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TYPE OF CASE <u>Protective Research</u>	STATUS <u>Continued</u>	TITLE OR CAPTION <u>Assassination of President Kennedy</u>
INVESTIGATION MADE AT <u>Houston, Texas</u>	PERIOD COVERED <u>12/12/63</u>	<u>Lee Harvey Oswald</u>
INVESTIGATION MADE BY <u>SATC Lana Bartram</u>		

SYNOPSIS

Oswald alleged to have learned while in Mexico City in the latter part of September, 1963, that there was a plot to assassinate Premier Castro of Cuba, and that President Kennedy had been advised of same.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

This inquiry originated in Houston on December 12, 1963 when Alexander Haidin ^(X) Jenkins III, a reporter for the Houston Post, advised the writer confidentially that he had received information from Felton West, the Houston Post Washington Bureau representative, to the effect that citizens of the United States had entered into an agreement or a plot to assassinate Premier Castro of Cuba and that Lee Harvey Oswald, who went to Mexico City on September 25 and allegedly returned about October 1-3, learned of this plot, which infuriated him.

He stated that Oswald attempted to obtain a visa to Russia from the Russian Embassy and when he failed, contacted the Cuban Embassy and attempted to arrange for a visa to Cuba. He stated that the Cuban Embassy was agreeable to giving him a visa but could not furnish one immediately which annoyed Oswald, causing him to return to the States. He states that he has information that while in Mexico City Oswald learned of an contemplated plan to assassinate Castro by unknown American citizens; and that then President Kennedy and Vice-President Johnson had been informed of this assassination plot.

Mr. Jenkins inferred that this was a possible reason for Oswald assassinating the President.

Mr. Jenkins states he has received information that Oswald returned to Houston, according to an informant of his who will point out the house where Oswald visited, etc.

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Mr. Hudkins refused to disclose the identity of his informant, but stated as soon as the name of the person Oswald visited was ascertained that this office would be furnished with the individual's name and address and it would be agreeable for this Service to interview that individual.

He is evasive as to the undeveloped leads in Houston, but states that Felton West, Post Washington Bureau, has more specific information as to the plot to assassinate Castro and the fact that President Kennedy and Vice President Johnson were informed of same, by a former Cuban premier.

He stated it was agreeable for this Service to interview Felton West in Washington and use his name as a source of information.

Mr. Hudkins is friendly to this Service and expressed a desire to assist this Service but requested that no information be disclosed to other agencies at this time.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

It is requested that Chief's Office have Felton West, Washington Bureau of the Houston Post, interviewed for any details he can furnish. It is suggested that a member of the Houston Post Washington Bureau by the name of O'Leary not be contacted or in any way be permitted to obtain the information in this report. If possible it is suggested that he not be made aware of the interview with Felton West.

The Houston office will develop any leads obtain from Mr. Hudkins of the Houston Post, in connection with this information.

It is noted that the Houston Office of the CIA has no information as to the alleged plot to assassinate Premier Castro of Cuba.

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Case No. CO-2-34030 Assassination of President Kennedy


Reference is made to the memorandum of SAIC Bertram of Houston, dated December 14, 1963.

I located Felton West, a Houston-Post, Washington Bureau Representative and interviewed him in the office of SAIC Behn. Mr. West has been on the Washington scene for approximately two years and spends a great deal of his time at the White House and at the Senate Press Gallery. He said categorically that he had no information concerning a plot to assassinate Castro. He was of the opinion that no one at the Houston-Post has any such information. He was informed that we were asking these questions at the suggestion of Alonso Hudkins, whom he said he knew and that Hudkins had been working for the Houston-Post approximately 30 days and that Hudkins had worked for the Houston-Post at Dallas before and during the murder of Oswald by Ruby.

He stated that he was former City Editor of the Houston-Post and was in Dallas the day of the assassination. He said he had no information concerning the subject matter of Bertram's memorandum.

He was asked whether he had an employee in the Houston-Post, Washington Bureau by the name of O'Leary. He said that Mr. O'Leary had been formerly Science Editor of the Houston-Post but Mr. O'Leary, representing the Houston-Post, had died in New Zealand while accompanying an Antarctic expedition, and that Mr. O'Leary was buried in Dallas some few days before the assassination of President Kennedy.

The results of the interview with West were phoned to SAIC Bertram; will follow-up on the information and further evaluate Mr. Hudkins' reliability as a source of information.


Thomas J. Kelley, Inspector

U. S. SECRET SERVICE

Inspector Thomas Kelly - Dallas

December 11, 1963

SAIC Bortram - Houston

Assassination of President Kennedy

Reference made to memorandum report by this office dated 12/11/63, reporting interview with Alonzo H. Hudkins, III, a reporter for The Houston Post, a daily newspaper in Houston.

During the above interview Mr. Hudkins, who is personally known to the writer from Denver, Colorado, advised confidentially that George Butler, Head of the Juvenile Division of the Dallas Police Department, is considered a "Rightest" very close to General Walker. He advised that soon after the death of President Kennedy he heard George Butler state, "I am glad the son-of-a-bitch is dead, but I wish it had not happened in Dallas," and other similar statements.

It is Mr. Hudkins' feeling that this type of statement and sentiment from responsible people is partly responsible for the unreasonable acts by part of the Dallas citizens.

Mr. Hudkins states that he considers George Butler a personal friend and that if he is advised of the above statement, will immediately identify Mr. Hudkins as the informant. He, therefore, requests that his identity not be disclosed in any way to Butler.

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It is suggested that you verbally transmit this information to Lt. Jack Revill, who requested that Hudkins be interviewed but request that Mr. Hudkins' identity not be revealed in any manner.

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cc: Chief ✓

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ORIGIN Field	OFFICE Houston, Texas	FILE NO. CO-2-31,020
TYPE OF CASE Protective Research	STATUS Closed - Houston	TITLE OR CAPTION Assassination of President Kennedy
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Houston, Texas	PERIOD COVERED 12/16-23/63	RE: Alleged plot to assassinate Premier Castro of Cuba
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SAC Lane Bertram		

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SYNOPSIS

Inspector Thomas Kelley advised telephonically that newsman Felton West had no knowledge of this matter. Informant Hudkins advised he was in error as to the source of information but will attempt to ascertain the source from his notes.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to M/R dated 12/14/63 by the writer reporting information received from Alonso H. Hudkins III, reporter for the Houston Post, a daily newspaper, re information he had obtained relative to a plot to assassinate Premier Castro of Cuba, which allegedly infuriated Lee Harvey Oswald.

On December 16, Inspector Thomas Kelley advised that he had talked to reporter Felton West who emphatically denied any knowledge of this subject. He also advised that there was no reporter by the name of O'Leary, attached to the Houston Post Washington Bureau.

Shortly after receiving above call from Inspector Kelley, received a phone call from reporter Hudkins who stated that Felton West had just called him and advised him that he was mistaken in his information; that he had never discussed a plot to assassinate Castro with him.

Mr. Hudkins was apologetic about the error. He said he would review his notes and attempt to ascertain who furnished him that information and advise this office.

He stated that the O'Leary he referred to was a reporter for a Washington paper believed to have been called the Washington Post or Washington Post Star. The writer was of the opinion that O'Leary was employed by the Washington Bureau of the Houston Post.

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DISPOSITION

This inquiry is considered closed unless additional information is obtained from Hudkins as to the source of his information.

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