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Kennedy-haters and those who support kick-back theories of the assassination, one of which is that the South Vietnamese killed Kennedy because he had had Diem and Nhu killed, have their ^{to} glory and nothing else. Kennedy did not want them killed. He did know that some Vietnamese generals were going to overthrow the hated Diem and his even more hated brother-in-law but ~~there was~~ to be sure they were not killed he went out of his way to alert them and save them from possible assassination. As James Giglio says in this The Presidency of John F. Kennedy (University Press of Kansas, 1994, page 253) He was "shocked" and "dismayed" when he heard of their deaths, Giglio says. Then,

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He had sent long-time friend, Torby Macdonald to Saigon, as a personal emissary to warn Diem that his life was in danger and to seek assylum in the American embassy. Though Kennedy had ~~known~~ consented to Diem's removal and had apparently known of the generals' desire to execute him, clearly he had wished Diem's *life* to be spared.

Giglio cites two sources for this (page 306), General ^{Max} Maxwell Taylor's Swords and Plowshares, (W.W.Norton, 1972) ~~1971~~ p. 301; and Herbert S. Parmet, [†] JFK: The Presidency of John F. Kennedy, page 335 (Dial Press, 1983).