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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Possible DPE Animus Towards President Kennedy

REFERENCE: Memorandum 8 March 1967 same subject

1. I checked into the alleged relationship between Lee Harvey Oswald and the DRE with the following results.

2. The DRE was an anti-Communist student organization funded covertly by CIA. It was known by the cryptonym AMSPELL. In the fall of 1962, the DRE organization in Cuba was penetrated and wrapped-up by the DGI. We continued to provide nominal financial support to the DRE until September 1966 and terminated our relationship completely on amiable terms 1 January 1967.

3. According to the Warren Commission Report (VOL. X, Pgs. 32-50), Lee Harvey Oswald approached Carlos Brinquier, the New Orleans delegate of the Cuban Student Directorate on 5 August 1963 and volunteered to join the organization and to help train Cubans to fight against Castro. Brinquier turned him down believing him to be either an FBI informant or Communist penetration agent. On 9 August some friends of Brinquier saw Oswald wearing a "Hands Off Cuba" sign and distributing pro-Castro leaflets. They reported it to Brinquier who angrily accosted Oswald on the street. A fight ensued and Brinquier and Oswald were arrested. On 21 August 1963 the two engaged in a radio debate. Oswald identified himself as a Marxist and defended the Castro cause. Brinquier is referred to later in the Warren Commission Report as the New Orleans delegate to the Revolutionary Student Directorate (VOL. XI, Pg. 159).

4. There is no doubt that the Commission actually was referring to the Student Revolutionary Directorate or DRE as we term it. Another anti-Castro organization mentioned, X

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in connection with the above incident was the Information Council of the Americas. According to Paul Oberst, of the Cuban Operations Group (COG/CA), CIA did not fund this organization although we had contacts with some of its members.

5. It is abundantly clear that the DRE had no part in the Kennedy assassination. Oswald was never a member of the DRE, which in fact, rejected him. In developing information regarding CIA's relations with the DRE, I conferred with Howard Brubaker of the Cuban Operations Group who recently returned from a tour with our Miami station; Carl Trettin, Deputy Chief of the Counterintelligence Branch of the Cuban Operations Group who knew Bringuier and was stationed in New Orleans at the time of the above incidents; and Margaret Forsythe also of the Cuban desk who is thoroughly familiar with the DRE operation.

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