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Assassination of President Kennedy

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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

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1. UNCLASSIFIED. ALL MAJOR MEDIA OUTLETS GIVING HEAVY PLAY TO NEW ORLEANS FEBRUARY 18 STORY IN WHICH DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES GARRISON ALLEGES HE HAS NAMES OF THOSE INVOLVED IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. STORIES ARE STRAIGHT REPORTS FROM AP, UPI, AND AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE, MOST CARRYING PICTURES OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

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2. UNCLASSIFIED. EL CRONISTA FEB. 25 SAID IT HAD REFRAINED FROM ENTERING POLEMIC OVER ASSASSINATION, BUT NOW FELT COMPELLED TO COMMENT, NOTING THAT QUOTE NO LESS THEN FIFTEEN WITNESSES HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM THIS VALLEY OF TEARS UNQUOTE SINCE NOV. 22, 1963. EDITORIAL QUOTED AP STORY ON GARRISON'S REMARKS AND WALTER LIPPMAN'S COMMENTS DEC. 7 (POINTING UP INCREDIBILITY OVER WARREN REPORT, FED BY ENORMOUS SUSPICION AND MAGNIFIED BY INEFFICIENCY OF POLICE WHICH PERMITTED OSWALD'S DEATH). CRONISTA QUOTED EXCELSIOR OF MEXICO AS SAYING THAT GARRISON'S VIEWS INTENSIFIED DOUBT OVER ACCURACY OF WARREN REPORT. CRONISTA CONCLUDED THAT TRAGEDY MAY FOREVER REMAIN MYSTERY.

3. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: FROM OUR OBSERVATIONS, LATIN AMERICANS WHO ACCEPT SINGLY ASSASSIN THEORY OF WARREN REPORT ARE RARE. EVERYTHING IN THEIR EXPERIENCE TELLS THEM THAT WHEN A PRESIDENT IS KILLED, IT IS THROUGH CABAL NOT CAPRICE. HONDURIANS WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD OF QUOTE MAN OF LA MANCHA UNQUOTE OR QUOTE MARAT-SADE UNQUOTE SPEAK KNOWLEDGEABLY OF QUOTE MACBIRD UNQUOTE. FEEDING LATIN AMERICAN'S CONVICTION THAT HIS HERO, JFK, WAS VICTIM OF CONSPIRACY HAS BECOME GOOD BUSINESS, SELLING BOOKS AND INCREASING NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE SALES.
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