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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
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DALLAS, TEXAS

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It was previously reported that [redacted] of [redacted] reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at Jacksonville, Florida that he was held prisoner in Cuba with six other individuals during 1962. He stated that one of the others held with him was [redacted] a current resident of [redacted]. He said [redacted] told him about one year and one half ago that an American member of the Cuban Militia who interviewed him while in Cuba was LEE HARVEY OSWALD. [redacted]

Cuba

After numerous unsuccessful attempts of [redacted] telephone [redacted] was telephonically contacted at this number on September 7, 1976. He exhibited a very uncooperative attitude, stated he knew the FBI was attempting to contact him, but that he did not desire to discuss anything with the FBI. He was advised attempts were being made to interview him regarding his arrest in Cuba in 1962 as he may have information of value relating to the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. [redacted] initially stated he would not answer any questions unless he was advised by the FBI of the identity of the person who had furnished the information and the complete details of the information furnished. He also made the statement that he did not want to get involved in the investigation of the assassination of

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JOHN F. KENNEDY as he felt it might result in his death. [REDACTED] did, however, consented to meet Special Agents (SA) of the FBI for interview at his place of employment. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was contacted by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] on September 8, 1976. He exhibited a cooperative attitude toward the interviewing Agents. He stated he would cooperate in anyway he could with the FBI, but that he did not want any information furnished by him to be made available to the press, if possible. [REDACTED] was advised the FBI had information he may have knowledge of LEE HARVEY OSWALD's presence in Cuba in 1962. [REDACTED] said he thought that would be the reason for his interview by the FBI and that he had decided to tell everything he knew regarding this matter to the FBI.

[REDACTED] said that he and five or six other men were on a boat treasure hunting off Cuba in March, 1962 when their boat sunk and they had to swim ashore in Cuba. Immediately on arrival in Cuba, they were arrested and held by Cuban authorities for several days before being returned to the U. S. While being held in Cuba they were questioned by Cuban authorities at great length in an attempt to identify them as representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) or some counterrevolutionary group. [REDACTED] said immediately after the arrest of this group they were taken to an old castle-type fortress in Baracoa. All were placed facing the wall with their hands against the wall and then were called aside for search and interview. He was brought into a room where there were two Americans dressed in Cuban Militia clothing. One was a tall blond who immediately on seeing [REDACTED] recognized him as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He addressed him as [REDACTED]

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██████████ said he recognized this individual as a fellow who had been an enlisted man in the Marines in Cuba assigned to a unit that had worked closely with ██████████. He said he could not now recall this man's name, but did recall that he was from somewhere in the Midwest. The second person in the room also an American was seated behind a desk and was obviously superior to the previously mentioned blond in rank. He was sure by speech and mannerisms that this individual was American. He was able to describe him only as a white male with dark brown or black hair, approximately 5 feet 9 inches.

According to ██████████ the blond put a gun to his, ██████████'s, head and was about to kill him when the other individual behind the desk interceded on his behalf and he was not killed. ██████████ said as he recalled he was in this room with these two individuals 15 or 20 minutes and after leaving the room he did not see either again. He was unable to advise whether or not any of the other individuals being held prisoner had been interviewed by these same two individuals.

Immediately on his return to the U. S., ██████████ said that he was interviewed for several days by representatives of various government agencies including, he believed, the FBI. He furnished full details regarding this incident during these interviews including, he believes, a possible last name for the blond who he recognized as a former marine.

██████████ said after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY he saw several pictures of LEE HARVEY OSWALD who he thought at first looked familiar to him. He later concluded that LEE HARVEY OSWALD looked like the individual sitting behind the desk during the above described interview in Cuba. He said that he now feels "75 percent" certain that this was OSWALD. He said he had never

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mentioned this conclusion on his part to anyone until about one and one half years ago when after a few drinks with [REDACTED] one of the other persons arrested with him in Cuba, he told him he thought this individual was OSWALD. [REDACTED] said that he did not mention it again to anyone until this moment when he was furnishing it to the FBI. He said he did not want to become involved in the investigation regarding the assassination of President KENNEDY as he believed it could only bring him problems and possible death.

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