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"Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, 11-22-63," sets forth information indicating that Andrew St. George, "Life" magazine photographer, had learned of Castro plan to kill U. S. Ambassadors in various countries from Jose Pardo Llada, newspaperman in South America, and that press in September, 1963, carried items indicating Castro stated U. S. leaders would be killed if they planned or engaged in aggression against Cuba. Memorandum noted field was interviewing St. George and obtaining the press items. The Director indicated we should disseminate when we received corroboration.

St. George, upon interview, advised that in July, 1962, he had been in contact with Pardo, former Castro newspaperman who broke with Castro in 1961, in Colombia, South America. Pardo stated that while in Cuba in 1960 he met Cuban diplomat who told him Castro had planned to assassinate U. S. Ambassadors in eleven neutral countries if U. S. invaded Cuba. Reportedly, Castro stated he was selecting as Ambassadors to the eleven neutral countries young dedicated revolutionists who would have trusted members of Cuban Embassies in these countries assassinate U. S. Ambassadors there in the event U. S. invaded Cuba. [Pardo] told St. George he had been interviewed on several occasions by Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) after his defection and that he had previously furnished this information to CIA.

Review of press items by Miami Office indicates that Castro in September, 1963, reportedly stated that U. S. leaders would be in danger if they helped in any attempt to do away with Cuban leaders.

ACTION:

If you approve, attached letter will be sent State with carbon copies to CIA, military intelligence agencies, Secret Service, and Department furnishing the foregoing information.

Enclosure

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