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MEMORANDUM FOR: C/M C/C

SUBJECT : Report from Vancouver, Canada, in
Daily Star concerning the Garrison
Investigation

REFERENCE : OCOW-001, dated August 1967,
subject: HITTNER, Garrison Investigation
of Kennedy Assassination; Donald P.
NORTON, file # 100-300-17.

1. Reference forwarded a C/M R A memorandum about NORTON
to [redacted] Since that date FBI reports have shown that
NORTON is a con man, and U.S. Air Force Medical records have re-
vealed that he was discharged in July 1950 as a result of psychiatric
problems, having tried on two or more occasions to commit suicide.
NORTON's lies about CIA first appeared in the Vancouver Sun on 5
August 1967.

2. The attached FBI report, DBB 77295, 10 April 1967, concerns
another example of disinformation appearing in Vancouver, involving the
Sun, and related to the Garrison case. A check of Agency files showed
that we have no record of Trevor LAUTENS, Mario GRACIAS, or @
Miss Dorothy WHITTY. The reference of the unidentified caller to
GRACIAS may have been a garble for Manuel GARCIA Gonzalez, whom
Garrison has named as one of the assassins of President Kennedy but
who appears to have disappeared or to be non-existent. There are no
Agency traces (including JMWAVE) on GARCIA.

3. The Communist press generally and Soviet news media specifically
have given Garrison's story enthusiastic coverage and support, because
it is obviously in their interest to maintain that President Kennedy was

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assassinated not by pro-Communist Lee Harvey Oswald but rather as a result of a right-wing conspiracy involving CIA.

4. The surfacing of two such allegations in or through the Vancouver Sun seems to place a strain on coherence. Do you have any information about the use of the Sun in other instances of MHCORDER propaganda against CIA? Is there any information about contacts between employees of the Sun and representatives of Soviet intelligence? If no such information is at hand, it would be appreciated if these questions were forwarded to the Station. Although Headquarters has no record of Trevor LAUTENS, it is conceivable that Station files may also hold information about him.

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DC/CI/R&A

Attachments

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