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FROM : CANBERRA

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1. FOLLOWING IS DUTY OFFICER REPORT ON 15 OCT 1962 CON-
VERSATION WHICH WAS NOT RECORDED AND NO VERBATIM TEXT AVAIL-
ABLE.

2. PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS: THE MAN SPOKE VERY GOOD ENGLISH,
BUT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE A "NATIVE SPEAKER". HIS COMMAND WAS
GOOD, BUT THERE WAS OCCASIONAL HESITATION WHILE CHOOSING A
WORD. IF HE WAS DISGUIISING HIS VOICE OR ACCENT HE DID VERY
WELL BECAUSE THERE WAS NO NOTICEABLE VARIATION DURING THE 25
MINUTES OF CONVERSATION. HE SPOKE VERY CLEARLY AND CLIPPED
HIS WORDS. HIS ENGLISH WAS BETTER ORGANIZED THAN HIS
THOUGHTS WERE.

CONVERSATION: THE MAN (INFORMER) CLAIMED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO
THE EMBASSY ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO, AND WANTED A GUARANTEE TO
STAY IN THE PLACE. (THE EMB, PRESUMABLY).

INFORMER SAID THAT THERE WERE (OR ARE) FIVE USSR SUB-
MARINES ON WAY TO CUBA CARRYING 400 TO 500 USSR SOLDIERS.

ABOARD THE U129 IS AN ENGLISHMAN, LT. CRIP. AFTER

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ARRIVING IN CUBA, THE NEXT OBJECTIVE IS THE FULL GUARANTEE OF SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNOR OF MISSISSIPPI. (IT WAS NOT CLEAR IF THIS SUPPORT WAS TO COME BY WORD, OR INVASION OF MISSISSIPPI). THERE ARE NOW 10,520 SOVIET SOLDIERS IN CUBA. EQUIPPED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THERE IS ALSO A PLOT WITH A REWARD OF 100000 DOLLARS TO KILL PRES KENNEDY. BEHIND THIS ARE THE IRON CURTAIN COUNTRIES, AND COMMUNIST PARTY MEN IN ENGLAND, HONG KONG AND PROBABLY SOME OTHER COUNTRIES.

INFORMER CAN NOT CALL AT WILL, BECAUSE WHEN THEY ARE INVITED TO A PARTY, THERE IS ALWAYS AN ACCOMPANYING DRIVER. INFORMER POINTED OUT THAT CONDITIONS WERE DIFFERENT (PORTION GARBLED) AMERICAN EMBASSIES; THEY COULD NEVER TALK TO AUSTRALIAN, OR OTHER, FRIENDS IN THEIR HOME.

(NOTE -- THIS NEXT IS UNCLEAR, AND THE LEAST UNDERSTANDABLE OF THE ENTIRE CONVERSATION).

APPARENTLY A HIGH RANKING OFFICER (SOVIET?) CALLED (OR CALLED UPON) AND KIRDIUKOV, AND WOULD CALL AGAIN TOMORROW. IN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS, INFORMER WILL WANT TO MAKE APPOINTMENT WITH FIRST SECY OR OTHER HIGH RANKING OFFICER TO PASS ON THE CONVERSATION.

INFORMER PURPORTED TO BE DOING THIS BECAUSE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER ARE CONNECTED WITH THE SOV (EMB, HE SAID) IN HONG KONG. SINCE SOME INFORMATION WAS PASSED (UNCLEAR WHETHER BY INFORMER, OR HIS FATHER AND MOTHER) INFORMER HAS NOT HEARD FROM THEM. THIS IS OVER FOUR MONTHS AGO, AND HE IS BEGINNING TO BE

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WORRIED. HIS FATHER AND MOTHER WANTED TO COME HERE, OR GO TO THE UNITED STATES. INFORMER IS UNMARRIED; HIS JOB IS INSTRUCTING THE PARTY LINE AND COMMUNIST PARTY INSTITUTIONS IN AUSTRALIA, AND, HE SAID, UNITED STATES. HE HAS TALKED TO WHITE RUSSIANS (THE NEW ONES COMING IN?) AND INFORMER CLAIMS THAT THERE IS SOME INDIRECT CONNECTION BACK TO POLAND. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO DIRECT CONNECTION WITH ANY TRADE, OR SELLING MISSION.

SVERDLOW, FROM POLAND, IS NOW IN THE US; THE GIST WAS THAT SVERDLOW IS IN THE POLISH SECRET SERVICE, AND WANTS TO LEAVE THE US. SVERDLOW WILL GIVE ALL INFORMATION.

3. AT 0930 LOCAL TIME 23 NOV INFORMER CALLED EMB ASKED FOR AMB, DCM, FIRST SECY IN ORDER - ALL OF WHICH WERE P.S.Y. HE THEN WAS REFERRED TO ASST NAVAL ATTACHE. THIS CALL NOT RECORDED. INFORMER STATED THAT USSR GOVT HAD PUT UP 100,000 DOLLARS TO KILLER OF PRES KENNEDY AND THAT KILLER HAD RETURNED TO US FROM RUSSIA THROUGH CUBA. INFORMER ALSO MENTIONED USSR SUPPORT FOR A GOVERNOR OF ONE OF STATES NEAR CUBA--NOT THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS. AT THIS POINT INFORMER SAID HE HAD TO LEAVE BECAUSE HIS BOSS WAS COMING. HE SAID HE WOULD CALL BACK.

4. FOLLOWING THIS CALL COB ARRANGED WITH ASIO TO HAVE RECORDER INSTALLED ON EMB PHONE. ALSO REQUESTED ASIO WHETHER POSSIBLE TRACE ORIGIN FURTHER CALL BUT WAS ADVISED THIS NOT FEASIBLE.

5. INFORMER CALLED AGAIN AT 2035 LOCAL 23 NOV AND ASST NAVAL ATTACHE AGAIN TOOK CALL. THIS CALL WAS RECORDED AND HERewith VERBATIM TEXT OF THOSE PORTIONS DEALING WITH

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PRES KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. LETTER P STANDS FOR ASST NAVAL ATT AND LETTER A FOR INFORMER.

P HELLO, HAPPY YOU CALLED BACK.

A I HAVE CALLED YOU THIS MORNING AND I MUST INTERRUPT WHILE THERE WAS ONE OF MY BOSSES COMING IN AND I MUST STOP STRAIGHT AWAY. THE POINT (PORTION GBLD BEING SVCP) WE HAVE TALKED WHEN I HAVE MENTIONS TO YOU ABOUT THE CUBA CRISIS. POSSIBLY YOU SHOULD HAVE SOMETHING IN YOUR RECORDS WHEN I HAVE CALLED PREVIOUS AND I HAVE LET KNOW THE AMERICAN EMBASSY ABOUT THE RUSSIANS' SUPPLY TO CUBA OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ABOUT THE SUBMARINES AND AIRPLANES AND I HAVE MENTIONED IN THIS CASE THE SAME 100,000 DOLLARS WHAT THE GOVT OF THE USSR PUT ON. PROBABLY IF YOU HAVE ANY RECORDS YOU COULD FIND THIS IN YOUR RECORDS.

(THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY SEVERAL MINUTES CONVERSATION NOT RELATED TO ASSASSINATION WHICH WAS AGAIN PICKED UP AS FOLLOWS:)

P I SEE. DID YOU HAVE ANY ADVANCE INFORMATION ON THIS THING WITH PRES KENNEDY?

A THAT'S WHAT I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU. JUST TWO WEEKS AGO THERE WAS AN AUSTRALIAN GENTLEMAN - TALL, ABOUT 35-40 YEARS OF AGE - AND THERE WAS HANDED TO HIM CASE ABOUT (ASIDE: SKOLKO MYSLICE BYLO? HOW BIG DO YOU THINK IT WAS?), ABOUT 35-40 CENTIMETERS LONG AND 50 CENTIMETERS HIGH AND ABOUT EIGHT AND A HALF CENTIMETERS WIDTH, AND THIS CASE WAS WATCHED THROUGH TWO RUSSIAN CONVOYS, AND WHAT WAS IN I DON'T KNOW. AND THEY HANDED AFTER

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SOME PAPERS TO HIS HAND TOO AND THEY PUT HIM ON THE PLANE. HE WENT WITH THE PLANE TO AMERICA. THAT'S ALL WHAT I KNOW. THERE WAS MENTION NAME VASYL TWO. LIKE YOU SAY ONE, TWO.

(TEXT CONTINUED OF PORTIONS PERTAINING PRES KENNEDY)

P VASYL TWO - THAT WAS HIS CODESNAME?

A YES, AND THAT'S WHAT WAS THE CASE HANDED TO THE AUSTRALIAN CHAPS AND THE NAME WAS MENTIONED VASYL TWO. AND THE NEXT POINT WAS WE RUSH FROM SYDNEY BACK TO CANBERRA AND FROM THAT TIME THE RADIO, SHORTWAVE RADIO, WAS OPERATING ALL THE TIME.

P HE HAD THE SHORTWAVE RADIO IN THE CAR?

A IN THE CAR AND IN THE EMBASSY ITSELF.

P I SEE, HE COULD TALK TO THE EMBASSY FROM HIS CAR?

A YES, AND HE GIVE JUST SOME NUMBERS AND POINTS. AND WHEN WE HAVE STAYED IN EMB, THEY HAVE JUST WAITED TILL COMES A MESSAGE THROUGH AND THIS MORNING AT SEVEN O'CLOCK THERE WAS DRINK-TOASTS OF RUSSIAN VODKA AND THEY SAY - "WE HAVE ACHIEVE WHAT WE WANT". AND THE NEXT IS ABOUT THE AMERICAN SUBMARINE, ATOM SUBMARINE WHAT WAS MISSING AND WHAT IS MISSING TO NOW. THERE WAS MENTIONED THE NAME PAUL, PAVEL, PAVEL 14, PAVEL 14.

P PAVEL 14 - THAT IS THE CODE NAME ASSOCIATED WITH THAT SUBMARINE?

A LIKE WHEN YOU SAY 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

P YES, I HAVE THAT.

6. ENTIRE CONVERSATION LASTED ABOUT 30 MINUTES. VERBATIM

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TEXT WILL BE CABLED SOONEST.

7. ASIO WAS INFORMED IMMEDIATELY AND STUDIED CONTENTS OF TAPE. BASED ON CLUES ON TAPE ASIO COMMENCED COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION WHICH STILL CONTINUING. SYDNEY AND MELB OFFICERS OF ASIO ALSO ADVISED AND THEY ALSO PARTICIPATING. SO FAR NO TANGIBLE RESULTS THIS INVESTIGATION.

8. INFORMER STATED THAT HE WOULD AGAIN CONTACT ASST NAVAL ATTACHE BY EITHER LETTER OR PHONE FROM SYDNEY AT LATER DATE. IF CONTACT MADE THERE MAY FOLLOW A MEETING BETWEEN TWO IN SYDNEY. SUCH MEETING WOULD BE COVERED BY ASIO.

9. WILL CABLE ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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C/S COMMENT:

COMPLETE PARAGRAPH 2, LINE 25 TO READ

"...INFORMER POINTED OUT THAT CONDITIONS WERE DIFFERENT IN THE USSR AND ..."

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C/S COMMENT: COMPLETE PAGE 4, PARA 5, LINE 6 TO READ:

"...STRAIGHT AWAY. THE POINT WHEN WE HAVE TALKED WHEN I HAVE MENTIONED TO YOU
ABOUT THE CUBAN CRISIS."

RECORDS OFFICER STAMP

The following action is
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Signed: *P. Stanton*R.O. #1 - Unit CIRRA

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