UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Belmont

DATE: November 26, 1963

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS
ASSAULTING OR KILLING A FEDERAL OFFICER

This is to advise that Mr. Louis Benavides, U. S. Secret Service, San Antonio, furnished information to the San Antonio Office concerning a telephone call from Mexico City to Miami, Florida. Mr. Benavides advised that Francisco Aguilar had learned from an international telephone operator in Mexico City that she had monitored the call from Jose Antonio Cabarga, Mexico City, to Dr. Emilio Nunez Portuondo, Miami, Florida. This call was in Spanish and the gist of the call was "plan of Castro carried forth. Bobby is next. Soon the atomic bombs will rain and they will not know from where." Mr. Benavides advised that Aguilar, who furnished the information to him, is a high-type individual from Mexico City who has in the past assisted in Presidential protection.

Dr. Emilio Nunez Portuondo is the former Cuban delegate to the United Nations under the Batista regime. He was formerly active in the anti-Castro movement, but apparently has abandoned these activities since 1961. He has offered some articles critical of the United States' policy toward Cuba.

Cabarga is the former President of Maritime Retirement Funds, Cuba. He is presently residing in Mexico City. He is allegedly anti-Castro and well informed on Castro and communist activities.

Dr. Portuondo was interviewed at Miami and stated he received a call from Cabarga in Mexico City on 11-21-63. He denied any knowledge whatsoever concerning Lee Harvey Oswald. He stated he does not recall that Cabarga said "Bobby is next" or that "Atomic bombs will soon rain" and he indicated that the statements made by Cabarga were only expressions of opinions. Dr. Portuondo had no information concerning the assassination.

ACTION

The Legat, Mexico City has been requested to have Cabarga interviewed through appropriate channels.

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