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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. BRYANT
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONSUBJECT: ~~(S)~~ JFK Assassination - Release of Information from
FBI Investigations of Foreign Officials

(U) At your request we have consulted the relevant geographic bureaus within the Department of State to determine the possible impact release of FBI documents relating to Cuba, Poland, Mexico, and Israel would have on our bilateral relations with those countries.

~~(S)~~ Solely from the standpoint of our bilateral relations, the Department has no objection to release of the information you forwarded relating to Cuba, Mexico, and Poland. The geographic bureau responsible for Poland, however, requests that the name of the informant not be made public (see attached).

(S) The Department does object to release of the forwarded information on Israel. In the opinion of the geographic bureau responsible for Israel (memo attached) release of that material would damage US foreign relations by revealing FBI collection of information involving Israeli diplomatic personnel, other Israeli officials, and US citizens conducting routine contacts with Israelis. We would expect the Government of Israel to react quickly and negatively to the release of such material.

~~(S)~~ The Department notes, in addition, that this does not affect its objection to the release of any document that would compromise intelligence sources, methods and analytical procedures or which would constitute official acknowledgement of counter-intelligence operations. As stated previously, it is the Department's opinion that disclosure of these counter-

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MEMORANDUM

TO: INR/IC - Kenneth Duncan

FROM: NEA/IAI - Richard Roth *WR*

SUBJECT: JFK Assassination - Release of Information from FBI
Investigation of Foreign Officials ~~SR~~

~~SR~~ This is in response to your memorandum of March 21 on the above subject.
We oppose release of the referenced material.

(S) Release of the material would damage U.S. foreign relations by revealing FBI collection of information involving Israeli diplomatic personnel, other Israeli officials, and U.S. citizens conducting routine contacts with Israelis. We would expect the Government of Israel to react quickly and negatively to the release of such material.

(S) We also note that the referenced material clearly indicates there is no connection between the information discussed by the Israeli diplomat and the subject of the investigation. We therefore do not believe that the material would be of any value to investigators if it were released. Its release would serve no useful purpose.

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