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December 28, 1970

1 - Mr. Schutz

Honorable James B. Rhoads
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Washington, D. C. 20408

Dear Mr. Rhoads:

This is in reference to your inquiry of December 10, 1970, to which was attached a memorandum by the United States Secret Service dated November 27, 1963, dealing with one Homer S. Echevarria.

A review of this material indicates it pertained to a matter investigated by the United States Secret Service. No investigation was conducted by the FBI with respect to the allegations concerning Echevarria. Review of FBI records indicates the source who furnished the information concerning Echevarria had been contacted previously by the FBI in an unrelated matter. Our records do not indicate, however, that Special Agent Walter Rogers on November 27, 1963, advised Special Agents of the United States Secret Service the identity of the informant was not known to the FBI, nor does Special Agent Rogers presently recall making such a statement.

Under the circumstances, it would appear the decision as to whether this material should be made available to the public should rest with the United States Secret Service. I am taking the liberty of furnishing a copy of this communication to the Director, United States Secret Service.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Director, United States Secret Service

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NOTE: The Secret Service memorandum deals with an allegation that Echevarria was involved with an anti-Castro group of Chicago Cubans and allegedly made a statement to a Secret Service source on 11-21-63, the day before President Kennedy's assassination, that the group would "take care of Kennedy." Chicago Agents met the source accompanied by Secret Service Agents on 11-26-63. The source was recognized by one of our Agents as an individual who had provided previous information to the FBI regarding Theft matters. The source had no information which would tie in this allegation to the President Kennedy assassination and accordingly, the Secret Service was advised that we had no further interest.

We have checked with Chicago and reviewed copies of all reports and memoranda written by Chicago and there is no indication Secret Service Agents were ever advised by Special Agent Rogers that the FBI did not know the identity of the source.

Special Agent Rogers, currently assigned to the Phoenix Office, was contacted and advised he vaguely recalls the incident but had no recollection whatsoever of advising the Secret Service that the FBI did not know the identity of the informant.

The delay encountered in replying to this correspondence was necessitated by lengthy file reviews at the Seat of Government and in Chicago.