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Dear Mark,

Jim tells me that you have identified the record used on last night's ABC Special on Hoover as 105-82555-4117. I disagree.

The ABC story is that before the assassination the FBI sent Childs/Solo down to Cuba and he came back with the fairy-tale that Oswald had said he would kill JFK. Aside for the total impossibility of what ABC reports, there are problems with the content of 4117, regardless of what is excised from it.

Hoover had Childs' report long before the assassination. But 4117 was not written until 6/17/64.

After the excision the Hoover letter to Rankin says that the information, meaning what is withheld, is similar to what Castro said in his post- assassination speech of 11/27/64. I've read that speech. I had a copy of the Spanish text, but someone stole it. I've read the FBIS account of it. Not only did Castro say no such thing, what he really said is quite opposite the Childs fabrication.

Jim seems to think that Hosty was ABC's source. Have you any reason to believe he was? I ask because I don't recall any Dallas record in which anything like this is reported.

I'm aware of the fact that it is quite unlikely that FBIS would have sent such information anywhere after the/assassination, but how else could Hosty have known, if he did?

It was not easy, but in the JFK segment ABC succeeded in being very unfair to the FBI.

I guess I know now why Lynch phoned to ask if she could come up and then didn't.

Despite the puffery, this fiction is not new. HSCA went into it. On coast-to-coast TV yet.

Two Unrecorded copies are noted in this serial in the 105 file. The legible one is the Commission file. I can't make the other out.

Best wishes,

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Lee Harvey Oswald

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Through a confidential source which has furnished reliable information in the past, we have been advised of some statements made by Fidel Castro, Cuban Prime Minister, concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. *us*

In connection with these statements of Castro, your attention is called to the speech made by Castro on November 27, 1963, in Havana, Cuba, during which Castro made similar statements concerning this matter. The pertinent portions of this speech are set out in the report of Special Agent James J. O'Connor dated May 8, 1964, at Miami, Florida, beginning on page 30. *us*

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It will be noted that the information furnished by our source at this time as having come from Castro is consistent with and substantially the same as that which appears in Castro's speech of November 27, 1963, and which is referred to above. U

This additional material is set forth for the Commission's information and no further action is contemplated by this Bureau concerning it. U

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: (continued)

This letter is classified "Top Secret" in view of the nature of our source, the disclosure of which would seriously damage national defense interests.

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