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TO: KANSAS CITY (62-8156)

FROM: DIRECTOR (62-109060) IMMEDIATE

RE:

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ATTN: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

MURDER OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER  
22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS; MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

FROM: DALLAS.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU, OCT. 14, 1976.

ON NOV. 5, 1976, SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR. ADVISED HE WAS

TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY DONALD KESSLER OF THE "WASHINGTON  
POST" NEWSPAPER AT HIS RESIDENCE ON NOV. 4, 1976, AT

APPROXIMATELY 9:30 PM CST. KESSLER STATED HE IS ABOUT TO

FINISH HIS ARTICLE ON LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET  
AND CUBAN EMBASSIES IN MEXICO CITY IN 1963. HE DOES NOT THINK

THE ARTICLE WILL APPEAR THIS SUNDAY, NOV. 7, 1976, BUT

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED #6454  
DATE 1/25/89 BY SP6 [redacted] 67C  
Per CIA letter 9/23/88. FBI

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PROBABLY SUNDAY, NOV. 14, 1976, OR POSSIBLY AS LATE AS SUNDAY NOV. 21, 1976, WHICH IS THE DAY BEFORE THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION. KESSLER STATED HE HAS INTERVIEWED A PERSON OR PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH THE OPERATION OF THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, FBIHQ, AND HAS QUESTIONED THEM AS TO WHAT THE FBI WOULD HAVE DONE IF FBIHQ HAD BEEN IN POSSESSION OF ALL OF THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE CIA ON OSWALD'S VISIT TO THE SOVIETS IN MEXICO CITY. ACCORDING TO KESSLER, THIS PERSON OR PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH POLICY AT THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, FBIHQ, LEVEL ADVISED HIM THAT FBIHQ WOULD HAVE ORDERED THE DALLAS OFFICE, FBI, TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN A FULL ESPIONAGE INVESTIGATION, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY HAVE INCLUDED SA HOSTY CONDUCTING A PRETEXT INTERVIEW OF OSWALD AND FULL SURVEILLANCE COVERAGE OF OSWALD. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE SOVIET ESPIONAGE SECTION CHIEF WITH THE APPROVAL OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OR DIRECTOR.

KESSLER ASKED SA HOSTY TO CONFIRM THE ABOVE INFORMATION THAT FBIHQ WOULD HAVE ORDERED HIM TO CONDUCT A FULL ESPIONAGE INVESTIGATION OF OSWALD. SA HOSTY ADVISED KESSLER HE WOULD RATHER NOT COMMENT UNTIL HE HAD A CHANCE TO CONSULT HIS

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IS SUPERIORS. KESSLER WAS ADVISED THAT HE WOULD BE  
CONTACTED BY FBIHQ OR ATTORNEY JOHN M. BRAY RE MY  
ANSWER TO THE ABOVE.

KESSLER STATED INFORMATION WITHHELD BY THE CIA INDICATED  
OSWALD OFFERED TO FURNISH INFORMATION TO THE SOVIETS AND  
REQUESTED MONEY AND FREE PASSAGE FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY  
TO THE SOVIET UNION VIA CUBA.

KESSLER FURTHER ADVISED HE RECENTLY HAD LUNCH WITH THE  
NEWLY APPOINTED CHIEF INVESTIGATOR FOR THE U.S. HOUSE  
COMMITTEE NAMED (FNU) SPRAGUE (PH). ACCORDING TO KESSLER,  
SPRAGUE IS A VERY TOUGH PROSECUTOR AND HAS TOLD HIM HE WILL  
ORDER POLYGRAPH TESTS FOR MANY PEOPLE, INCLUDING FORMER  
CIA DIRECTOR HELMS, FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL KATZENBACH,  
AND MARINA OSWALD, WIDOW OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL BE FURNISHED BY SA  
HOSTY TO ATTORNEY JOHN M. BRAY, WASHINGTON, D.C., APPOINTED

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BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO REPRESENT SA HOSTY.

AM CC TO DALLAS.

KANSAS CITY WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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