

The following investigation was conducted by SA
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USA
Cuban political exile, JOSE ANTONIO GONZALEZ
LANUSA, age 24, Intelligence Officer for the DRE at Miami,
and resident at 8530 S. W. 27th Lane, Miami, Florida,
stated on November 23, 1963, that on the evening of
November 22, 1963, he had been in telephonic conversation
with PAUL BETHEL and DIANA GONZALEZ, an officer and
secretary, respectively, for the Citizens Committee for
a Free Cuba, located in Washington, D. C. LANUSA said he
told BETHEL that during the first week of September, 1963,
FIDEL CASTRO, at a reception in the Brazilian Embassy in
Havana, Cuba, had allegedly remarked to unknown diplomats
that the leaders of the United States would be killed if
they planned or engaged in aggression against Cuba.

LANUSA denied that he had told the representatives
of the Citizens Committee for a Free Cuba that "if the
United States causes him (CASTRO) difficulty, he (CASTRO)
has facilities to 'knock off' the United States leaders".
LANUSA declined to name his source of information, claiming
it was a friend who had contact with some diplomat.

On November 24, 1963, a representative of another
Government agency which conducts intelligence investigations
at Miami, advised that the sources of LANUSA's information
regarding the alleged threat by CASTRO against leaders of
the United States were the "Miami Herald", published at
Miami, Florida, edition of September 9, 1963, and a weekly
bulletin put out by Cuban exiles at Miami under the name
"Voice of Cuba", in its edition of September 13, 1963.
The representative stated that no diplomat was involved as
source of the information, and the threat by CASTRO was
covered by the press in the United States.

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The weekly bulletin report on Cuba in its issue of September 13, 1963, contained an item which translated from the Spanish, stated as follows:

"CASTRO took advantage of a reception in the Brazilian Embassy, Havana, to berate the leaders of American governments...Specifically the Red leader announced reprisals against Democratic leaders should any of his (CASTRO's) accomplices suffer personal aggressions."