

12/23/68

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Dear Mr. Zitch,

Your letter of 12/15 arrived today, pretty good considering we live at Frederick, not Fredericksburg. Md.

I have to be brief. The things of which you write are interesting. Of some I had no previous knowledge. When you can, please send this material to me, but do not go to the trouble of making tapes of the two newscasts.

I have no confidence in the NY alleged threat against Nixon. I think it was a fake, perhaps designed to lend credibility to the Sorhan thing.

I am also interested in the CCFC, everything you can get. However, it is not possible to establish a link between the CRC and it on the basis of a 12/5/60 news story because the CRC was not organized until 3/18/61.

I am also interested in the Latin American Report. While I am not now certain, that seems to be a CIA- Batistiana operation.

The International Trade Mart is not on Carondelet St. in New Orleans. The old one was on Camp, the new at the foot of Cahal.

Excuse haste. Many thanks.

Best holiday wishes,

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DEC. 15, 1968

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DEAR SIR:

I CAME ACROSS AN INTERESTING ARTICLE IN THE L.A. TIMES
LAST WEEK CONCERNING A SUSPECT ARRESTED IN THE PHILIPPINES
WHO WAS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH ASSASSINATION OF VIPS
IN THE U.S. THE ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE PREVIEW TIMES WED.
DEC. 11, 1968. FOR PRACTICE PURPOSES THE STORY WAS PRINTED
BEFORE 2pm TUES.

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headline: 'ASSASSIN PLOT'
ARREST CLAIMED

MANILA (UPI) --Police have arrested a Yemeni national from California "on suspicion of possible complicity in the assassination of very important persons in the United States," the Philippine News service said Tuesday. It identified the man as Ali Ali Saudi of Modesto, Calif.

(Modesto police said they had no record on Saudi.)

DEC. 11 11:15 pm KNX RADIO LOS ANGELES (CBS)

...to investigate a report that a Yemeni national from Modesto, Calif. was arrested on suspicion of conspiring to assassinate prominent Americans. The spokesman for the Immigration Bureau and the National Bureau of Manila said the man was Ali Ali Saudi; the identification was made by the Philippine News Service.

The U.S. Embassy spokesman said, "he probably was just a sailor who jumped ship."

The first question that comes to my mind is whether or not this man is connected with The three Yemenies in NY who attempted to assassinate Nixon, or whether Saudi was an accomplice of Sarhan. I checked out the LA TIMES story on Saudi with Art Kevin of KHJ radio. Kevin said he was not aware of this story but would check it out. The Times conveniently printed the story in their Preview or early edition only, thus the story will not be in the LA Times Library and the majority of the Times' readers are not aware of the information.

I will make the tape of this story on KNX radio and the LA Times story available to you if you need it for documentation at a later date.

In my next letter I will discuss THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR A FREE CUBA and their conviction to invade Cuba and kill Castro by assassination. I received a letter last week from Paul Bethel, the Executive Sec. of this right-wing organization. (Bethel was an attachee to Cuba 1958-1961). The letter contains a nine point program on what the policy of the U.S. should be toward Cuba and the ~~policy~~ policy of the U.S. once the invasion plans are enacted. My concern is the parallel of events between the activities of the CCFC and the activities of Anti-Castro forces during 1961-1963. You might recall from a letter which I wrote to you concerning CCFC, ~~that~~ ~~that~~ (Jim Lawrence forwarded it to you last time you were in Los Angeles) that there was some reason to believe that it is a CIA organization. The CCFC, for example has good contacts with the underground in Cuba. I'm trying to determine whether or not the CCFC was once connected with the CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY CONCIL. An article DEC. 5, 1960 in the

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPT. leaves room for that possibility.

In closing, you might make note that the CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR A FREE CUBA, WHICH ALSO PUBLISHES LATIN AMERICAN REPORT MAGAZINE, has offices in THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART, N. ORLEANS (SINCE AT LEAST 1961) ON CARONDOLET ST. IN N. ORLEANS, ON PINE STREET IN DALLAS, AS WELL AS OFFICES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BROOKLYN, NY., AND MIAMI, FLA.

RECENT CUBAN BOMBINGS IN NY AND MIAMI MIGHT BE PART OF A CIA OPERATION. THREE OF THE MEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTIONS WITH THESE BOMBINGS WERE AT ONE TIME IN BRIGADE 2506. Morales Navarrete was arrested in Miami in July, 1968 in connection with a bombing of a Cuban store. According to the NY Times, Miami ~~xxxx~~ D.A. mentioned that Navarrete had been in contact with Dr. Boshe (Ernesto). Boshe was arrested in connection with the shelling of ~~xx~~ the Polish ship Polencia, Sept. 17, 1968. This fact alone contradicts Paul Bethel's statement, which I mentioned in my last letter, That the nine Cuban exiles arrested in shelling the Polencia were not connected with recent Cuban bombings.

In New York Oct. 24, 1968, two of the nine men arrested there in connection with 6 Anti-Castro bombings were in Brigade 2506-Oscar M.L. Acevedo and Gabriel Abay.

Navarrete was in a commando unit, trained by the U.S. in guerrilla and Anti-guerrilla tactics. His unit reportedly took military supplies to the Cuban underground.

ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK TIMES JULY 18, 1968 a Cuban exile leader Ignatio Novo told a commentator on WNEW radio that the bombings of travel agencies ~~that~~ do

do business with Castro were done intentionally to "hurt them where they feel it most." Novo also said, "the next phase, which will be the political execution of representatives of the Cuban government outside of Cuba, was "the was to start a movement within Cuba."

These statements are nothing to spit at. The statement by Novo, I fear, ~~XXXX~~ "... political execution of repres. of Cuban gov't, as he put it, outside Cuba- took place Nov. 22, 1963.

Would it possible for you to obtain ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the tape or transcripts of this interview on WNEW?

SINCERELY,

