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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin

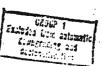
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Anonymous Telephone Calls to United States
Embassy in Canborra, Australia, Relative to
Planned Assassination of President Kennedy

1. I refer again to paragraph two of your memorandum, dated 12 February 1964, relative to disseminations to the Secret Service made by CIA.

- 2. Ca 24 November 1963, CIA received from the Department of the Navy a copy of a cable from the Naval Attache in Camberra, Australia (IN 67327, Top Secret, later downgraded to Becret), reporting a telephone conversation the previous day with an anenymous individual who had described himself as a Polish chauffeur for the Soviet Embassy in that city. This individual, while discussing several matters of intelligence interest, touched on the possibility that the Soviet Government had financed the assassination of President Rennedy. Reference was made in this cable to the receipt of a similar anonymous telephone call on 15 October 1962.
- 3. Upon receipt of this cable from Navy CIA took the following action:
 - a. Cabled to Canberra asking full details of the telephone conversation of 23 November and the call made on 15 October 1952. It should be noted that CIA had not previously known of the 1962 telephone call.

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- b. The CIA Station in Canberra, on 27 November, furnished all available information on the 1962 telephone call. It appears that source on that occasion stated that "Iron Curtain Countries" planned to pay a hundred thousand delians for the assessination of President Kennedy.
- c. Cn 27 November, the CIA Casherra Station also furnished complete detail on the anonymous telephone call of 23 November 1963.
- d. On 29 November. Cl. disseminated this information, as supplied by its Camberra Station, to the Thite House, Department of State and Federal Bureau of Investigation, with a copy to the Sucret Service. A copy of this dissemination in its exact text is attached to this memorandum.
- 4. The CIA Station is Canberra arranged for discussion of the calls with _______ In the opinion of the Australian authorities, the caller was a crank. In any event, they were not able to identify any Polish employee of the Soviet Embassy, the automobile described by the caller as the one he drove, or the license plate number given by him. No further information on this call has been received. Available evidence would tend to show that the caller was some type of crank. This conclusion, however, cannot be confirmed.
- 5. Please note that the nature of the information in this memorandum and its attachment requires the nee of a sansitivity indicator.

Richard Helms Deputy Director for Plans

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CUT Teletype No. 85691, deted 29 November 1761, filed at 1117 hours, to the White Rouse, Department of State and Federal Bureau of Investigation, with a copy to the Secret Service

- 1. Your attention is called to a series of enconymous telephone calls made to the office of the U.S. Naval Attache in Camberra.

 Australia, by a man claiming to have had knowledge about a Soviet plot to assassinate the late President Kennedy. Our first record of this matter is a Naval Attache cable from Camberra sent on 24 November 1963.
- 2. It appears that the caller, who processes to be the Polish charifeur of a Soviet Embassy car in Carberra, first phoned in ever a year ago, on 15 October 1962 repeat 1962. At that time he told a story about live Seviet submarines carrying 600 to 500 Soviet soldiers on their way to Cuba. One purpose of this troop movement, he said, was to support the Governor of Masissippi. He added that there was a plot to pay one hundred thousand dellars to kill President Kennedy. Bohind the plot, he said, were the Tron Curtain Countries," and "Communist men in England, Hong Kenne and probably some other countries."
- 3. On 2) November 196) repeat 1963, the day after the assaulation of President Remedy and over a year after the first telephone call, a man believed to be the same person phoned the Embassy again and spoke to the assistive Neval Attache. The caller referred to his call a year back and stated he had said that the USSE had put up 100,000 delians for the assaulantion of President Kennedy.
- 4. Giving what he claimed were further details about the assassination, the caller said that about two weeks before (which would have been in early November 1951) he was present when an Australian man. 35 to 40 years old, and tell, was dispatched by the Soviets to the United States carrying a case about 15 to 40 continueters long, 50 centimeters high, and 8.5 centimeters wide. The name Yasyl Two was used in some consection with this man. He was put on a plane in Sydney and while the caller drove the two Soviet eacorts back to Canberra, their shortware radio in the Embassy was going constantly. A shortware radio was going in the Embassy

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size when they arrived there. Over these radios, one of these Seviets transmitted numbers and "points." They remained in the Embassy, and that murning (apparently 23 November 1963), a message came through and toasts were drunk in Russian Youka and the Russians present said. "we have achieved what we want."

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- 5. The caller then gave "information" about the Soviet role in sinking a U.S. Nevy nuclear submarine and on Soviet subversion in Indonesia. He would not identify himself, and when he described the car be drives (as a may bine 1952 Buick, Reguse plate New South Sales CCC 6122) he added they often change plates, have fifty sets in reserve, and can change them in five seconds.
- 6. The caller added some vagon information about a woman employee of the American Embassy he things works for the Soviete. The conversation concluded with the caller promising to write a letter to the Naval Attache at the American Embassy.
- 7. The caller spoke good English and his accent and voice did not change throughout the conversation, so it was assumed that he was not disguising his voice.
- 8. Asstralian authorities working on this case consider that caller to be a crank. They state that Loviet offices in Australia do not use enything but Soviet chaufisure; they have no record of their using a Polish chauffeur. They are continuing their investigation.

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