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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS
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Re Paris letter 3-20-64.

There is enclosed for the Bureau a copy of the latest article in the series by THOMAS GITTINGS BUCHANAN, JR., which appeared in "L'Express" on 3-26-64.

In this article BUCHANAN discusses the people "in power" in Dallas and states that they used gangsters as "front men" in assisting and protecting OSWALD in that city. Without their concurrence, according to BUCHANAN, OSWALD would never have been able to have obtained employment in Dallas. BUCHANAN describes the members of the Dallas Council as being the wealthy and influential people behind the scenes in that community and states that seven members of the Council represent the "cream" of the influential citizens of Dallas. In the latter group he mentions H. L. HUNT, his son LAMAR HUNT, as well as CLINTON and JOHN MURCHISON. Thereafter, BUCHANAN discusses the background and business dealings of HUNT as well as his relations with General EDWIN WALKER and the John Birch Society. BUCHANAN also goes into

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[redacted] advised that his office had received information that BUCHANAN reportedly is presently employed on an installation of Bull office machines being used by the Prefecture of Police in Paris. This information has been furnished to the Prefecture of Police, and while their inquiry is continuing, preliminary results would indicate that the report is untrue. In this connection, a copy of the memorandum captioned THOMAS GITTINGS BUCHANAN, JR., which sets forth background information concerning him appearing in Bufiles, and which was transmitted to the Paris Office by Bulet to Baltimore 3-19-64, was made available to the Prefecture of Police. It appears that the information contained in the memorandum would be of interest to the Ambassador, RALPH SMITH of the local office of U.S.I.S. the Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (DST). French domestic counterespionage service. We are therefore furnishing copies of that memorandum to them.

As mentioned previously, we will continue to follow this matter closely and promptly transmit to the Bureau any pertinent information of interest.

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