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Memo on RIDDERSTRÅLE

Ridderstråle was questioned on September 9th 1964 and gave the following information.

He has never visited countries outside Europe and the statement attributed to him that during a period of seven years he should have lived in Cuba is not true. He believed that somebody who wanted to harm him had ascribed these words to him. Neither is it true that he has visited Haiti. He admitted that on several occasions he has discussed politics and in the course of these discussions he has spoken of Swedish communism as well as of the Fidel Castro government in Cuba, and he did not deny that he had spoken of revolutions in Venezuela and Mexico supported by Castro. He pointed out, however, that what he had said in this respect was only what could be found in Swedish newspapers. Somebody who had listened to him might have misunderstood him.

When questioned whether he had used the expression: "I tell you, Kennedy will probably be shot", he denied that. He could not explain such an expression since he could not remember having said anything like it. He knew nothing whatever beforehand about the murder of the President.

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