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LA/COG/235-77

MEMORANDUM FOR: Benson Grayson
SA/ADDO

FROM : George V. Lauder
Deputy Chief, Latin America Division

SUBJECT : SLHORIZON-1 Report Mentioning Cuban
Minister-Counsellor Statement on the
Assassination of President Kennedy

REFERENCE : a. [redacted] 22950 (IN 416072)
b. New York Daily News Article, dated
20 September 1977

1. Reference: A ZRWAHOO intelligence report, mentioned that the Minister Counsellor (MC) of the Cuban Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica addressed the regular monthly meeting of the Communist Party of Cuba members assigned to Jamaica on 24 September 1977. The MC said, among other things, that Cuban exiles such as FNU DIAZ LAN and others had been involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The MC did not further elaborate.

2. Latin America Division believes that the basis for the MC's statement was, probably, an article which appeared in the New York Daily News on 20 September 1977. This article, which is attached, quoted Maritza LORENZ as saying she, Orlando BOSCH, Frank STURGIS, Pedro DIAZ Lanz, two unnamed Cuban exile brothers and Lee Harvey OSWALD formed an assassination squad which went to Dallas to assassinate President Kennedy. We know of no information in Agency files to substantiate that statement.

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3. There have been various articles in the past alleging that Ms. LORENZ was a CIA agent. There is no official file on Ms. LORENZ, nor is there any information indicating that she was an agent or employee of this Agency.

4. We have asked Station [redacted] to obtain more information on the MC's statement and source, if possible. We will prepare memoranda for the FBI, the Inspector General, and the Office of the Legislative Counsel concerning this case and include any additional information obtained by our Station [redacted]. The memorandum to the OLC will be for passage to the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

George V. Lauder

Attachment: a/s

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