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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-125297)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (105-2448) -P-  
RE: PASCUAL ENRIQUEZ RUDOLFO GONGORA, aka  
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*Assassination of President Kennedy*  
Re Bureau airtel to New York, Kansas City, and  
New Orleans dated 3/22/67.

CARL ZARTER, Administrative Assistant, U. S. Penitentiary (USP), Leavenworth, Kansas, on 3/29/67 advised EA MAX E. RICHARDSON that on 3/23/67 SEYMOUR PHILIPSON, who claimed to be a writer for the National Observer, was interviewed by him when PHILIPSON arrived at this institution making inquiry regarding an inmate. ZARTER advised that PHILIPSON inquired if there was a Cuban inmate serving a sentence in this institution for Bank Robbery. When asked for some additional identifying data regarding such inmate, PHILIPSON reportedly stated that the only data available was that he was a Cuban. Further that he is reported to have contacted a Federal agency with information regarding a plot to assassinate President KENNEDY and when he could not get anyone to listen to him, he robbed a bank and waited in the bank to be arrested. ZARTER stated that PHILIPSON claimed this man was not armed at the time of the robbery and that when he was sentenced he informed the court he had committed this crime to get someone to listen to him. ZARTER stated PHILIPSON could not furnish him the location of the alleged bank robbery or the court in which this man was sentenced.

ZARTER advised he informed PHILIPSON that without some additional identifying data, he would be unable to

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make a search of his records. He stated that he further informed PHILIPSON that should he be able to identify the person PHILIPSON was interested in, all of the information that could be furnished him would be a confirmation that such person was confined here and the data as to the date, term and place of sentence.

ZARTER stated that PHILIPSON claimed he had flown in from New York and that it might be necessary to make a trip to the Federal Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, as there was some information that the person he sought was being given some type of mental treatment.

ZARTER further reported that about two months ago JOHN H. JOHNSON, III, news editor, Leavenworth Times, Leavenworth, Kansas, had called him to inquire if a certain prisoner was confined here. ZARTER stated that this inquiry was regarding some inmate with a Spanish name which he cannot now recall. He advised that JOHNSON indicated he was "just running down a lead" in connection with a story on the assassination of President KENNEDY. ZARTER stated that this was about the time stories appeared in local papers regarding the investigation of this matter by the district attorney of New Orleans.

ZARTER advised that he knows of no Cuban who has been or is presently confined at this institution for Bank Robbery.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] U. S. Public Health Service, USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, on 3/31/67 on being contacted by SA RICHARDSON regarding the psychiatric examination involving JACK LEE LEMBERG, subject of Kansas City origin case "JACK LEE LEMBERG, aka; ETAL; JAMES LAWRENCE BASS - VICTIM; CGR - MURDER" (Bufile 70-43299), related the following:

[REDACTED] has for some time been interviewing USP - L inmate MICHAEL MACEJKA, FEL #607 912, who was sentenced 11/4/58 from North Carolina for Bank Robbery and Escape. MACEJKA was reportedly a homosexual sweetheart of inmate JACK LEE LEMBERG and an acquaintance of former inmate RICHARD

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CASE NAGELL, FBI #G31 219 E, who was transferred from USP-L on 2/2/67 to the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners at Springfield, Missouri, for psychiatric treatment. [REDACTED] described both MACEJKA and NAGELL as Schizophrenic Paranoids. NAGELL is serving a prison term for the 9/20/63 robbery of the State National Bank, El Paso, Texas.

[REDACTED] advised that several months ago when MACEJKA was extremely mentally upset, during one of their interviews, claimed that NAGELL had at one time informed him that he had some knowledge of the assassination or of the plan to assassinate President KENNEDY. Further that NAGELL had claimed that because of this knowledge he had robbed a bank to affect his being confined so that he would not be involved in the assassination matter. MACEJKA reportedly also stated that NAGELL claimed that he made no attempt to escape at the time of the bank robbery.

[REDACTED] explained that he has had a number of previous contacts with NAGELL. He had attempted to afford NAGELL a psychiatric examination at Fort Worth, Texas, shortly following the bank robbery, again when an examination was being made of him at the Medical Center in Springfield, Missouri, when his conviction was on appeal and more recently at this institution in Leavenworth, Kansas. He advised that on all occasions when he, [REDACTED] interviewed NAGELL, he was uncooperative.

[REDACTED] advised that in November, 1965, MACEJKA was injured when he fell over the railing of an upper tier in the cell house where he was confined. MACEJKA had received at least two disciplinary reports when observed climbing over the rails from one tier to another rather than using the stairways. He added that MACEJKA has claimed in their interviews that on the occasion when he fell from the upper tier he was actually pushed. He could not identify the inmate who pushed him but he has indicated to [REDACTED] that he feels either NAGELL pushed him or had this done. MACEJKA has indicated to [REDACTED] that he is very much afraid of NAGELL or NAGELL'S friends, identities unknown, who

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may still be in the USP at Leavenworth, Kansas. MACEJKA reportedly feels that NAGELL wants to get rid of him because NAGELL had informed him of his knowledge of the assassination matter and is afraid MACEJKA will disclose this.

[redacted] advised that he would prefer that neither MACEJKA nor NAGELL be interviewed regarding this matter as MACEJKA is now greatly improved and he, [redacted] will be having additional interviews with both MACEJKA and NAGELL and will attempt to obtain additional information. He added that he, [redacted] will be transferred to the Medical Center at Springfield, Missouri, in June, 1967, and will have contact with NAGELL there. [redacted] advised that he had made no official records of this particular information in his reports of interviews with MACEJKA and NAGELL. He further stated that he had not disclosed this information to any other person.

It is not felt that either MACEJKA or NAGELL is the inmate being sought for interview by PHILIPSON. The information furnished by [redacted] regarding these two is being furnished because of the similarity in MACEJKA's comments to [redacted] with that set forth in the manuscript furnished by PHILIPSON regarding the Cuban reportedly being held in the USP, Leavenworth, Kansas.