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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: December 7, 1963

FROM : D. J. Brennan *7/12*

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

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Thereafter, Liaison Agent O'Connor and Laboratory Supervisor John F. Gallagher met with Mr. Hollingsworth and Dr. Spofford G. English, Assistant General Manager for Research and Development, AEC. Mr. Hollingsworth stated AEC has three installations that could handle the tests desired by the Bureau, namely; Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago; and the General Atomic Division of General Dynamics in California. Dr. English offered to call in from Oak Ridge, Dr. John Swartout, Deputy Director at Oak Ridge, with an activation analyst specialist and in complete confidence request these individuals to make the determination as

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Mr. Hollingsworth and Dr. English were thanked for their interest in the Bureau's behalf and were asked to communicate directly with the Laboratory concerning the forthcoming conference.

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The Laboratory will await a call from AEC officials concerning the above-described conference.

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