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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT PARIS

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY,

THIS IS TO ADVISE THAT I WAS REQUESTED TO APPEAR ON FRENCH TELEVISION TO EXPLAIN JURISDICTION OF U S FEDERAL AGENCIES AND POLICE. SINCE THIS WOULD INEVITABLY LEAD TO CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS RE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND OSWALD IN DECLINED TO APPEAR ON FRENCH TELEVISION AT THIS TIME AND ADVISED THEM THAT I WOULD BE WILLING TO FURNISH THEM WITH INFORMATION REGARDING ORGANIZATION AND JURISDICTION OF AMERICAN POSICE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED IF ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RECEIVED. FOR TOFOLE BUREAU, STATE DEPARTMENT HAS INSTRUCTED ALL EMBASSIES VOLUNTEBER NO COMMENT RE ASSASSINATIONS AND IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS TO USTATE THAT U S AUTHORITIES MAKING FULL INVESTIGATION AND REPORT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC BY PRESIDENT WHEN COMPLETED.

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