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Under date of November 23 1963, CASLOV STANJOVIC, Mathematics Professor, University of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan, an acquaintance of MADINE BESTOUCHEFF, a French National who arrived in the United States from Paris August 22, 1963, felt BESTOUCHEFF was in on the planning of the assassination of the President of the United States or at least knew there was something being planned.

The following investigation concerning MADINE BESTOUCHEFF was conducted on November 23, 1963, by SAs JOHN E. SHIMOTA and DANIEL W. FULTS, JR.:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Mrs. JEANNE OSTER, Director YWCA, 1118 Crawford Street, Houston, made available a record which disclosed the following:

MADINE BESTOUCHEFF, born October 8, 1937, single, a graduate of the University of Paris, Paris, France, registered at the YWCA, September 8, 1963, and departed November 11, 1963. Her residence was shown as 214 Boulevard Voltaire, Paris, France, and her parents were indicated as "BESTOUCHEFF", 12 Rue Jean Thomas, Emboume, France. In Houston she was participating in some training program of the Continental Oil Company, Houston, Texas. She indicated the following references to the YWCA:

Dr. FERVOUCHINE, McGill University,
Montreal, Canada;

Dr. LAZARD, Chemistry Department,
Mt. Sinai Hospital, 5th Avenue at
100 Street, New York City.

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Mrs. OSTER advised that NADINE BESTOUGEFF was a model resident at the YWCA, and she was most interested in travel and sight seeing. Mrs. OSTER stated that BESTOUGEFF had spent several days in Mexico for the purpose of sight seeing; and when she left Houston, Texas, on November 11, 1963, she intended to visit in several localities in the United States prior to arriving in New York City. Mrs. OSTER had a recollection that BESTOUGEFF intended to depart the United States from New York City to return to her home in France on or about December 1, 1963. According to Mrs. OSTER, BESTOUGEFF gave no indication of being an individual with tendencies of violence nor was she known to have indicated any strong Communist or other political feelings.

Mr. CHARLES E. BETHEL, JR., Director Petrochemical Market Research, Continental Oil Company, upon interview at his residence, 4839 Warm Springs, Houston, Texas, informed as follows:

NADINE BESTOUGEFF, a French National, was associated without compensation, with Continental Oil Company, Houston, Texas, as a trainee in Market Research Development. She was so associated from approximately September 8, 1963, until approximately November 11, 1963. When leaving Houston, Texas, on the latter date, she intended to arrive in New York City shortly prior to December 1, 1963, the date she planned to depart the United States en route to France. She intended to proceed to New York City by way of Atlanta, Georgia, Chicago, Illinois, and Detroit, Michigan. Her visits to these cities were presumably for sight seeing purposes. This was her first trip to the United States; and when she first arrived in New York City from France, she proceeded directly to Mexico, where she visited for approximately two weeks. She then proceeded to Houston, Texas, from Mexico and entered upon her training with Continental Oil Company. While in

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Houston, Texas, BESTOUGEFF spent a weekend in New Orleans, Louisiana, and she also spent a weekend in Dallas, Texas. According to Mr. BETHEL, these weekend trips were for sight seeing purposes. She was not known to have dated while in Houston, Texas; and she was not known to have had any close friends or associates. Her father is believed to be rather well known in CFR, a French oil company. Miss BESTOUGEFF manifested a genuine interest in her work; and upon her return to France, apparently intended to resume her work in the same field. To the best of Mr. BETHEL's knowledge BESTOUGEFF demonstrated no tendencies of violence, she would not become involved in discussions of Communism or other political subjects and her personal conduct was regarded as most satisfactory.

J. H. BENNETT, Inspector, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Houston, Texas, and Mrs. ADELIN DEAN, Credit Bureau of Greater Houston, Houston, Texas, upon check of their respective records advised nothing could be located identifiable with MADINE BESTOUGEFF.