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TO DIRECTOR FEI AND SAC/S LOS ANCELES AND DALLAS

FROM SAC BUTTE

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT RENNELY. NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO

SIXTY THREE, DALLAS, TEXAS

AT SIX PM NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO INSTANT, WILLIAM A

GROFF, FARMERS STATE BANK, VICTOR, MONTANA AND MAJORITY LEADER
IN THE MONTANA STATE SENATE, ADVISED MISSOULA RA THAT HALFH M.
HOWTON, FLORENCE, MONTANA WAS IN BANK THIS AFTERNOON, HOWTON
MENTIONED HE HAD BEEN IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA ON SEPTEMBER EIGHT
LAST IN A MCTEL. WHILE THERE, HE AND HIS WIFE WERE VISITED BY
HERBERT C. HOLDRIGGE, HEAD OF CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES. OFFICES THEN LOCATED AT P. G. BOX FIVE SIX SIX
LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA. ACCORDING TO CROFF, HOLDRIGGE MENTIONED
TO HOWTON THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY WOULD BE SHOT IN NOVEMBER.

HOWTON INTERVIEWED TODAY BY BUAGENTS AT FLORENCE, MONTANA AND IN SIGNED STATEMENT SAID THAT ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER EIGHT LAST 600 IN A MOTEL IN ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA HEREERT C. HOLDRIDGE TOLD HER AND HIS WIFE QUOTE MY FEOPLE TEKK ME THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY END PAGE TWO.

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PAGE TWO. CORRECTION TO STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT UNQUOTE.

HOWTON SAID HE THOUGHT HOLDRIDGE MENTALLY DISTURBED FOR MAKING SUCH A STATEMENT. HOWTON SAID HE THOUGHT NOTHING MORE OF THIS INCIDENT AND MENTIONED IT TO NO ONE UNTIL TODAY AT WHICH TIME HE TOLD GROFF. HOWTON SAID HOLDRIDGE IS A BRIGADIER GENERAL, RETIRED, USA.

HOWTON IS A PROMINENT OFFICIAL OF JEHOVAH/S WITNESSES IN HAMILTON, MONTANA AREA. HE HAD HEARD HOLDRIDGE MAKE A SPEECH AND WROTE TO HIM EXPRESSING HIS VIEWS. CORRESPONDENCE ENSUED AND CONTINUED. HOWTON ATTENDED JEHOVAH/S WITNESS CONVENTION IN CALIFORNIA LAST SEPTEMBER AND WAS CONTACTED BY HOLDRIDGE.

LOS ANGELES AT LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEW HOLDRIDGE REGARDING HIS STATEMENT.

THIS INFO FURNISHED TO LA TELEPHONICALLY TODAY. END AND ACK PLA

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CC-MR ROSEM

CC-MR. SULLIVAN