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WESTERN ARMY TOLD TO STAND BY FOR ALERT IN REACTION TO DEATH
OF KENNEDY

Information not previously available reveals that 1st Div Hq, Bahia Honda, was advised to keep personnel of its command available in case a state of alert were declared in response to events following the death of President KENNEDY. The message, intercepted from (C val 4th) Army Corps Hq, Pinar del Rio, also prohibited statements pro or con with regard to the death of the President.

Bahia Honda replied that steps had already been taken in compliance with these orders.

COMMENT:

Units of the Eastern Naval District were placed on alert, presumably due to the proximity of Guantanamo Naval Base, after the KENNEDY assassination, as were unidentified army coastal observation posts in the First Army area (2/0[]/R58-63). There is no indication, however, that Western Army units were formally put on a state of alert.

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