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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (89-35) (P)  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER  
(OO: Dallas)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S)  
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*Current Class-Markings are per CIA letter 9/23/62 S/A [Redacted] 1/17/67 #6454*

Re Miami teletype, 11/24/63, to Bureau, Dallas, b7C and Washington Field which stated:

JOE LANUSA, age 24, Intelligence Officer for Students Revolutionary Directorate at Miami, interviewed 11/23/63. He stated that in telephone conversation on 11/22/63, with PAUL BETHEL and DIANA GONZALEZ, Secretary to BETHEL, both of whom are connected with Citizens Committee for a Free Cuba, Washington, D. C., LANUSA stated to them that FIDEL CASTRO in the first week of September, 1963, had attended a reception at the Brazilian Embassy in Havana. At the reception, CASTRO allegedly remarked to unknown diplomats that the leaders of the United States would be killed if they planned or engaged in aggression against Cuba. LANUSA declined to name source of information claiming it was a friend who had contact with some diplomat and the friend was a CIA contact. On 11/24/63,

[Redacted] advised that the sources of LANUSA's information were the "Miami Herald" of 9/9/63, and a weekly bulletin "Voice of Cuba,"

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dated 9/15/63, published in Miami Beach. [redacted] (S) no  
diplomat was involved and news story was covered in press.

On 11/25/63, [redacted] (S) advised  
that the weekly bulletin "Voice of Cuba" should have been  
referred to as "Informe Sobre Cuba," translated "Report on  
Cuba." He furnished the front page of the edition dated  
9/13/63, and stated the article referring to the threat by  
FIDEL CASTRO against the leaders of the democratic countries  
was derived from the news report which appeared in the "Miami  
Herald" dated 9/9/63. The item in "Informe Sobre Cuba"  
stated:

"CASTRO took advantage of a reception in the  
Brazilian Embassy, Havana, to berate the leaders  
of American governments... Specifically the Red  
leader announced reprisals against Democratic  
leaders should any of his (CASTRO's) accomplices  
suffer personal aggressions."

The "Miami Herald," Miami, Fla., in the edition of  
9/9/63, on page 1 carried an article by Herald Wire Services,  
datelined Havana, and captioned "FIDEL Says Cuba Will Fight  
Back." This article states:

"The Minister FIDEL CASTRO said Sunday 'U. S.  
leaders' would be in danger if they helped in any  
manner to do away with leaders of Cuba."

"Categorically denouncing what he called recent  
U. S. sponsored raids on Cuban territory, CASTRO  
said, 'We are prepared to fight them and answer  
in kind. U. S. leaders should think that if they  
are aiding terrorist plans to eliminate Cuban  
leaders, they themselves will not be safe.'

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"The bitterest CASTRO attack yet on President KENNEDY was made early Sunday morning in a rambling, incoherent, post-midnight dissertation following a reception at the Brazilian Embassy."

Inasmuch as there is no evidence that FIDEL CASTRO made any specific statement that he had facilities in the U. S. to "break off" U. S. leaders, as originally reported to Washington Field by the Citizens Committee for a Free Cuba, this avenue of inquiry at Miami is concluded based on the above.

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