

The Attorney General

March 8, 1967

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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On March 3, 1967, an article captioned "Can Prove JFK Plot, Says BI," appeared in the "World Journal Tribune," of New York City. The last three paragraphs of this article concerned a story filed by newsmen Doug Holson. Holson claimed that New Orleans District Attorney Jim Carrison's files indicated that Cuban Premier Fidel Castro put out an "execution order" on President Kennedy after the Bay of Pigs invasion; that four Cuban assassination teams were organized; and that one of the teams was picked up in New York and interrogated by the FBI where details of the plot were learned.

Your attention is directed to a teletype which was sent to the President and other interested agencies on March 6, 1967, concerning the subject, who is confined to the Greengard State Hospital for the insane in New York City. A copy of this teletype was sent to you on the date of March 6, 1967; however, another copy is attached for your ready reference.

We have nothing indicating that the information in the attachment is the specific information in Carrison's files. However, the article by Stanley Ross in the February 28, 1967, edition of the New York City Spanish-language newspaper "El Tiempo," described in the enclosure, contained statements originally made by Ross during a grant appearance on the Harry Gray radio program (Station WJLB, New York City) on February 6, 1964. During the course of the Canal investigation, Ross was interviewed regarding his statements and the results of the interview were furnished to the Warren Commission, as well as the Records Administration Office (RAO) of the Department, Secret Service, and other interested agencies. The substance of the interview is set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the enclosure. Since Ross' allegations received widespread publicity, it is possible they were the original basis for the Holson story.

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Edelson's report that a Cuban assassination team was picked up in New York and interrogated by the FBI is not supported by material in our files. At the time of the Ross allegations on February 6, 1964, captioned subject was in Spain following deportation by U. S. Immigration authorities. He was returned to the U. S. by Spanish authorities on February 21, 1964, and was subsequently committed to Creedmoor State Hospital for the insane at Queens, New York, where he was still held as of March 6, 1967.

The subject first came to our attention when he wrote a letter to former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy on October 18, 1963, which was sent to our Translation Section for processing. In the letter the subject asked to be deported claiming he felt very ill and did not want to live in the U. S. where there were Cuban refugees he claimed were criminals. In a postscript to the letter he stated, "Error has it that your brother is caught in the snare of that female bandit and assassin: Cindy (?). It is Mrs. Balart, who is in this country. In Cuba she is known by another name: 'The Displaced Assassin.'" In the postscript he was possibly referring to the wife of an individual he named in his letter as Rafael Balart who formerly headed an anti-Castro organization in New York City.

Upon receipt of the letter we instituted an investigation to identify the subject. In reviewing Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) files, it was learned that the subject had written numerous letters to the President, INS, and the Miami, Florida, Police Department, expressing dissatisfaction with the U. S. and the desire to return to Cuba. His arrest record as referred to in the enclosure was set forth in the INS files.

The records of the New York City Department of Welfare indicate that the subject claimed he had palpitations of the heart, headaches, a blood condition, and acknowledged a past history of psychiatric care in Cuba. These records indicated that the subject was then under care for syphilis.

In view of the fact that the subject had been deported from the U. S. he was not interviewed. The results of our inquiries concerning the subject were furnished to the DIO and other interested agencies by memorandum dated December 16, 1963.

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Subsequently, full information was furnished to Secret Service by memorandum dated June 8, 1968, a copy of which was also furnished 1968. The latter memorandum showed that the subject had been returned to the U. S. and was confined to the Creedmoor State Hospital.

Enclosure

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NOTE: The above-mentioned teletype reported that on 2/20/67 an article appeared in "El Tiempo," written by Ross. Ross claimed subject, Cuban alien, allegedly informed U. S. authorities President Kennedy would be killed 3 days before the assassination; that Castro had sent C to 3 teams to the U. S. to carry out the assassination and that subject was member of one of the teams. Ross was interviewed 4/24/64 concerning similar statements he had made at which time Ross claimed subject was one of four or five groups sent by Castro to the U. S. to assassinate President Kennedy. Teletype also reported information concerning efforts of two New York attorneys to obtain release of subject from the Creedmoor State Hospital through writ of habeas corpus.

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