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TO : The Attorney General

DATE: March 15, 1977

FROM: *C* Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
11/22/63; DALLAS, TEXAS

Enclosed for your information is a letterhead memorandum dated March 4, 1977, at Jacksonville, Florida, entitled, "House Select Committee On Assassinations, Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas," containing results of an interview with Rolando Otero conducted by Special Agents of the FBI on March 1, 1977.

Otero who is awaiting sentencing on local charges, requested through his attorney that he be interviewed pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

For background information, Otero, born April 18, 1943, in Cuba and who participated in the Bay of Pigs invasion, April, 1961, was identified as a subject in five bombings in December, 1975, which caused damage to two United States Post Offices, a Federally insured bank, a Social Security Office, and the Miami Office of the FBI. He was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of Florida, on January 23, 1976, charging him with violation of Title 18, USC, Section 844 (Malicious Damage by Explosives to a U. S. Agency). A bench warrant was issued the same date for his arrest. He was subsequently located in Chile and was arrested by FBI Agents at Miami on May 20, 1976, after his expulsion from Chile. On June 3, 1976, Otero was indicted on 17 additional counts involving the above bombings and additionally with a bombing at the Miami International Airport which occurred on October 17, 1975.

On August 24, 1976, Otero was found not guilty on all counts by a jury in the U. S. District Court, Jacksonville, Florida. He was subsequently arrested by officers of the Dade County Public Safety Department and charged by the Florida State Attorney's Office, Miami, with nine counts each of possession of explosives, arson, and discharging destructive devices.



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The Attorney General

Otero was recently convicted of all local charges and is scheduled to be sentenced on March 17, 1977, at Shalimar, Florida.

On March 1, 1977, Otero was interviewed, the results of which are contained in the attached letterhead memorandum. A copy of this letterhead memorandum has also been furnished to the Florida State Attorneys Office, Miami, Florida, by the Miami Office of the FBI.

With the concurrence of the Department, the House Select Committee On Assassinations will be advised of Otero's desire to testify before that Committee.

Enclosure

- 1 - Deputy Attorney General
(Enclosure)
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legislative Affairs
(Enclosure)
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
(Enclosure)