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Date: December 2, 1963
To: Director, FBI
From: Legat, Rome (105-0)
Subject: ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

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On 12/2/63 Mr. [redacted] newspaper columnist from the U. S. presently residing in Rome, Italy, advised that in a very recent conversation with Spanish Ambassador to Italy, SANCHEZ BELLA, Ambassador SANCHEZ BELLA showed him a report which had been prepared by a Spanish intelligence service. Mr. [redacted] noted that while he does not read Spanish well, he did understand enough of the report to know that the report contains allegations that the assassination of President KENNEDY was brought about by FIDEL CASTRO.

Mr. [redacted] stated that, as he understood the report, FIDEL CASTRO was very much disturbed by the deaths of the DIEM brothers in Vietnam and felt certain that these deaths had been caused by CIA. CASTRO allegedly felt that since CIA was resorting to assassination in Vietnam to bring about a change in government there, they might very well be willing to attempt assassination of CASTRO in order to bring about a change in Government in Cuba. Additionally, as Mr. [redacted] understood the report, CASTRO, following the thinking of the Chinese communists, has been most upset by the apparent rapport established between President KENNEDY and Premier KHRUSHCHEV and felt that some dire act was needed to destroy this rapport. The act which he decided upon was, allegedly, the assassination of President KENNEDY.

The implication contained in the report, again as Mr. [redacted] understood it, was that CASTRO found in LEE HARVEY OSWALD a willing and usable tool to bring about the desired end.

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