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AND COMMENT ON THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

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or CIA agent. And the stenographer who was typing Oswald's manuscript also believed him to be a U.S. agent.... Why was Oswald received with open arms in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow and brought back to the United States at government expense? That would add up if he were an undercover U.S. agent, and that is what has to be established."

Cuban broadcasts frequently conveyed suspicion of the FBI in connection with its investigation of the Dallas slayings, and some suspicion also of the Warren Commission because of the inclusion in it of Allen Dulles. A radio commentator said on 26 November:

"What is wanted by the world is not all the facts as disclosed by the FBI investigation, but all the facts, period, in an investigation that includes an investigation of the FBI and the CIA and their contacts with the rightists."

A commentary on 4 December noted that Mr. Dulles was one of the members of the Warren Commission and described him as "not precisely the man to have an objective view of the CIA." EL MUNDO on 4 December expressed hope that the newly appointed commission would "investigate everything," explaining that it was imperative that this include an investigation of the Secret Service and the FBI. A commentary beamed to North America on 6 December questioned the possibility of FBI success in tracking down the "assassins" of President Kennedy, pointing out that "the FBI can be blind when it wants to," especially when it "comes to finding the lynchers of the Ku Klux Klan and the White Citizens Councils." Gomez Wanguemert said on 7 December:

"The UPI asserts that the Warren Commission could get its first important piece of evidence--the FBI report--this very weekend. In other words the UPI wants people to believe and consider as evidence what is nothing more than a police report which so far as is known calls the case closed, asserting that the deceased Oswald was the only perpetrator of the crime. The Commission...was designated to clear up the numerous clouded areas in the reports.... But it will never be able to achieve this if it admits, as the UPI wants, that the FBI report is important evidence."

PRENSA LATINA on 5 December transmitted a John Eagle dispatch from Washington which included the following comments:

"The director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, has finally spoken.... Did he make any contribution that might lead to a clarification of the Dallas scandal? No.... The director

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of the FBI charged that 'extremists of the left and right' were equally responsible for the flames which caused the death of the little girls. What an incredible demonstration of irresponsibility from an official of this station.... It was hoped that Hoover would establish officially the relationship, doubtless existing, between the origin of the assassination of the little girls in Birmingham and the assassination of President Kennedy, and our man comes out with an invitation to a witch hunt. ... It would not be farfetched to say that there is a much graver danger than those pointed out by the director of the FBI. It is that men like Mr. Hoover remain in key posts in the country."

Castro's 23 November speech also appeared to have supplied the inspiration for Cuban propaganda listing Cuban refugees in Florida as among those possibly implicated in the assassination "plot." Castro said Mr. Kennedy's Florida speech, made shortly before his death, was disappointing to a number of elements who considered that the administration was pursuing a weak policy regarding Cuba, in effect "using the air and naval forces to maintain Castro in power." There were many criticisms of the speech, Castro assented. UPI, he said, went all-out in publicizing them. Castro added:

"It is very strange that in the days prior to Kennedy's assassination a coincidence of opinions is noted as never before among reactionary sectors within and without the United States.... The editor of an intervened Havana daily ended by saying: 'I feel that a serious event which will happen soon will force Washington to change its peaceful coexistence policy.' What did that mean--three days before Kennedy's assassination?"

This statement, attributed to Sergio Carbo, was not given wide publicity in Havana media following Castro's speech, but was used a few times by Cuban propagandists to cast suspicion on the Cuban refugees in the United States.

Blame for the assassination "plot" was also placed--though less frequently--on the Pentagon and U.S. "monopolies." PRENSA LATINA on 30 November attributed to Uruguayan Communist Party leader Arismendi the assertion, "It is evident that Kennedy was killed by the great monopolies, the CIA, and the Pentagon, which are all in favor of preventive war."

PRENSA LATINA correspondent John Eagle commented in a dispatch from Washington on 27 November:

"The relaxing of tension did not present pleasing prospects for the war industry. From this it would be no exaggeration