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Dear Harold:

The attached is extremely interesting in view of the great circumsppection of the Chinese in the past on this matter. We haven't checked our files, but we felt their reaction to JFK's assassination might be of great importance at the time and so collected every scrap. But they said little, and that amounted no more than a totally non-committal implication that this is the sort of thing to be expected from barbarian capitalists.

If by any remote chance you have an opportunity to pick up a translation of the Excelsior article -- or even the original in Spanish -- We would be very grateful for a copy. A good deal could depend on whether Chou volunteered this reference or whether he replied to a question. I cannot recall his having mentioned it before, and am inclined to regard his doing so now as being in the same general category with Soviet Russia's sudden awakening of interest as shown in the Aurora series and translated in Sputnik.

Maddeningly, Buckley gives no date for the article or the interview on which it was based.

The question arises as why Buckley himself mentioned it, even with the air of dismissing it. Is Buckley quite this desperate? Is he, for instance, going to discover at this late date that Nixon was in Dallas the night of Nov. 21, 1963 and took the occasion to tell a GOP gathering that JFK was going to dump LBJ in 1964? Strange things are going on. Normally one could dismiss this as the natural inclination of a rightwing propagandist to use anything that looked useful.

I see nothing abnormal in Scherer-Garcia getting the interview or with its publication by Excelsior. Neither represents leftwing influences, but on the other hand neither subscribes -- as no non-American element in the world subscribes -- to the official brainwashing version.

So if any of your contacts could come up with a copy, this might be an extremely valuable record of a signal of somekind from someone. I cannot believe that Chou tossed it off carelessly. He does not operate that way.



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