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JOHN F. KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963

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Re Paris letter 3/13/64.

There is enclosed a copy of the latest article in the series by THOMAS GITTINGS BUCHANAN, JR. which appeared in "L'Express" on March 19, 1964.

The current article differs slightly from those proceeding in that BUCHANAN interupts his discussion of the assassination of President Kennedy in order to comment on and give his impressions of his recent trip to the United States when he visited Dallas, Miami and Washington, D. C.

Concerning Dallas, BUCHANAN stated that on the day he arrived in that city the panel of jurors had almost been completed. He goes on to predict that JACK RUBY will commit suicide and urges strongly that he be incarcerated

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away from Dallas in order to protect him from himself as well as from the Dallas police. BUCHANAN then discusses generally prior comments he has made concerning the slaying of President Kennedy and mentions that no journalist has had an opportunity to view the windshield of the presidential car which would assist in determining the number and direction of the shots. He comments again on the absence of powder marks on LEE HARVEY OSWALD's cheek.

Turning to Miami, BUCHANAN mentions rumors to the effect that when President Johnson recently visited there security officials uncovered a plot whereby his plane was to be rammed by another plane. The plan allegedly was prepared by anti-Castro elements in Miami with the hope it would be attributed to CASTRO forces and result in some sort of reprisal action on the part of the United States.

Concerning his visit to Vashington, D. C., BUCHANAN states that he met and talked with Assistant Attorney General NICHOLAS DE KATZENBACH and, thereafter, with HOWARD P. WILLENS, a member of the Warren Commission and the liaison representative between the Commission and the Department of Justice. In general, BUCHANAN states that he was given a friendly audience by WILLENS and left with the impression that the Warren Commission is giving more serious consideration to facts which tend to disprove the official version of the slaying which has been offered to date.

BUCHARAN implies that the next article in the series will resume his discussion of the assassination and will deal in general terms with the unknown individual or individuals who planned the slaying.

As in the case of previous articles in this series the Bureau may wish to have this one translated in its entirety. If this is done, it is requested that we be furnished a copy of the translation.

We will, of course, continue to follow this matter closely and furnish to the Bureau any information of interest.