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C O N F I D E N T I A L - (SS1) APRIL 21 4 P.M.

1. IMMIGRATION POLICE CHIEF MAJOR THOMAS MENTIONED TO CHIEF EMBS CONSULAR SECTION THIS MORNING INTER ALIA THAT SON HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM U.S. (HE THOUGHT IT WAS "CABLE FROM WASHINGTON" BUT WAS VAGUE) RE GEORGES DEMONHRENSCHILDT WHO, ACCORDING THOMAS' RECOLLECTION, WAS DESCRIBED AS "COMMUNIST AND VERY DANGEROUS". IN RESPONSE CONSUL'S QUERY, THOMAS DID NOT THINK MESSAGE WAS FROM HAITIAN EMB WASH.

2. THOMAS' PURPOSE IN CONVEYING FOREGOING NOT CLEAR. HE MAY HAVE BEEN PASSING FOR REACTION (HE GOT NONE), LAYING INFORMAL GROUNDWORK FOR CPM 031 21 4 071 1 2.

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SUBSEQUENT CON ACTION AGAINST DEMONHRENSCHILDT, OR SIMPLY DOING WHAT HE CONSIDERED FAVOR TO CONSUL.

3. FOREGOING POINTS UP NEED FOR PROMPT REPLY TO REFTEL. GP-3  
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## Editor Condemns False Reporting

"Distorted or false reporting has no place in mass communications," Mr. McKnight said. "I do urge every man to

This was the gist of remarks made Thursday by Felix McKnight, executive vice president and editor of The Dallas Times Herald to delegates attending the American Association of Petroleum Landmen here.

Taking as his topic "The Dallas Story," Mr. McKnight described the violent happenings of the weekend of the assassination of President Kennedy, and told of a "raw distortion of the facts" by a few irresponsible newspapers, broadcast commentators and magazines.

"But I do not suggest the quell-

speak with reason, with dignity, with understanding and with purpose.

"Truth is a mighty weapon, never to be silenced, but distortion is an evil that can only destroy."

The editor told the landmen that loose-tongue crucifixion of the innocent came from the small minority that arrived in Dallas with pre-conceived ideas and opinions. He then added:

"The opposition voice is one of most precious guarantees of this nation. It should be preserved at all costs.

"But privileges carry responsibilities and opposing voice must speak with clarity, pin-pointed accuracy and honesty."

He then cited some examples, such as the national magazine that reported that some 50 per cent of the male and 33 per cent of the female students at the University of Texas carry weapons, and the famed columnist who wrote that Dallas police, in a spot check on the busiest downtown street corner, found seven of 10 men halted and searched to be carrying weapons.

"Patently false," Mr. McKnight charged, "and I challenge both to present proof. In the case of the alleged illegal searching of Dallas citizens on downtown streets — it didn't even happen."