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"MINUTEMEN"

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on December 11, 1963 advised that on December 9, 1963, he received from the "Minutemen", [Post Office Box 68, Norborne, Missouri] a one page mimeographed leaflet captioned "KENNEDY ASSASSINATION". The contents of this leaflet are set forth in verbatim as follows:

"Ex-President Kennedy once said, 'right-wing extremists are a greater threat than the communists'. It is too bad that he couldn't have lived long enough to know who it was that shot him.

"Immediately after his death a full propaganda campaign was immediately started to blame his death on these 'right-wing extremists'. Only the quick capture of Lee H. Oswald, a 24 year old communist put a temporary halt to this campaign. Even so, the news media of this country could hardly restrain themselves in their talk about 'hate groups' and the 'lunatic fringe'.

"Ironically enough, if Attorney General, Robert F. Kennedy had kept current the list of subversive organizations and had vigorously enforced the Smith Act and the McCarran Act to clamp down on the hundreds of communist organizations functioning in the United States the death of his brother may have been averted.

"Prior to the arrival of President Kennedy in Dallas, the city police maintained close surveillance on anti-communist organizations and individuals, but they failed to effectively check Marxist groups and individuals. Had the Dallas police maintained an equally close check of left-wing extremists, the assassination may again have been averted. Two weeks prior to President Kennedy's murder, the FBI questioned Oswald in Dallas. Earlier, the ex-marine

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"turncoat was fined for disturbing the peace when he was involved in a melee while distributing communist propaganda for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

"That Oswald was a communist is an absolute fact. He was a subscriber to both the 'Worker' and the 'Militant'. He was (contrary to published reports) chairman of the New Orleans Chapter of Fair Play for Cuba. Oswald was in a position to maintain close liaison with the 22 other 'Fair Play' chapters throughout the United States. There is every reason to believe that he had advance knowledge of the President's route of travel and that he came to Dallas for the specific purpose of performing this assassination.

"Now, that Oswald's lips are silenced forever, the campaign to blame this whole thing on the right-wing is rolling once again. Leaders of various conservative movements are being systematically questioned by the FBI regarding their movements before, during and after the time of Kennedy's assassination. The National Coordinator of the Minutemen Organization was quizzed by the FBI in this regard at Norborne, Missouri at 11:00 A.M., November 29, 1963.

"Although the Dallas Police Department stated that the evidence against Oswald was conclusive, others are not willing to let it go so easily. President Johnson has appointed Earl Warren (of all people) to head a 'Board of Inquiry' to re-hash this investigation. It would not surprise us a bit if this Board of Inquiry 'discovers' that Oswald was not actually the assassin, but that he was a right-winger in disguise or something else equally fantastic.

"WHY WAS KENNEDY KILLED? The thing that mystified most American patriots is why the communists would want Kennedy dead. It would require pages and pages to list all of the things which President Kennedy did while in office that directly aided the communist cause.

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"There are several possibilities: (1) It is possible that Oswald was simply carried away with his own propaganda. (2) Like Stalin, Beria and others, Kennedy may have simply outlived his usefulness. (3) His assassination could have simply been a by-product of a reported plot to set up a coalition government in Cuba timed to re-assure Kennedy's re-election. (4) It may have been part of the current conflict between the Stalinist and Trotskyite branches of the communist party. The reasoning and evidence behind these possibilities will be dealt with in detail in our January issue of On Target.

"Regardless of the reason for his assassination the results are becoming quickly evident. (1) Congress is being pressured to rush through the Kennedy Program in tribute to the fallen martyr. (2) By far the biggest drive yet to outlaw firearms is quickly going into high gear.

"To help combat this anti-firearm frenzy to some degree we have rushed through a new gun sticker suitable for putting on the back of envelopes or for putting up in public places such as phone booths, etc. 250 labels for \$1.00.

"These gummed labels are one inch high by two and one-half inches wide. They read:

"A gun did NOT
kill Kennedy--
A communist did."

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist publication.

"The Militant" is a newspaper published periodically by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP).

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Attached hereto is a characterization of the
Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

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APPENDIX

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contained a full-page advertisement captioned "What Is Really Happening In Cuba," placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself and ROBERT TABER as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and TABER obtained funds from the Cuban Government which were applied toward the cost of the afore-mentioned advertisement.

On May 16, 1963, a source advised that during the first two years of the FPCC's existence there was a struggle between Communist Party (CP) and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) elements to exert their power within the FPCC and thereby influence FPCC policy. However, during the past year this source observed there has been a successful effort by FPCC leadership to minimize the role of these and other organizations in the FPCC so that today their influence is negligible.

On May 20, 1963, a second source advised that the National Headquarters of the FPCC is located in Room 329 at 799 Broadway, New York City. According to this source, the position of National Office Director was created in the Fall of 1962 and was filled by VINCENT "TED" LEE, who now formulates FPCC policy. This source observed LEE has followed a course of entertaining and accepting the cooperation of many other organizations including the CP and the SWP when he has felt it would be to his personal benefit as well as the FPCC's. However, LEE has indicated to this source he has no intention of permitting FPCC policy to be determined by any other organization. LEE feels the

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FPCC should advocate resumption of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States and support the right of Cubans to manage their revolution without interference from other nations, but not support the Cuban revolution per se.

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Sources of this Bureau whose identities are concealed in this document were furnished reliable information in the past