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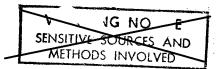
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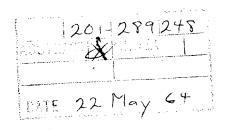
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin

SUBJECT:

Anonymous Telephone Calls to United States
Embassy in Canberra, 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. On 24 November 1963, CIA received from the Department of the Navy a copy of a cable from the Naval Attache in Canberra, Australia (IN 67327, Top Secret, later downgraded to Secret), reporting a telephone conversation the previous day with an anonymous 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 Kennedy. 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 1962. It should be noted that CIA had not previously known of the 1962 telephone call.

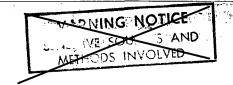


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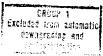
character on that occasion stated that "Iron Curtain Countries" planned to pay a hundred thousand dollars for the assassination of President Sensety.

- c. Ca 21 November, the Cla Canberra Station also furnished complete detail on the approximant telephone call of 23 November 1963.
- d. On 29 November, CLA disseminated this information, as supplied by its Camberra Station, to the Shite Sense. Department of State, and Federal Bureau of Investigation, with a copy to the Secret Service. A copy of this dissemination in its exact text is attached to this memorandum.
- 4. The CIA Station in Camberra arranged for discussion of the calls with the Australian security service. 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 Seriet 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, hewever, cannot be confirmed.
- 5. Please note that the extere of the information in this memorandum and its attachment requires the use of a sensitivity indicator.

Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans

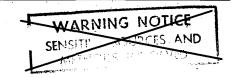
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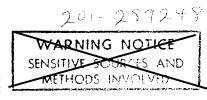




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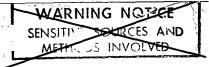
- 1. Your attention is called to a series of anonymous telephone calls made to the office of the U.S. Naval Attache in Cenberra. Australia, by a man claiming to have had knowledge about a Soviet plot to assassinate the late President Kennedy. Our first record of this matter to a Naval Attache cable from Genberra sent on 34 November 1963.
- 2. It appears that the caller, who professes to be the Polish chesiteur of a Soviet Embassy car in Camberra, first phoned in over a year ago, on 15 October 1962 repeat 1962. At that time he told a story about five Soviet submarines carrying 406 to 500 Soviet soldiers on their way to Cuba. One purpose of this troop movement, he said, was to support the Covernor of Mississippi. He added that there was a plot to pay one handred thousand dollars to kill President Kennedy. Debind the plot, he said, were the Tron Curtain Countries." and "Communist men in England, Hong Kong and probably some other countries."
- 3. On 23 November 1963 repeat 1963, the day after the assassination of President Kennedy 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 assistant Neval Attachs. The caller referred to his call a year back and stated he had said that the USSE had put up 100,000 dollars for the assassination of President Kennedy.
- d. Giving what he claimed were further details about the assessination, the caller said that about two weeks before (which would have been in early November 1961) he was present when an Australian man. 35 to 46 years old, and tall, was dispetched by the Soviets to the United States corrying a case about 15 to 40 centimeters long. 56 centimeters high, and 8.5 centimeters wide. The name Vasyl Two was used in some connection with this man. He was put on a plane in Sydney and while the caller drove the two Soviet secorts back to Canberra, their shortware radio in the Carwas going constantly. A shortware radio was going in the Embassey





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also when they arrived there. Over these radios, one of these Seviets transmitted numbers and "points." They remained in the Embassy, and that morning (apparently 27 November 1963), a message came through and tossis were drunk in Russian Vodka and the Ensuians present said. "we have achieved what we went."

- 5. The caller then gave "information" about the Seviet role in sinking a U.S. Nevy nuclear submarine and on Seviet subversion in Indeposis. He would not identify himself, and when he described the car he drives (as a navy blue 1953 Buick, license plate New South Wales GCC 6132) he added they often change plates, have fifty sets in reserve, and can change them in fire seconds.
- 6. The caller added come vague information about a woman employee of the American Simbassy he things works for the Soviets. The conversation concluded with the caller promising to write a letter to the Naval Attache at the American Simbassy.
- 7. The caller spake good English and his account and voice did not change throughout the conversation, so it was assumed that he was not disguising his voice.
- 8. Australian authorities working on this case consider the caller to be a creak. They state that Soviet offices in Australia do not use anything but Soviet chauffaure; they have no record of their using a Polish chauffour. They are continuing their investigation.

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