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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
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 Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Through a confidential source which has furnished reliable information in the past, we have been advised of some statements made by Fidel Castro, Cuban Prime Minister, concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. *U.S.*

In connection with these statements of Castro, your attention is called to the speech made by Castro on November 27, 1963, in Havana, Cuba, during which Castro made similar statements concerning this matter. The pertinent portions of this speech are set out in the report of Special Agent James J. O'Connor dated May 8, 1964, at Miami, Florida, beginning on page 30. *U.S.*

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It will be noted that the information furnished by our source at this time as having come from Castro is consistent with and substantially the same as that which appears in Castro's speech of November 27, 1963, and which is referred to above. u

This additional material is set forth for the Commission's information and no further action is contemplated by this Bureau concerning it. u

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover.

NOTE: (continued)

This letter is classified "Top Secret" in view of the nature of our source, the disclosure of which would seriously damage national defense interests.