situation and could paralyze the foreign policy of Washington.

Probably in reply to these declarations circulated among the American press (among others in the [Redacted]) is the theme that the KENNEDY murder could have been inspired by those centers in the USSR which do not want a detente. This theme is also being linked with the attempt to arrest BARGHOORN, the downing of the Iranian aircraft, and Berlin access roads.

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It is anticipated that immediately after the funeral personal intrigue will begin. Speculation of RUSK's resignation are being repeated (possible successors, FULBRIGHT or HARRIMAN if JOHNSON is determined to continue the present relations with the USSR and BUNDY or perhaps someone comparable but thus far an unknown politician if he decides to lead the Democratic party to the elections on a wave of hardfast foreign policy).

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Reference repercussions in the Soviet Union to the assassination of President KENNEDY.

Basing the first on personal judgment and the others on reports from reliable [REDACTED] sources, I will give the following evaluations:

The deep grief produced here by the assassination was absolutely spontaneous and can be explained by the high culture of the Soviet people, which enables them to rise above world events, and by traditional Russian sentimentality.

The moment the news was received, because of the possibility of international complications the military authorities increased their security measures. These have now returned to normal.

High-ranking Soviet officials are concerned over what international policy the new President will pursue, especially with respect to Cuba, and, although it seems that MIKOYAN's feelings, after speaking with the President and other high-ranking United States officials, were moderately calm, Soviet leaders are waiting to learn how the matter of the purchase of wheat in the United States will be resolved and also for the conclusion of a new Soviet-United States cultural agreement, in order to obtain a more clear idea of the above-mentioned policy.

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DISCUSSION OF KENNEDY'S DEATH AND ITS IMPACT ON US POLICY

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For [redacted]

Our [redacted]

1. The statement by the Texas state authorities that the slaying of OSWALD closes the investigation of the KENNEDY assassination brought on public reactions of doubt by some segments of the information media (commentators and journalists) of the intentions of the Dallas police who conducted the investigation. This in turn facilitated the decision of the federal authorities to step into the investigation immediately. R. KENNEDY's hand can also be seen in this. Therefore, a struggle between the right and groups close to KENNEDY will continue over the political implications of the attempt. It must be expected that in the near future it will pass to more basic matters of foreign and internal policies of the new president. Although the right was not successful, so far, in obtaining a high degree of anti-communist tension in the community, and force, in this way, JOHNSON to immediately withdraw from KENNEDY's line, undoubtedly the reaction expanded its influences. Its representatives in Congress, HICKENLOOPER for example, began an open attack against KENNEDY's policy of seeking agreements with the Soviet Union, emphasizing with this the hope that JOHNSON will not be such an "inexperienced" politician.

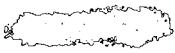
2. In the UN great importance is attached to JOHNSON's talks with MIKOYAN, DE GAULLE and ERHARD (the level and number of the FRG delegation attached special attention). The Western delegations of Europeans and Scandinavians, with whom we talked, avoided any speculation whatsoever as to the result of the talks.

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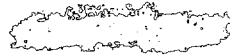
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3. Attention was directed to the fact that only Poland and the USSR sent a high-level delegation (the remaining countries of the People's Democracies sent the chiefs of the delegations of the UN Session). At the airport in New York Ambassador YOST (one of the two deputies of STEVENSON, who went to Washington alone) greeted them, thanking them officially for the trip. The Press was very courteous.



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SYRIANS CLAIM ZIONISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

[REDACTED] 29 Nov 63
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The Syrian regime, always in search of new anti-Zionist arguments, has found, in the murder of President KENNEDY, material for a rather unorthodox interpretation of the lamentable event.

According to the Ba'thist organ, the murder of the (B val President) must be attributed to Zionism, which is really responsible and which is now trying to cover up the misdeed. The pro-government daily paper Al Thawra also asserts that Zionism had a principal role in the event in Dallas.

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MEXICAN AUTHORITIES CONDUCT BRUTAL SEARCH AFTER KENNEDY ASSASSINATION .

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29 Nov 63

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The Mexican Government through its Embassy in Havana has returned the note delivered to that Embassy by the Cuban Government protesting the detention in this capital of a Mexican woman employed at the Cuban Embassy in the course of the investigations surrounding the assassination of KENNEDY. The above-mentioned note, the text of which was revealed in Havana, was written in extremely violent terms. The Mexican Government does not contest the fact that the employee was detained and a house search made on the day following the Dallas crime, when it was learned that the assassin had been here and had visited the Cuban Embassy as well as that of the Soviet Union. Both of those diplomatic missions reported that the visit involved a request for visas for the two countries. It also appears certain that the search in the home of the employee of the Cuban Embassy was carried out with a certain brutality, which, moreover, is usual in such cases here. The aspect Cuban Government seems to want to exploit here is that the search was made by order of the official candidate for the Mexican presidency, at the time still the Minister of the Interior, who, as I reported in my [redacted] ((A)) is opposed by the leftists.

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INCREASED TENSION IN HAVANA FOLLOWING VENEZUELAN COMPLAINT TO OAS

3 Dec 63

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I wish to inform [redacted] that a certain tension prevails in the Latin-American embassies accredited here, since they think that the risk of a break-off of relations with Cuba has grown dangerously since the well-founded Venezuelan complaint against Cuba because of her aid to the FALN and the resulting convocation of the OAS. They think that ROMULO BETANCOURT, while requesting hemispheric military action against Cuba in the OAS, knows that he may not, or almost certainly will not, obtain enough votes for his proposal. But such [redacted] would grant him the authority then to demand and specify a total break of relations with Cuba by the American States. The Brazilian Embassy believes that Brazil will try not to go so far as to vote for a break, but if the others approve it, she would have to follow the majority.

Tension between Cuba and Mexico has also increased suddenly as the result of a violent note which the Foreign Ministry here delivered to the Mexican Ambassador because of the detention in Mexico City of a Mexican woman employed at the Cuban consulate who was reportedly connected with the accused assassin of President KENNEDY, LEE OSWALD. The Mexicans reportedly returned the above-mentioned note.

The death of President KENNEDY, the Fidelista campaign to incriminate U.S. Rightists in that assassination, lack of knowledge as to the future direction of Washington policy [redacted]

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Venezuela and the threat of armed action or at least diplomatic isolation and the immediate tightening of the embargo, the knowledge that this country is behind the subversion in Venezuela with arms and men (the Cuban press; while ridiculing the incident of the arms on the beach at Paraguana; gives no indications whatever of indignation or repudiation of the Venezuelan accusation) have created a growing feeling of crisis. Cuban forces continue with precautionary measures, and at dawn today there was observed a large movement of military transports to the east [redacted] call-up of the militia. On the other hand, the internal counterrevolutionaries reportedly have been very restless for four days in expectation of the OAS resolutions.

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MCCLOY INTERVIEWED BY [REDACTED]
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For [REDACTED]

In conversation with me, MCCLOY, a member of the presidential
commission stated that he has serious doubts of the credibility
of the investigation to date. He does not eliminate the possibility
that the attempt on KENNEDY was made by two persons. However, in
view of JOHNSON's order that the commission investigate also the
circumstances of OSWALD's slaying, some of the commission's
operations and its report could come after RUBY's trial and perhaps
even after the verdict and appeals. In the meantime the trial
was postponed until 3 January [sic], and the FBI released to the
press information that their investigation confirms OSWALD's guilt,
and that he had no accomplices.

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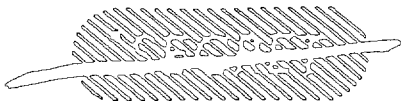
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WESTERN ARMY TOLD TO STAND BY FOR ALERT IN REACTION TO DEATH
OF KENNEDY

Information not previously available reveals that [redacted] was advised to keep personnel of its command available in case a state of alert were declared in response to events following the death of President KENNEDY. The message, [redacted] also prohibited statements pro or con with regard to the death of the President.

[redacted] replied that steps had already been taken in compliance with these orders.

COMMENT:

Units of the Eastern Naval District were placed on alert, presumably due to the proximity of Guantanamo Naval Base, after the KENNEDY assassination, as were unidentified army coastal observation posts in the First Army area (2/0/ [redacted] /R58-63). There is no indication, however, that Western Army units were formally put on a state of alert.

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SEMINAR ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND PEACE MEETS IN INDIA

9 Dec 63
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The conference on foreign affairs and peace organized by the "Committee of Indian Parliamentarians for Peace" ((A)) was opened on Saturday by the Prime Minister; who dwelt on the beneficent effects of the lessening of tension between East and West and on the necessity that the efforts in this direction should not be interrupted as a consequence of President KENNEDY's assassination. He repeated the Indian Government's attachment to the policy of nonalignment despite Chinese aggression, which it had been obliged to stop by force, and pointed out that it is not enough to denounce war but that it is advisable to find means to prevent it.

The only foreign representatives -- despite the efforts of DIWAN CHAMAN LALL, who incidentally had asked me to obtain messages from [REDACTED] and to whom I replied that it is not our tradition to send them to meetings of this type -- are Soviet, Yugoslav, Ceylonese and British. Moreover, Madame NIKOLAEVA, member of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, brought congratulations only from the nongovernmental organization. Yugoslavia delegated Mr. VILFAN, former ambassador to New Delhi. Mr. GREENWOOD, Chairman of the Labor Party, read a communication from Mr. HAROLD WILSON but made it clear that he was participating

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in the seminar as a private individual.

As for the Indians, the (B val leading voices) are on the whole either crypto-communist or left-wing members of Parliament. We might name Mrs. ARUNA ASAF ALI among the former and Mr. MALAVIYA, former Minister of Fuel, and (B val Mr. KRISHNA MENON) among the latter. The last-named, in his speech, made a point of stating that in spite of the provocations of China and Pakistan, India was maintaining her peaceful policy. He observed that there can be disarmament or peace only to the extent that there is a rapprochement between the USSR and the United States: "The more these two powers work together, the better it will be for the world."

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[REDACTED] COUNTER PROTEST OVER REFERENCE TO KENNEDY DEATH

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Following is the text of a Royal Government communique published today:

"On 11 December 1963, the United States Government, through its Ambassador in Phnom Penh, protested to the Royal Government regarding the Information Department communique which is reported to have expressed Cambodia's pleasure at the deaths of NGO DINH DIEM, NGO DINH NHU, SARIT THANARAT, and President KENNEDY. The Royal Government, after having consulted the Cambodian and French texts broadcast by RADIODIFFUSION NATIONALE or published by the Information Ministry, clarifies for international opinion that no allusion was made to the tragic death of President KENNEDY on the occasion of the comments on the death of SARIT THANARAT. On the contrary, it must be remembered that Cambodia observed three days of national mourning out of respect for the deceased President and that His Highness the Premier represented the Chief of State at the funeral in Washington. It is, therefore, absurd to claim that Cambodia has not paid due homage to the memory of the noble President of the United States.

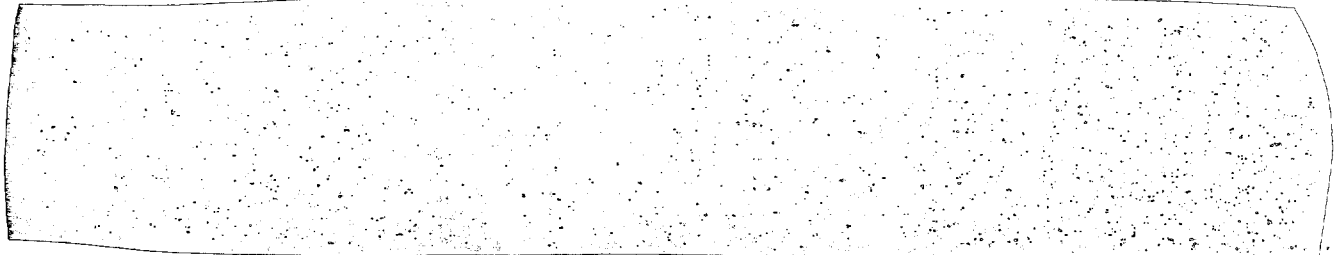
It must be admitted that the feelings experienced by the Cambodian people upon hearing of the deaths of NGO DINH DIEM and SARIT THANARAT may be different. In fact, although President KENNEDY was unanimously respected by all Cambodians in spite of the injustice of American policy toward Cambodia, the South Vietnamese and Thai dictators, who were the implacable enemies of our independence, could arouse nothing but general hostility from our countrymen. There is a nuance which American diplomats and observers seem not to understand in the sentiments expressed in the past few

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days by the Cambodian people. Our joy and pleasure are caused, not by the deaths of NGO DINH DIEM and SARIT THANARAT, but by our liberation from the threats and humiliations which they symbolized in their lifetimes [1 wd G] peaceful Cambodia was obliged to suffer for long years. The hypocrisy of certain great Western powers is totally foreign to us. NGO DINH DIEM and SARIT THANARAT never respected the most elementary rules of international life [10G]. Consequently, we are in no way constrained to display an attitude which does not correspond with our feelings. [XM/G] the meaning of the demonstration of popular relief which offend the United States so greatly. This said, Cambodia has no lessons in propriety to learn from countries said to be developed, where racism breaks out from time to time in demonstrations of violence which Cambodia has never known and will never know".



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REPORTS REACTION TO KENNEDY AND CASTRO
INTERVIEWS

13 Dec 63
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I am communicating to you herewith
of 12 December 1963.

The Cuban affair has abruptly returned to the forefront with the republication of articles written for L'Express by Mr. JEAN DANIEL after his conversations with President KENNEDY and CASTRO, first in the weekly The New Republic, and then in the New York Times and the Washington Post. From the comments of the American press, I might single out the following elements:

1. Although President KENNEDY did indeed mention Hungary in his conversation with Mr. ADZHUBEI--Mr. PIERRE SALINGER has just acknowledged it after having denied it--it was only, according to the White House spokesman, to show the importance of Cuba to the United States. On the other hand, the President did not make any allusion to the fact that the United States was a passive witness to the Soviet intervention in Hungary in 1956. In any case, since The Bay of Pigs, President KENNEDY never had any intention of invading Cuba. He categorically answered a question on this subject by Mr. ADZHUBEI in the negative.

2. The administration puts no trust in CASTRO's statements to the effect that the Soviets installed rockets in Cuba to prevent an invasion of the island by the United States.

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At most, it is thought here that Mr. KHRUSHCHEV may have told CASTRO that the installation of these rockets was indispensable to his country's defense.

3. Mr. KHRUSHCHEV's decision is still explained by his wish to compensate quickly and cheaply for the Soviet Union's strategic inferiority. Moreover, as a study by the Rand Corporation recalls, this is what CASTRO told Mr. JULIEN of Le Monde when he admitted: "It was not to ensure our own defense that we accepted the rockets; but to reinforce the socialist camp's position. This is the truth, even if others provide different explanations."

4. However that may be, the publication of these interviews puts President JOHNSON in a delicate position. As Mr. CHALMERS ROBERTS remarked in the Washington Post, Mr. KHRUSHCHEV's emissaries hint that perhaps an arrangement is possible between the United States and CASTRO. The latter, in his interview with Mr. DANIEL, intimated that he might put an end to his terrorist agitation campaign in Latin America if the United States lifted its economic blockade of the island. Therefore, Mr. ROBERTS acknowledges, this perhaps gives a margin to the United States for maneuvering, but "only a short time after having acceded to the presidency and only a year before the elections, Mr. JOHNSON's possibilities for action in this field are very limited."

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~~TOP SECRET DIAMANT~~ PRESIDENT FAVORS ~~TOP SECRET DIAMANT~~ PARTICIPATION IN KENNEDY LIBRARY PROJECT

17 Dec 63
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I informed Mr. ~~TOP SECRET DIAMANT~~ that our President is in favor of Mexico's participation in the Kennedy Library project.

He tells me that Venezuela will contribute \$100,000. Peru has the amount of its contribution under study. Puerto Rico will also contribute \$100,000.

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HAITI ASKS WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. CULTURAL ATTACHÉ BECAUSE OF
ALLEGED SLIGHT

19 Dec 63

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Coincident with the arrival of the new United States Ambassador, the Haitian Foreign Ministry asked for the withdrawal of the United States Cultural Attaché because his services edited a pamphlet in memory of President KENNEDY and inserted messages from chiefs of state expressing sorrow but omitted the Haitian mourning decree and DUVALIER'S cable of condolence, publishing only articles by Haitian intellectuals [redacted]

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VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER BRINGING DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE AGAINST
CUBA TO WASHINGTON

30 Dec 63

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Venezuelan Foreign Minister FALCON BRICENO left for Washington yesterday, taking with him the documentation which the Government of Venezuela will present to the OAS regarding the accusation recently (B val made) against the regime of FIDEL CASTRO.

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EFFORTS STILL BEING MADE TO GET AMERICAN OUT OF CUBA

31 Dec 63

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Your [redacted] ((A)).

I have already intervened with the United States Embassy in Mexico City with regard to the person concerned, who is an American and whose records have been shown to the Swiss Embassy in Havana. Since the assassination of the President of the United States, American services have become extremely rigid and seem to appear more reticent regarding the American citizen, a former officer, living in Cuba. Mexican services will issue a transit visa as soon as the American Embassy in Mexico City, where the matter has been pending for a month, makes the request.

I suggest an intervention also be made in Washington. I shall see what I can do unofficially.

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CASTRO INTERVIEW ON RELATIONS WITH U.S.

3 Jan 64
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I am communicating to you herewith

On 1 January Mr. FIDEL CASTRO granted an interview by telephone to a newsman from the ABC radio and television network. The Cuban leader repeated that he hoped to normalize relations between his country and the United States, and he added: "Henceforth it is up to the United States to take a step in that direction." Mr. CASTRO stated that "until the tragic death of President KENNEDY," he thought that "the normalization of Cuban relations with the American administration was possible." While acknowledging that public opinion in the United States is still hostile to Cuba and wants the naval blockade of the island strengthened, he appeared "full of hope" as to the future of his relations with President JOHNSON.

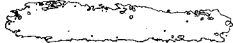
The Cuban Chief of Government even gave concrete proof of his good will by bringing up the problem of the indemnification of American citizens who were victims of nationalization in the following terms: "We are ready to speak of the indemnities due under the heading of the nationalization of American property by the revolutionary((A)). Thus, you can see that we are sincere when we say that we are ready to talk, but that does not depend only on us."

However, Mr. CASTRO did refuse to pay the price of

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renunciation of Marxism for the "amelioration of his relations with the United States." The administration has not, up to now, commented on this interview, which is receiving little publicity in the American press.

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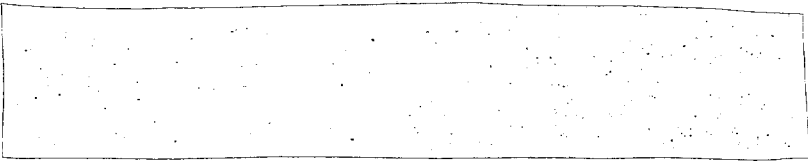
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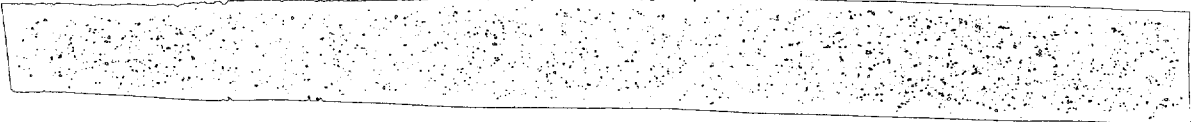


17 May 64
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We, the Anti-Imperialist United States citizens residing in Cuba, vigorously condemn the last Imperialist attack against the people of Cuba in which a woman and an 8-year old girl were wounded with United States weapons.

We protest the fascist vandalism of the JOHNSON Government which came to power through the unexplained assassination of President KENNEDY; and which is opposed to Cuba, South Vietnam and the negro population of the United States. These fascist actions are an insult to our country and an opprobium for humanity.

We support the protests of the people and Government of Cuba against these imperialist aggressions which endanger world peace.



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WARREN COMMISSION FINDINGS SUMMARIZED

25 Sep 64
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As announced at the beginning of this week, the report of the commission headed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, which investigated the assassination of President KENNEDY, was handed to President JOHNSON yesterday. The report is very lengthy, but is to be printed for wide distribution, according to the desire of President JOHNSON that there be no doubts in regard to the circumstances and motivation of that crime.

Sunday afternoon, the day after tomorrow, the report will be made public, which will make possible its transcription in the morning press on Monday.

The ceremony of handing the report to President JOHNSON was attended by all members of the commission appointed by him, which became known as the WARREN Commission and which was made up of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Senator RICHARD RUSSELL and JOHN SHERMAN COOPER, Congressman HALE BOGGS and GERALD FORD and our Mr. JOHN J. MCCLOY and Mr. ALLEN DULLES.

It appears that the conclusion of the WARREN Commission is that LEE OSWALD was the sole author of the crime and that his motive was strictly personal. In regard to the assassination of OSWALD, the Commission appears to have accepted the thesis that JACK RUBY also acted on strictly personal motivation both evidently having suffered from mental unbalance or instability.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY AND
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Senate Select Committee Request for Information on
Matters Related to President Kennedy's Assassination

Inclosed is our response to the request of the Senate
Select Committee on Intelligence dated 14 November 1975.

DAVID D. LOWMAN
Special Assistant
to the Director
for Congressional Reviews

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DAVID D. LOWMAN/O/ESS/3161s/24 Nov 75/kjb

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In response to Mr. Fenn's letter of 14 November 1975 to Mr. Frank Foster which posed a number of questions on matters related to President Kennedy's assassination, the following information is provided:

NSA has identified some four foreign communications which mention Lee Harvey Oswald, but has not identified any messages to or from him. The four identified messages are ~~and contain~~ Cuban comments regarding press items which discuss Oswald's activity in late September 1963 to obtain a Cuban visa to travel to Moscow and also comments on the assassination itself. The messages are dated in the last week of November 1963.

NSA has not identified any communications to, from or mentioning Marina Oswald, Jack Ruby or Earl Ruby.

The specific questions asked and responses follow:

1. Were any of the above names put on a watch list and, if so, by which agency or individual of the Government?

ANSWER: The name of Oswald was used in searching our data base immediately following the assassination. Records from that time period are virtually non-existent and it is not clear which agency or individual of the Government requested the search to be made.

2. Was product or information concerning the individuals cited above ever requested by any agency or individual of the Government or of the Warren Commission? If so, what information and by whom?

ANSWER: NSA has no record or recollection of such requests.

3. Was product or information concerning the individuals cited above ever disseminated to any agency or individual of the Government or of the Warren Commission? If so, what information and to whom?

ANSWER: The four ~~messages~~ messages cited above were disseminated to CIA, DIA, STATE and elements of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

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4. Did NSA ever have a watch list on U.S. defectors to the Soviet Union? If so, to which agencies was this information disseminated?

ANSWER: The names of several such individuals were used as selectors in dictionaries. No information was ever noted which warranted dissemination.

5. Were there ever any requests to monitor specific links for information pertaining to the individuals cited above? Who made these requests, and when? Did these include links between Mexico-U.S.A., Mexico-Cuba, Mexico-U.S.S.R., Cuba-U.S.A., or Cuba-U.S.S.R.?

ANSWER: No.

6. Were there ever any requests to monitor specific links for information pertaining to the assassination of President Kennedy? Who made these requests, and when? Did these include links between Mexico-U.S.A., Mexico-Cuba, Mexico-U.S.S.R., Cuba-U.S.A., or Cuba-U.S.S.R.?

ANSWER: No.

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755

Serial: N1404
3 December 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY AND
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Senate Select Committee Request for Additional
Information on Matters Related to President Kennedy's
Assassination

1. Please refer to my Memorandum, Serial: N1380 dated
24 November 1975 which forwarded our initial response to
the subject request.

2. Mr. Peter Fenn of the Select Committee Staff has
requested copies of the four messages referred to in our
initial response. They are inclosed for your review and
forwarding to Mr. Fenn.

DAVID D. LOWMAN
Special Assistant
to the Director
for Congressional Reviews

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Serial: N1404

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M/R: The four inclosures are messages numbered: 3/O/[redacted]/T1384-63,
2X/O/[redacted]/T2545-63, 2X/O/[redacted]/T2456-63, and 2X/O/[redacted]/T2440-63.
Mr. Fenn's request was by telephone.

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CUBAN STATEMENT ON VISA FOR OSWALD

[REDACTED] 25 Nov 63

I am reproducing below the note given to the press by [REDACTED]

With relation to the information published today in the newspaper Excelsion in Mexico City, affirming that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had requested a transit visa for travel to the Soviet Union at the Cuban Consulate in Mexico in September, the Cuban Government requested information from the officials of our Consulate in that city confirming that it is certain that Mr. LEE HARVEY OSWALD requested the transit visa for travel to the Soviet Union on 27 September in the said Consulate.

On being informed by the consular officials that their office could not grant such a visa without the authorization of the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Relations, which likewise would not grant it if it was not previously authorized by the country of destination, Mr. OSWALD left the Consulate visibly disgusted.

The said visa was never granted.

This detail, in connection with the other circumstance that surround the facts, confirm our suspicion that the assassination of KENNEDY was a provocation against world peace, perfectly and thoroughly planned by the most reactionary sectors of the United States.

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It is evident that these sectors planned beforehand to involve Cuba and the Soviet Union in these deeds.

The inconceivable and inexplicable impunity with which an individual of known penal antecedents assassinated OSWALD, the principal accused of the assassination of President KENNEDY, in the presence of the police themselves and in the [56] of a prison, demonstrates in a scandalous and indisputable manner that the powerful reactionary political forces within the United States are making use of all their resources and influences in order to conceal those who master-minded KENNEDY's assassination, and the true motives for it.

World public opinion demands the enlightening of the deeds. It is absurd that the political authorities and the prosecuting attorney of Dallas have declared that the case is closed when hardly 48 hours have passed since a deed of so great a result as the assassination of the President of the United States.

Regards.

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GHANAIAN PRESS EMPHASIZING CUBAN COMMENTARIES ON DEATH OF PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN



30 Nov 63

The Ghanaian press emphasized in the headlines of the first page on 29 November, the commentaries of the Prime Minister of Cuba concerning the death of OSWALD.

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CASTRO SPEAKS ON PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION AND CUBAN ECONOMY

28 Nov 63

FIDEL stated, "Events are demonstrating the sinister plot behind the assassination of KENNEDY. Contradictions show that OSWALD was made the culprit by the police or was prepared to commit the act with promise of escape, and was assigned activities so as to have responsibility fall on or be insinuated against those whom the perpetrators wished. It is clear that United States reactionaries tried to make Cuba and the world the victims of their criminal designs, even at the price of assassinating their own president. They sent OSWALD to Mexico to request a transit visa to Cuba for later travel to the USSR. Imagine the president's assassin just returning from the USSR and

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passing through Cuba. The visa to the USSR he could have requested from the nearest European country and not have to come to Cuba to later go to the USSR, which is much farther."

He also said, "By 1970 we will be in condition to surpass 10 million tons of sugar and to export it. The economy begins to improve solidly. We have sugar sold at close to 10 centavos for 1965 and 1966. There shortly will be a notable increase in meats and other articles. At the year's end, nougats, wine and grapes will reappear as the result of the development of foreign trade.

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HAVANA VERIFIES OSWALD'S REQUEST FOR TRANSIT VISA FOR RUSSIA

26 Nov 63

[redacted] reported yesterday that the information in the newspaper Excelsior of Mexico City concerning LEE OSWALD's request for a transit visa to go to the USSR, which was requested from the Cuban Consulate in Merida, is true. This visa was requested 27 September from said consulate, which stated that it could not grant the visa without permission of [redacted] and unless permission had been granted previously by the country of destination. OSWALD gave up applying the consulate, and the visa was never granted.

This detail, and others, confirm the suspicion that the KENNEDY assassination was a provocation against world peace by the most reactionary sectors. It is evident that these sectors planned

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beforehand to involve Cuba and the USSR in the act. The inconceivable impunity of a person who, with a known police record could murder OSWALD in the presence of the police in a prison basement, demonstrates the scandalous means which reactionary forces are using in the United States to cover up the perpetrators and the motives for KENNEDY's assassination. World-wide public opinion demands a clarification of the facts. It is absurd that the Dallas District Attorney is closing the case of the death of the President scarcely 48 hours after the deed.

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Serial: N 9347R2

8 OCT 1975

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn: FOIA Unit, Room 5278
9th & Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

1. ~~(C-CCC)~~ Inclosed please find a copy of our letter of referral to you concerning Mr. Robert Kessler's Freedom of Information Act request to the National Security Agency. Please be advised that the FBI memorandum dated 26 November 1963, Subject: Lee Harvey Oswald Internal Security, contains classified information furnished you by this Agency. We have reviewed the NSA information which was the basis for much of your memo. This NSA information was classified TOP SECRET DAWN at the time of your memo. Our review of this information reveals that it should continue to be protected by the classification TOP SECRET UMBRA.

2. (U) Request you take action to classify the subject memorandum.

3. (U) Additionally, in your processing of this FOI referral, the NSA information in paragraphs 1 through 4 of your 26 November 1963 memo is protected from disclosure by the following exemptions of Title 5 U.S.C. 552 as amended by Public Law 93-502:

a. Title 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1) - The information is properly classified in accordance with the criteria for classification in Section 1 of Executive Order 11652, and paragraph 2-303 of Department of Defense (DoD) Regulation 5200.1-R. This information is properly excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 3 of DoD Regulation 5200.1-R and Section 5(B) of Executive Order 11652.

b. Title 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3) - Statutory Protection. Under the (b)(3) exemption, the specific statutes are Title 13 U.S.C. 793, Title 50 U.S.C. 403(d)(3) and Section 6 of Public Law 86-36.

4. (U) Also, the name and initials of NSA personnel and the NSA organization designator on ~~_____~~ hand written

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memo of 9 February 1976 are protected from release by Title 5
U.S.C. 552(b)(3). Public Law 96-36 applies.

5. (U) Recommend these exemptions be applied.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

NORMAN BOARDMAN
Information Officer

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755

Serial: N0015
5 January 1978

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE DEANNE SIEMER, GENERAL COUNSEL,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Pending Congressional Requests

- REFERENCES:
- (a) 15 December 1977 letter from Senator George McGovern to Secretary of Defense
 - (b) Undated letter received on 20 December 1977 from Congressman Louis Stokes to Director, NSA
 - (c) 16 December 1977 letter from Mr. Ira Nordlicht to the Honorable Deanne Siemer

1. Referenced letters iterating requests for information from the National Security Agency present two common issues: namely, whether signals intelligence information is to be provided to Congressional Committees which exercise no traditional oversight over intelligence matters; and, if it is to be provided, how it is to be done. NSA Charter legislation, now in draft form, would obligate the Director to keep the Committees of the Congress, having jurisdiction over the Agency, fully and currently informed of the Agency's activities. Provision of information to other committees would be responsive to policy developed within the community.

2. We anticipate that requests for information, as illustrated by the three referenced letters, will continue to increase and can present difficulties in maintaining good relations with the Congress. While this Agency has been fully responsive to the needs of the Intelligence, Armed Services, and Appropriations Committees, we have treated requests for information by other committees on a purely case-by-case basis. Several times during the past two years, Committees of the Congress which do not have jurisdiction for intelligence oversight have approached NSA directly for foreign signals intelligence information. In each case it has been our understanding that the SIGINT information NSA has provided to the requesting committee is being used as background information in assisting that committee in formulating U.S. policy matters. On these infrequent occasions, NSA has responded directly to the requesting committee providing either access to SIGINT product or briefings, as required.

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3. Regarding these three specific requests, inclosed for your information is a summary of NSA's contacts with Senator McGovern's Subcommittee on International Operations. As indicated in the summary and as discussed previously with Mr. Andrews of your staff, we have not shown nor discussed any material with Senator McGovern's staff representative pending the drafting of an approved memorandum of understanding by your office and the execution of such an MOU between the Executive Branch and the Senator.

4. In his letter received by NSA on 20 December, Representative Louis Stokes, Chairman of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, requested certain information from NSA relating to the Cuban intelligence network during the period 1959 - 1964. Chairman Stokes also certified that access to any NSA material would be restricted to those staff members with a TOP SECRET security clearance; access to NSA material, of course, requires indoctrination for SI as well. No response has been made to Chairman Stokes' correspondence pending resolution of how NSA should deal with non-oversight committees. Once that decision is made, we recommend that any SIGINT information selected for the Select Committee on Assassinations be provided only by the DOD or DCI as part of a larger submission of data and that the SIGINT be properly sanitized.

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6. The lack of an MOU or other agreed procedure for dealing with requests for SIGINT from other than the three traditional oversight committees mentioned above has severely hampered NSA's ability to be responsive to the Congress. We urgently recommend that an agreed procedure be developed between the Executive and Legislative Branches which would set forth the terms and conditions on which sensitive cryptologic or other intelligence information would be provided to the non-oversight committees. In the absence of such an agreement with both the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Select Committee on Assassinations, we cannot respond to these queries. We also recommend that your office so advise Congressman Stokes and Mr. Nordlicht and also determine a proper response to Senator McGovern consistent with the President's instructions.



B. R. INMAN
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Director, NSA/Chief, CSS

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Col. Stephen Harrick
OASD (LA)

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M/R: a. On 17 May 1977, the Director proposed in a memorandum to the DCI that the DCI assume responsibility for acting as the focal point for requests for intelligence information from any Committee of the Congress which does not have direct oversight responsibilities. This proposal included the recommendation that the channel of communications for such requests should be through a designated individual on the IC Staff and that responses to the Congress should flow back through the same person, providing the DCI, on behalf of the President, the opportunity to review what intelligence information is made available to the Congress. The DCI has never responded to this memorandum.

b. Instant memo recommends that an agreed procedure be developed between the Executive and Legislative Branches which would set forth the terms and conditions on which sensitive cryptologic or other intelligence information would be provided to the non-oversight committees. It also recommends OSD GC assume action on R/S 5507 and provides background information on two Congressional requests (references a and c) for SIGINT information now pending in OSD.

c. Deadline on R/S 5507 response to Ms. Siemer extended to 4 January per Col. Steve Harrick, ATSD(LA), and Mr. Bob Andrews, OSD(GC).

d. Mr. Yeates, Exec DDO, and Mr. Brady, GC, concur. Classification reviewed by Mr. Michael Levin, D4.


JULIA WETZEL, U2, 3161s, 4 Jan 78, bj


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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Serial: G/143-78
DATE: 5 April 1978

TO : DIRECTOR
THRU: DDO, V *[initials]*
FROM : G

SUBJECT: House Assassinations Committee Query

1. Attached is our proposed response to the queries passed to us from the House Assassinations Committee. The information requested was supposed to be for the period 1959 - 31 December 1974. However,



2. The source products from which we extracted the attached information were published in the Category III TRIG and DENT, US/UK EYES ONLY series. We believe we have done sufficient sanitization so that, when the association with NSA is removed, the text could be releasable as national TOP SECRET, Sensitive.

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R. E. RICH
Chief, G

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CUBAN AGENT ACTIVITY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE 1959-31 DECEMBER 1974

Cuba used agents for intelligence and subversion in North, Central and South America; Africa; and Asia.

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ANY MATERIAL RELEVANT TO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY OR
ANY INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION.

We have reviewed the Cuban materials previously compiled to respond to SSCI and Church Committee hearings. The only information regarding the KENNEDY assassination which surfaced might be termed reactive; that is, it reflects some of the reactions of the Cuban government to the assassination. Army and Navy elements in Eastern Cuba were placed on alert status on 22 November, apparently in reaction to news of the President's death. This action was probably a reflection of the Cuban government's paranoia over a possible military action against Cuba, possibly originating from the U. S. Navy Base at Guantanamo. That the Cubans were sensitive to suggestion that they might be implicated in the KENNEDY assassination is very evident in the following 25 November press release from the Cuban Foreign Ministry:

"With relation to the information published today ((25 November)) in the newspaper EXCELSIOR in Mexico City, affirming that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had requested a transit visa for travel to the Soviet Union at the Cuban Consulate in Mexico in September, the Cuban Government requested information from the officials of our Consulate in that city confirming that it is certain that Mr. LEE HARVEY OSWALD requested the transit visa for travel to the Soviet Union on 27 September in the said consulate.

"On being informed by the consular officials that their office could not grant such a visa without the authorization of the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Relations, which likewise would not grant it if it was not previously authorized by the country of destination, Mr. Oswald left the Consulate visibly disgusted.

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"It is evident that these sectors planned beforehand to involve Cuba and the Soviet Union in these deeds.

"The inconceivable and inexplicable impunity with which an individual of known penal antecedents assassinated OSWALD, the principal accused of the assassination of President KENNEDY, in the presence of the police themselves and in the basement of a prison, demonstrates in a scandalous and indisputable manner that the powerful reactionary political forces within the United States are making use of all their resources and influences in order to conceal those who master-minded KENNEDY's assassination, and the true motives for it.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

15 June 1976

SUBJECT: Actions Taken by NSA to Locate Information Related to the Assassination of President Kennedy

A. Over the past fourteen and one-half years, NSA has performed a number of separate in-depth reviews of materials in its files in an attempt to isolate data that might be relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy. Nothing of significance has been determined as a result of those reviews.

1. November-December 1963 - Immediately after the assassination, NSA initiated a large-scale manual and machine review of available SIGINT, including all U.S./Cuba traffic (NSA intercepted messages at an average of 1,000 per day at that time). A computer search was initiated using Oswald's name as the minimum for research criteria. Additionally, all traffic between Cuba/New Orleans and Cuba/Dallas was manually reviewed (an analyst involved recalled that 25 to 50 analysts reviewed the traffic manually, along with traffic from Cuba and some Soviet traffic). Sometime during the search, items from the Oswald address book provided by the FBI were added to the search criteria.

2. 1964 - Warren Commission - The Commission, in the person of Allan Dulles, asked NSA to review the exhibits for any secret writings or codes which might have been contained in the documents. It also appears that NSA searched records for information on the basis of other Warren Commission requests made informally by Allen Dulles.

3. November 1975 - Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities (SSC)

In response to an SSC request on the Assassination, NSA reviewed its Soviet and Cuban files, including Cuban military. The search was also for material involving Marina Oswald, Jack Ruby or Earl Ruby (a Harvest run was made). ~~_____~~ traffic was also reviewed, looking for information concerning Oswald's visit to Mexico.

4. June 1976 - Pursuant to FOIA requests asking for material relating to Lee Harvey Oswald and the Assassination

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of President John F. Kennedy, NSA again searched the files. Strongbox searches were made on the following:

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| Lee Harvey Oswald | 1966 - 1976 |
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| President Kennedy | 1966 - 1976 |
| Earl Ruby | 1966 - 1977 |
| Cobo Cleaners | 1966 - 1977 |

5. December 1976 - Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) - Requested all the material we had available on the Cuban [redacted] It consisted of 485 reports for the period 1961 - 1965. All of these reports were received by Committee Staff Members.

6. March 1978 - House Select Committee on Assassinations - Requested all data on Cuban intelligence network and other materials relating to the Assassination. All [redacted] material (1961 - 1964) was reviewed, as was material that had been previously compiled to respond to the SSCI and SSC requests.

B. As a result of the reviews described above, the following materials which may have some relevance to the assassination were located (referenced material inclosed at numbered tabs):

1. Four [redacted] messages which contained [redacted] Cuban comments regarding press items that discussed Oswald's activity in late September 1963 to obtain a visa to travel to Moscow. There were also comments on the assassination itself. The messages are dated in the last week of November 1963.

2. Three Cuban military reports which show that Cuban military forces did go on alert immediately after the assassination.

3. --One 1962 [redacted] message concerning the assassination of Antonio Veciana. This message was to [redacted]

4. One 1966 [redacted] message concerning a [redacted] in Cuba. It referenced a 1960 plan in Cuba to assassinate an USSR dignitary in Cuba and against Raul Castro Ruz, possibly linking it to the CIA.

5. Information in an FBI document relating to a [redacted] was supplied by NSA. Because this document was to be turned over to the HASC, there may be some relation to the assassination.

6. One 1967 message showing Cuban interest in Jim Garrison's investigation of both the Kennedy Assassination and David W. Ferrie.

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C. Based on these extensive reviews and the paucity of material derived, it is possible to state that: "A thorough review has revealed no intelligence material revealing or suggesting Cuban involvement in the assassination of President Kennedy."

Eugene F. Yates
EUGENE F. YATES
Chief D1

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P.O. Box 9052
Washington, D.C. 20003
January 12, 1981

Director
National Security Agency/Central Security Service
Fort Meade, Md. 20755

Dear Sirs:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552. Please furnish me with all correspondence or records of any communications between your agency and the U.S. House Select Committee on Assassinations concerning the Select Committee's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

I am presently engaged in a program of scholarly research on the work of the Select Committee, which includes gathering all available records dealing with its investigation. As the records requested concern the assassination of an American president, I feel they are of important historical value and that their release would significantly benefit the public. Accordingly, I hereby request that all search and copying fees be waived as provided for under the Act.

If you do not make an initial determination to waive these costs, please first furnish me an estimate of the number of records involved, the cost of a thorough search and your charge per page for copying.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Allen

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20753

Serial: GC/335/78
7 September 1978

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
ATTN: Mr. Arthur Kerns, Intelligence Division

SUBJECT: Request for Information

1. Attached is correspondence which Lt Col Paul T. Fisher, Chief, Security Police, U.S. Air Force Security Service, has requested this Agency to bring to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The materials consist of a letter written by one [redacted] a former U.S. Air Force Security Service member, to a former colleague of [redacted] who passed it on to the Air Force Security Service. Also enclosed is [redacted] cover letter to Mr. James Leer of this Agency. Finally, since the photocopy of [redacted] handwritten letter is difficult to read, a typewritten copy has been prepared for your convenience.

2. The classification markings on the handwritten letter were applied by the Air Force Security Service. The typewritten version has been classified CONFIDENTIAL FVCCO, the highest level affixed to the handwritten letter.

3. Should you feel it appropriate to disseminate the enclosed materials to any Committee of the Congress, I would ask that you do so only to members or to staffers who have appropriate SI clearances. The information contained in [redacted] letter that the Air Force Security Service was intercepting [redacted] communications at Kirknewton, Scotland during 1953 is correct, as is the assertion that that station monitored communications links [redacted]


DANIEL B. SILVER
General Counsel

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SECURITY SERVICE
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78243



2 JUN 1973

DirNSA/M5 (Mr Lear)
Ft George G Meade, MD 20755

Dear Jim

I am forwarding a letter from a former Security Service member to you. It was furnished to us by the recipient, through his commander, at one of our subordinate units.

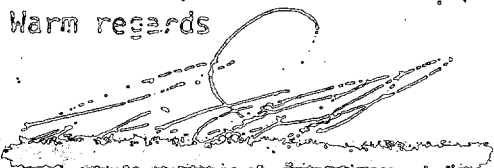
After realizing the implications, true or otherwise, we immediately notified our unit commander to turn it over to the OSI in Florida, believing they would contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation, since the writer is a civilian now.

Yesterday, this office was contacted by an OSI agent at Lowry AFB, CO; this agent happens to be an ex-Security Service man. He was instructed by his headquarters to interview the writer of the letter to determine the names of other individuals he had contacted. Apparently [redacted] has a long history of alcoholism, family problems and now wants to see a "cleared psychiatrist" as he attributes all of his problems from Oct 1963, per the OSI agent. In addition, he has indicated to the OSI that he now fears for his life.

I am furnishing this to you as I feel the implication in the letter should best be handled at the national level and that you are in the best position to contact the Bureau. I have no knowledge that OSI has not done this, but in view of the fact the subject was interviewed as a civilian by an AF agent, rather than an FBI agent, leads me to doubt this. In addition, you are in a much better position to determine where the nearest psychiatrist, with access, is located. For your information, we placed the classification markings on the letter.

We were told by [redacted], the OSI agent at OSI District 14, that the doctor to contact at the VA hospital in Cheyenne, WY is a [redacted], commercial telephone number 778-7550, extension 273.

Warm regards


Chief, Security Police

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V. A. Hospital
Shirley, W. 82801

Well after 13 1/2 years I
finally found out your
whereabouts. From its been
a long time since I had met
you and the business
club. Had to get your address
from the outfit in Texas.

Whatever happened to
you? If you know his
address, then in the fall
have you been doing?

I had a nervous break
down. Plus in 74 had my leg
shattered in an accident.
Things have been pretty good
at home for me.

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Don't worry with the nets
beneficial, whereas a
sp. 203 & party of 203's where
the hell is ~~any~~ if you know
the little guy, at that I'm going
to say is no longer classified,
so don't get all shit-shock.
I've done checked it out.

Think you remember the
position I worked at, in
the ~~same~~ position, don't
you? You remember about
a month or 6 weeks before I
left Scotland, when I picked
up a leak mentioning the
~~assassination of President Kennedy~~
How fast I tried to get it
out and because of that
fucking ~~and~~
they wouldn't send it to R. S. B.

Since I have learned that this
was my most minor work was

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mentioned in a certain branch
to a great extent at the time
of the summer of last year. I will
send you a form for proof of
claim. This guy here the 203 says
I should be getting a service
connected disability for my
nerves. The job was ~~connected~~

~~connected~~ to you service. This is just
my job checked for not degrading
the link. There is a fact that this
branch of time after will not
a factor of following things.
By sending it as a practice message
it really broke down
after the 203. Especially when

it had it all in your hand. It
was just like the 202's and the
it was just when the 202's
just came out with the 1710's.
Butter graded them every detail
1. The 202's were just for

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as I recall, ~~from~~ from
Baker, such great support
support of my claim. I'm sending
you this certified so to make sure
you get it. So I recall you should
be able to B.S. them good enough
to help me. I know it cost
me a divorce and every thing from
my wife. Christ, you remember
Machene, don't you? That good
looking little girl, instead girls
from N. Dak. around when you
got them back to me
and I'll let the rest benefit you
send it in being in M.S. I
think you know how to pull

what's great good. Also do you
agree with ~~me~~ me
address I guess
alol ~~retired~~ retired.

Wonder what people he is living
in. He's in the

1950

What in the hell are you
doing in Florida, any how?
Be sure to put emphasis on
my name going to hell and
not giving a shit about my
work after the interruption of
the message.

YK pr. sign

Your old buddy from
the Kentucky War.

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V.A. Hospital
Sheridan, WY 82801

Well after 13 1/2 years I finally found out your whereabouts, Dan, its been a long time since Kirknewton, Scotland, and the beer we drank on the beach and the club. Had to get your address from the outfit in Texas.

whatever happened to [redacted] If you know his whereabouts please send me his address. How in the hell have you been doing?

I had a nervous breakdown. Plus in 74 my leg shattered in over a hundred places. Things have really gone to hell for me. I'm working with the vets benefits counselor, who is a ex 203. Speaking of 203's where the hell is [redacted] You know the little guy. What I'm going to say is no longer classified, so don't get all shit shook. I've done checked it out.

Christ, you remember the position I worked at, in [redacted] section, don't you? You remember about a month or 6 weeks before I left Scotland, when I picked up a link mentioning the assassination of President Kennedy. How hard I tried to get it sent out, and because of that fuckin' [redacted] and [redacted] they wouldn't send it to NSA. Since I have learned that the man's name, most mentioned was number 4 in a certain branch of organized crime at the time. Was number 2 last year. I will send you a form for proof of claim. This guy here "the 203" says I should be getting a service connected disability for my nerves. The "link was" [redacted] you remember. How I got my ass chewed for not dropping the link. Have learned that this branch of crime often will put out a feeler of forthcoming things. By sending it as a practice message.

it really broke me up after Nov. 22, 63. Especially when I had it all before hand. It was first like the 202's said, Ha. I was nuts when the Russians first came out with the III & B's. Later proved them wrong didn't I. That was another first for us as I recall. [redacted] from Baker trick put up a good support of my claim. I'm sending you this certified so to make sure you get it. As I recall you should be able to B.S. then good enough to help me. I know it cost me a divorce and every thing from my wife. Christ, you remember Mariana, don't you? That good looking little 1/2 Indian girl from N. Dak. [redacted] when you get this form send it back to me and I'll let the vets benefits guy to send it in. Being a M.Sgt I think you know how to bull shit pretty good. Also do you know [redacted] and [redacted] address. I guess old [redacted] retired. Wonder what gehto, he is living in, Ha!

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What in the hell are you doing in Florida, any how? Be sure to put emphasis on my nerves going to hell and not giving a shit about my work after the interception of the message.

Y Y Prosign

Your old buddy from the Berkely Bar.

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755

Serial: D1/LAO-047M-78
21 November 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY AND DEPUTY
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
ATTN: Ms. Judith A. Miller

1. The National Security Agency has made a thorough search of all records that might contain information pertaining to the Select Committee on Assassinations' request for information relevant to an allegation by former Air Force enlisted man, [redacted] that while stationed at Kirknewton, Scotland, he intercepted information linking an assassination plot against President Kennedy with a figure in organized crime.
2. No communications or information relating to the Committee's request has been located. Since no other component of DoD is likely to have information related to this inquiry, suggest you use the attached draft as your response. If, however, there is any reason why the attached draft cannot be used, please consult with us before releasing the information in any other form.
3. The attached draft response is unclassified.

Eugene F. Yeates
EUGENE F. YEATES
Chief
Legislative Affairs

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PROPOSED RESPONSE TO MR. BLAKEY FROM MR. KESTER

Dear Mr. Blakey:

This letter is in reply to your letter of 15 November 1978 to Secretary Brown, requesting certain information relating to the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

Cognizant elements of the Department of Defense have made a thorough and detailed search in an attempt to find records which might relate to the matters as recently discussed between you and Ms. Miller of my office.

The search efforts included discussions with individuals familiar with relevant operational procedures existing during the 1963 time frame, a review of records of stored files that might be applicable to your inquiry, and a physical review of specific records in warehouse storage (recognizing that most records from this period no longer exist).

The search efforts described above revealed no information relevant to your request.

Sincerely,

JOHN G. KESTER

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M/R: On 8 November, Mr. Robert G. Blakey, Chief Counsel and Staff Director for the House Select Committee on Assassinations, posed a number of questions to NSA regarding a former Air Force enlisted man's allegation that he had intercepted information linking an assassination plot against President Kennedy with a figure in organized crime. Mr. Blakey subsequently submitted a written request (dated 15 November) to support his verbal one.

In essence, the questions probed NSA's ability to quickly and thoroughly probe for records from the Air Force site in Kirknewton, Scotland (USA-55, now closed), for information relating to the allegation.

G809 and N33 personnel reviewed both a listing of data and boxed records from USA-55, but their efforts failed to reveal evidence of the alleged incident. The actual traffic from this period was minimal and no other records are extant.

The Director has approved.


, LAO, 3747s, 21Nov78, 11r

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15 Jun 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Report on Examination of Material
Related to Lee Harvey Oswald Case

The undersigned have examined all the material relating to the Lee Harvey Oswald case provided to us by the Warren Commission and have found no indication that any of the items was used for a cryptographic purpose or for passing secret information:

a. A detailed examination of the dictionaries failed to show any indication that they had been used in connection with a dictionary code.

b. A review of the letters of all the correspondents related to the case, as well as of the Oswald Diary and other documents, provided no suggestion of the use of an spez code.

c. Perforations which suggested the use of a grille system appeared on two pages of the Russian novel, GLAZA KOTORYE SPRASHIVAYUT, "Questioning Eyes". However, the manner of perforating only a few letters does not conform to any known system. For purposes of further study, we would like to obtain the original of the novel on long-term or permanent loan. We believe, nevertheless, that it is most likely that the letters were cut out for some purpose related to Oswald's photographic experiments.

d. The appearance of the term "micro dots" on page 44 of Lee Oswald's address book aroused our suspicions, particularly in that it was associated with the address of the photographic firm where he was once employed. There was nothing to indicate to us that micro dots were actually used and we have had to assume that appropriate technical tests were made by the FBI or CIA.

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e. Oswald's Soviet-made portable radio receiver and its associated power supply were examined and tested by R34 with negative results. The radio (for purposes of the tests the power supply was considered an integral part) conformed closely to one examined by the British in 1959. A copy of R34's findings is attached.

f. The names appearing in Lee's and Marina's address books have been checked against NSA files but no COMINT references have been discovered. Collateral references held in the files have only confirmed known information. A copy of the report is attached.

g. In addition to the information on the addresses developed in the personality check, a separate study of NSA address files is being made. While this study is not yet complete, results have so far been negative and there is no reason to expect that anything beyond what the personality check has already turned up will be discovered.

Meredith K. Gardner
Meredith K. Gardner

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16 June 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. TORDELLA

SUBJECT: Letter for the President's Commission

1. Please note that I have eliminated two items from the original Memorandum for the Record on the examination of the Oswald materials. These are the reference to "micro dots" (paragraph d) and the COMINT reference in paragraph 1.

2. I suggest that you informally (possibly by telephone) call the Commission's attention to the appearance of the term "micro dots" on page 44 of Oswald's address book. You might indicate that this reference aroused our suspicion but that we do not feel competent to make an exhaustive examination of the materials for the presence of micro dots - such examination should be conducted by the FBI or CIA. If micro dots are actually found, we would be happy to collaborate to the fullest degree required in the analysis of these dots.

3. I do not believe a statement that we have checked the names against the NSA files needs to be made since:

a. The results were negative and

b. It identifies the existence of sensitive COMINT records.

Of course, if we had found something, a positive report would have been required.

4. Mr. Arnold has reviewed the text of the letter and accepts it as unclassified under the circumstances.

FRANK B. ROWLETT

Special Assistant to the Director

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The material relating to the Lee Harvey Oswald case provided by the Warren Commission was examined and there was no indication that any of the items were used for a cryptographic purpose or for passing secret information.

President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy
200 Maryland Avenue N.E.,
Washington, D. C. 20002
ATTN: Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Skilled cryptologists at NSA carefully examined the materials relating to the Lee Harvey Oswald case provided by the Warren Commission. The results are as follows:

- a. A detailed examination of the two dictionaries revealed no indication of their use for cryptographic purposes.
- b. In the correspondence, the Oswald Diary, and the other documents examined there were no evidences of the use of any type of cryptography, to include the use of an open code.
- c. Certain letters had been removed from pages 150 and 152 of the Russian novel, GLAZA KOTORYE SPRASEIVAYUT, "Questioning Eyes." Eight letters had apparently been cut from page 152 as follows:

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|---------|------|
| Line 10 | H |
| Line 11 | 3, C |
| Line 13 | F |
| Line 16 | R |
| Line 24 | g |
| Line 26 | K |
| Line 27 | B |

One letter had been removed from page 150; however no significance is attributed to the removal of this letter since it corresponds in exact

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position to one of the letters removed from page 152. It was concluded that this letter had been accidentally removed by the cutting process applied to page 152 and that its removal resulted from the application of excessive pressure on the cutting tool when the letter on page 152 was taken out.

The sample is considered too small for any valid conclusions to be reached as to the purposes for which the above noted letters were removed. It is considered most unlikely that this process of letter removal has any cryptographic implication.

d. The Russian "Tourist" portable radio was examined for cryptologic evidence. The radio appears to be a normal receiver and there was no evidence of its use for any other purpose.

e. The names appearing in Lee's and Marina's address books were checked. No evidence of cryptologic implication was found.

Although the results of the examination of the materials provided by the Commission are essentially negative, further study of these materials will be made. If any results are obtained, the Commission will be advised. However, it is considered most unlikely that anything beyond what is reported above will be discovered.

Sincerely,

GORDON A. BLAKE
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director

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ROUTING AND TRANSMITTAL SLIP

Date

Jan 21 1962

To: (Name, office symbol, room number, building, Agency/Post)

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REMARKS

Attached is the report we did on checking the Oswald Papers for the Warren Commission. I suspect it's the only copy. The handwritten file

DO NOT use this form as a RECORD of approvals, concurrences, (over) clearances, and similar actions.

FROM: (Name, office symbol, Agency/Post)

Room No.—Bldg.

Phone No.

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is the correct one
K add it at the
House. [Handwritten signature]

[Large handwritten note:]
I have no objection to the report
of [Handwritten Name] prepared
by [Handwritten Name] and [Handwritten Name]
and [Handwritten Name] for the
Warren Commission. I have
no objection to the report
of [Handwritten Name] prepared
by [Handwritten Name] and [Handwritten Name]
and [Handwritten Name] for the
Warren Commission.

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1 February 1977

SUBJECT: SSCI Request for Review of Cuban Product

1. On 28 January 1977, Tom Moore of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff came to NSA to review materials requested by SSCI letter R#6009 dated 30 December 1976. The material provided by G Group consisted of 485 reports on the Cuban [redacted] for the period 1961-1965.

2. Mr. Moore had previously seen a single message involving [redacted] which the FBI had in their files and had referred the Committee to NSA under the Third Agency rule.

3. Mr. Moore was extremely interested in the material on [redacted]. He volunteered that there was a Cuban [redacted] who had defected to the U.S. sometime in 1965/66. That same person was killed in October 1976 by persons unknown. There was some significant product in May/June 1963 where [redacted] was to travel to Mexico - under extreme care. Mr. Moore indicated that he would probably like to review any Cuban [redacted] material for the same period.

4. Mr. Moore made a few notes of specific events but did not request any copies of messages or reports for use by the Committee.

5. Mr. Moore told me today that he and Mr. Ed Greissing (from the SSCI research staff) would be out later this week for an additional review of the material.

6. This completes action on R/S 0008.

John C. Wobensmith
JOHN C. WOBENSMITH
Legislative Affairs

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 489, 94TH CONGRESS)

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 30, 1976

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO R#6009

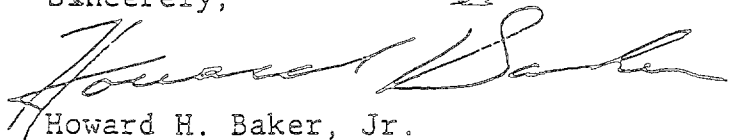
Lieutenant General Lew Allen, Director
National Security Agency
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755

Dear General Allen:

The National Security Agency has recently provided the Select Committee with certain intercept traffic relating to Cuba in November, 1962. We found this material most helpful to the Committee's efforts and would most appreciate access to any and all such traffic remaining extant at the National Security Agency.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Vice Chairman

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02 January 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Response to Congressional Query

1. On 9 November 1978, G8 began a search for material to answer an inquiry by the House Assassinations Committee referred to us by NSA's Legislative Affairs Office (LAO). An individual assigned to the USAFSS intercept station in Kirknewton, Scotland (USA-55) in 1963 reportedly intercepted an [redacted] message containing information relative to an assassination plot against President John F. Kennedy. He claims he intercepted this message, but was not allowed to disseminate the content. The Committee is seeking to determine if this intercept actually occurred and has asked NSA to check product and files for pertinent intercept and reporting from USA-55 during 1963.

2. Though it seems unlikely that such a message ever existed, the following actions have been taken in response to the House Committee request:

a. A records check was conducted in concert with N33 [redacted]. There was no material which was identified in the records index as relevant; however, there were three boxes of material dated 1963 containing unidentified material. These three boxes were opened and were found to contain the following:

1) Two boxes contained audio tapes with accompanying gists and logs from USASA intercept sites along the German/Czechoslovakia border (USM-42 sites). The intercept was identified as [redacted] communications) dated 1961.

2) The other box contained [redacted] between the Soviet Union and Cuba. This material was largely from the Naval Security Group Activity at [redacted] and was dated in 1962.

b. A few personnel currently at NSA had experience during 1963 with [redacted] intercept policies and procedures at Kirknewton and at NSA. Several of them were questioned, and recalled that an [redacted] mission did exist at Kirknewton in the 1963 time-frame, that all traffic was forwarded to NSA, and that all reporting of [redacted] messages was done at NSA.

3. On 21 November LAO asked that we also check those records available labeled 1964, because the 1963 dated boxes contained material from 1962 rather than 1963. Further, we were asked if product for the 1963 period was available, if USA-55 material used in the product could be identified, and how much of an effort would determining this entail. We have checked the records for 1964 and find no boxes which we feel should be examined. The contents of all boxes are clearly identified and none relate to [redacted] intercept, and there are none whose contents are not identified.

4. As noted earlier the product from [redacted] intercept historically has been reported by NSA. This product is available in T14, but there is no practical way to isolate that which was derived from USA-55. It is possible to scan 1963 [redacted] product and it is the T142 estimate that this would require a minimum of four weeks to scan the some 9,900 such products on file for the period from January through November 1963. G8 did not request a search of these records, pending further word from LAO.

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5. At this point, G8 feels we have done all reasonable things to locate the reported intercept with negative results.



Chief G8

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

13 December 1978

SUBJECT: Records Search for the Select Committee on Assassinations

1. ~~(S)~~ On 9 November 1978 N33 [redacted] received a call from GS [redacted] concerning retrieval of information from Stored Records (LI42). In the discussion with [redacted] Chief, G809, it was learned that he was preparing a response to [redacted] Legislative Affairs (D1), concerning information given to the House Assassinations Committee. According to [redacted] the committee was reviewing a claim by a former Air Force sergeant that traffic from [redacted] emanating out of [redacted] was intercepted and was forwarded in 1963 from his assigned duty station at USA-55 (Kirknewton, Scotland) to NSA; that he recalls a 1963 intercepted item reflecting a possible assassination attempt on President Kennedy. The Committee Staff requested NSA to make a search to determine if the 1963 files on the alleged message exists.

2. (U) According to [redacted] traffic from USA-55 would not have been forwarded for retirement to the Agency Records Center. (This eliminates that organization as a possible file location.)

3. (U) [redacted] (B109) was requested to, and did provide the B1 Stored Records Listing (B1 listings were to be searched because that organization is the predecessor of G8, and traffic from USA-55 would have been received by B1 during 1963. This procedure takes into consideration the possibility that files stored under the B1 designator in 1962 may not have been redesignated.)

4. (U) On this same date, a brief meeting was held in the Legislative Affairs Office to review the status and discuss the appropriate procedures for this records search effort. Those in attendance were:

Eugene Yeates, Chief, Legislative Affairs
[redacted] Legislative Affairs
[redacted] Chief, N33, Agency Records Officer
[redacted] N33
[redacted] G809

The following points were made at this meeting:

a. (U) Retired Records Storage was ruled out as a possible location since intercept traffic is not forwarded to the center as record material for long term or permanent retention.

b. (U) B1 Stored Records Listings have been reviewed. While no specific description relating to subject/station location appears in the listings of 1963 files, there were three boxes of 1963 files not identified by subject.

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c. (U) It was agreed by those present that a review of the documents in these three unidentified boxes would constitute a reasonable effort to find the alleged record.

5. (U) On 13 November, [redacted] and [redacted] reviewed the contents of the three 1963 boxes, specifically looking for 1963 messages from USA-55. There were no files that directly or indirectly referred in any way to President Kennedy. The latest date in the box was 1962. This information was passed on to the Legislative Affairs Office.

6. (U) On 16 November 1978 [redacted] discussed with [redacted] the proposed written response to the Committee. This response reflects that a reasonable search was made and no such record was found.

7. (U) On 21 November 1978 [redacted] requested that an additional search be made of materials dated later than 1963. The reason for this search is that most materials in the unidentified boxes are dated 1961 and 1962, but the box listing says it contains 1963 files. The BI records listing was again reviewed for any 1964 boxes that might be appropriate for searching for 1963 files. According to [redacted] phone conversation with the undersigned on 22 November 1978, nothing on the list merits such a search.

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CUBAN STATEMENT ON VISA FOR OSWALD

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I am reproducing below the note given to the press by [REDACTED]

With relation to the information published today in the newspaper Excelsion in Mexico City, affirming that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had requested a transit visa for travel to the Soviet Union at the Cuban Consulate in Mexico in September, the Cuban Government requested information from the officials of our Consulate in that city confirming that it is certain that Mr. LEE HARVEY OSWALD requested the transit visa for travel to the Soviet Union on 27 September in the said Consulate.

On being informed by the consular officials that their office could not grant such a visa without the authorization of the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Relations, which likewise would not grant it if it was not previously authorized by the country of destination, Mr. OSWALD left the Consulate visibly disgusted.

The said visa was never granted.

This detail, in connection with the other circumstances that surround the facts, confirm our suspicion that the assassination of KENNEDY was a provocation against world peace, perfectly and thoroughly planned by the most reactionary sectors of the United States.

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It is evident that these sectors planned beforehand to involve Cuba and the Soviet Union in these deeds.

The inconceivable and inexplicable impunity with which an individual of known penal antecedents assassinated OSWALD, the principal accused of the assassination of President KENNEDY, in the presence of the police themselves and in the (56) of a prison, demonstrates in a scandalous and indisputable manner that the powerful reactionary political forces within the United States are making use of all their resources and influences in order to conceal those who master-minded KENNEDY's assassination, and the true motives for it.

World public opinion demands the enlightening of the deeds. It is absurd that the political authorities and the prosecuting attorney of Dallas have declared that the case is closed when hardly 48 hours have passed since a deed of so great a result as the assassination of the President of the United States.

Regards.

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