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JFK) Reference is made to our letter dated 1963, with enclosure.

Attached is the original of a memorandum dated January 2, 1964. A copy of this memorandum is attached for each of the other recipients.

This will confirm the information set forth in paragraph two of the enclosure which was orally furnished to Mr. Guy Drennan, Department of State Mr. Howard Beaubien Central Intelligence Agency Major H. B. Nelson, Defense Intelligence Agency; Mr. Lester Johnson, Bureau of Customs; Mr. Robert Lally, Federal Aviation Agency; and Mr. James

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Except for Hernandez and Alpizar all of the men had been recently discharged from the U. S. Army at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. All except Alpizar admitted being members of the captioned organization.

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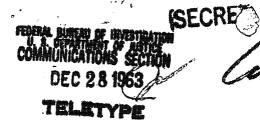
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