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TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. DATE: 5/29/67

FROM : S. J. Papich

1 - Mr. Branigan (Lenihan)
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Papich

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

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Reference is made to the allegation that Gordon Novel has been connected with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). As previously reported, CIA denies that Novel has ever been associated with the Agency.

On 5/25/67, [redacted] CIA, reiterated to the Liaison Agent that an exhaustive review of CIA records and interview of numerous CIA employees have failed to develop any information whatsoever indicating that Novel was employed by, connected with, associated with, or contacted by CIA. He admitted that CIA was still very much concerned because the Agency could not exclude the possibility that during the very involved planning of the Bay of Pigs operation some CIA employee may have had contact with Novel, and the matter was never reported. There is also the possibility that contact may have taken place, but Novel was known under another identity. He stated that CIA is seeking photographs of Novel and plans to exhibit them to various CIA employees who have been connected with the Bay of Pigs operation.

During the course of this meeting, the Liaison Agent pointed out that CIA has been dealing independently with the Department of Justice concerning Novel or aspects of Garrison's activities as they might relate to CIA. The Liaison Agent stated it was natural for one to suspect that maybe there have been some developments which CIA has found fitting not to reveal to us but may be disclosing to the Department. [redacted] was told that, if so, CIA could take the consequences in the event of some conflict in the future. [redacted] advised that he was not aware of the nature of the discussions between CIA's Legal Counsel, Larry Houston, and the Department of Justice. However, he doubted very much that there were any developments which had any bearing on Bureau's interests.

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[redacted] contacted the Liaison Agent on 5/26/67
and stated that CIA has now firmly concluded that Novel
never was connected with CIA [redacted]
in any capacity whatsoever.

ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the
attention of the Soviet Section.

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