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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: November 25, 1963

FROM : W. R. Wannall

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963
ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

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Memorandum DeLoach to Mohr 11/22/63 advised that Daniel James, Secretary, "Citizens Committee for a Free Cuba," Washington, D. C., anti-Castro organization advised on 11/22/63 that his office possibly had information concerning Lee Harvey Oswald. The Director instructed we determine the nature of his information.

On 11/23/63 James upon interview advised his files contain information furnished by Jose Lanusa of the anti-Castro Students Revolutionary Directorate (DRE), Miami, concerning Oswald's attempt to infiltrate that organization's group in New Orleans in July, 1963, which information was given to the press by Lanusa on 11/22/63. Lanusa, in telephone conversation with James on 11/22/63, described Oswald as a communist and Castro supporter. James indicated that Lanusa had information indicating that Castro in early September, 1963, while at Brazilian Embassy, Havana, Cuba, remarked that if U. S. caused him difficulty he had facilities to "knock off" U. S. leaders.

Lanusa upon interview 11/23/63 by Miami Office stated Castro duringed first week of September, 1963, attended reception at Brazilian Embassy, Havana, where he allegedly remarked to unknown diplomats that U. S. leaders would be killed if they planned or engaged in aggression against Cuba. Lanusa declined to name his source claiming it was friend who had contact with some diplomatic and that friend was Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) contact. CIA, Miami, upon contact advised that sources of Lanusa's information were the 9/9/63 issue of the "Miami Herald" and the 9/13/63 issue of a weekly bulletin entitled "Voice of Cuba" published in Miami Beach. CIA advised no diplomat was involved and that news story was covered in press. Miami Office is obtaining the news items for review and submission to Bureau.

James also advised he was contacted 11/22/63 by Andrew St. George, "Life" photographer, who stated that Jose Pardo Llada, a newspaper reporter and writer in Colombia, South America, indicated to St. George that he knew of Castro plan to kill U. S. ambassadors in various countries. Washington Field Office which interviewed James is endeavoring to locate St. George for interview.

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Memorandum W. R. Wannall to W. C. Sullivan
Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963

ACTION:

You will be advised of any additional
pertinent information contained in the above-mentioned
news items and developed during the interview of St. George.

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we should disseminate as soon as we get any corroborations
Yes.