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ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES IN
THE UNITED STATES
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

On June 6, 1964, Mr. Earl Manchester, Service Department, Braniff Airways, Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey, made available a letter which he had found that evening while cleaning the seat pockets of a Braniff plane.

The typewritten letter was dated May 22, 1964, and directed to one "Don Janson" from "S. Martin". It showed no address for sender or receiver and was without envelope. It was pointed out by Mr. Manchester that the letter could have been left in the plane on any of many previous flights.

The letter from S. Martin to Don Janson refers to in quotes comments of a "Texas reporter", who was described as "a proud and eager friend of that police force of the year in Dallas". It noted that "Vicki" took notes on the interview and that he, Martin, had five hours of recorded conversation with the reporter, whose comments were reported as follows:

"For God's sake, don't tell the FBI, but back about February (1963) when I was working for H. L. Hunt, some very prominent Texas men, R. D. Matthews and I discussed the possibility of doing away with Cheddi Jagan or Castro or both. Not by the U.S. government, you understand, but on a private basis. Hunt said we could have all the cash we needed, the others were in it, too, on a cash basis. We were going to get Castro sometime when he (Castro) went to Mexico. Understand now, we dropped it. R.D. didn't go for it. I didn't go for it. Meanwhile, we understood there was a group in Florida with the same idea. Also, the government knew all about it."

(Our question:) Which branch of the government knew all about it?

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"The CIA. Not Kennedy. We were going to have men go down to Mexico and pose as oil agents. When Castro came in, we'd get him. The CIA encourages these things. I heard later that when Oswald was in Mexico he heard of our plans and that's why he killed Kennedy. But Kennedy didn't even know what was going on half the time."

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To: SAC, Kansas City (Enclosures - 2)

From: Director, FBI (109-584)

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - W. A. Branigan
- 1 - W. R. Wannall
- 1 - R. E. Lenihan
- 1 - V. H. Nasca

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Attached for Kansas City is copy of Newark airtel 6-8-64 with enclosure. The Don Janson mentioned therein may be identical with the Donald H. Janson, news correspondent, "New York Times" who was interviewed by your office on 3-3-64. See report SA Marion C. Street, dated 3-16-64, at Kansas City concerning Lee Harvey Oswald, Kansas City file 105-1736.

Kansas City immediately interview Donald H. Janson in detail concerning the contents of the letter addressed to him by S. Martin. Particularly endeavor to determine the identities of S. Martin and the Texas reporter. If identified, set out leads to have them immediately interviewed for all pertinent information they may have in this matter. Results of interviews conducted should be submitted to Bureau in form for dissemination.

Any pertinent information developed concerning Lee Harvey Oswald should also be promptly submitted to the Bureau under the Oswald caption.

- 1 - Dallas (100-10461)
- 1 - Miami
- 1 - New York
- 1 - Newark (105-7006)
- 1 - Oklahoma City

① - 105-82555 (Oswald)

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.

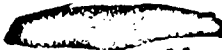
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Airtel to SAC, Kansas City
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NOTE:

See memo Wannall to Sullivan, dated 6-19-64, same caption, prepared by VHN:cej.

 CIA, on 6-17-64 advised SA S. J. Papich, Bureau, that the alleged plots to do away with Jagan and Castro mentioned in enclosure to NK airtel 6-8-64 were not CIA operations.