ASSASSINATION STORY— THE REACTION IN JAPAN

TOKYO-A Japanese security agent's story of the Kennedy assassination created duite a stir here.

The story, based on agent Atsuyuki Sassa's survey of American security methods, first appeared in the "U.S. News & World Report" issue of June 8. It has since been confirmed in all essential details, although it develops that the Japanese officer had no official connection with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's study of the assassination. Sassa did work with various security agencies in the U.S.

Correcting a translation error, Sassa says he never met any Dallas police who frequented the night club operated by Jack Ruby, convicted of killing Lee Harvey Oswald.

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AN AWKWARD DISCLAIMER -

No SOONER DID THE PREVIOUS WEEK'S STORY HIT THE STREET, THAN THE THEORY OF THE DOUBLE-DUTY BULLET WAS OFFICIALLY LEAKED (THUS INVALIDATING MUCH OF THE STORY).

RATHER THAN ACKNOWLEDGE THE GREAT RAMIFICATIONS INHERENT IN THIS, USN& WR BLANDLY RAN THIS IN THE NEXT ISSUE — WHILE CONTINUING TO CONGRATULATE THEMSELVES, THEY BEGIN TO SHIFT THE ONUS TO HONORABLE AGENT AND THE TRANSLATOR (SHADES OF T, BUCHANAN)