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The attached sets forth the results of an interview with Edward P. Morgan (former Bureau Inspector) on 3/20/67.

By way of background, during February, 1967, James J. Rowley, U. S. Secret Service, advised that Drew Pearson, contacted Chief Justice Warren concerning information in possession of Edward P. Morgan. The Chief Justice refused to see Morgan; cowever, it was determined Morgan alleged that former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy organized a group to go to Cuba to Mil Castro. All of this group were killed or imprisoned execut one person who escaped, and subsequently, after Castro learning of the plot, decided to utilize the same procedure to kill President Kennedy and that he hired Oswald to do the job. The information allegedly came from a client of Morgan's. Segret Service made an appointment to talk to Morgan; however, he never showed up.

On 3/17/67, Mr. Watson at the White House advised that President Johnson desired the FBI to interview Morgan concerning any knowledge he might have had concerning the assassination of President Kennedy.

Morgan was interviewed on 3/20/67 by Washington Field Office Agents. Due to attorney-client relationship, Morgan would not identify the persons who furnished him information concerning the assassination. He stated his clients, while not directly involved in the assassination, had knowledge of the plot. Morgan alleges his clients were used by a Government Agency (obviously Central Intelligence Agency, CIA) to plot the assassination of Fidel Castro, and that Castro learned of the plot, and thereafter, dispatched teams of assassins to the U. S. for the purpose of assassinating President Kennedy. He said his clients were aware of the identity of some of these individuals, and he understood that two such individuals were lin the State of New Jersey. REC'48 . 62-1

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Morgan also stated that one of the clients he repreented was a high type individual of the Catholic faith. When he queried this individual as to why he became involved in such a project as the assassination of Castro, his client indicated the project was so highly patriotically motivated that this overrode personal ethical or moral considerations.

During 1961, we conducted an investigation of a violation of Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communication Statute on the part of Arthur James Balletti, arrested in Las Vegas, Nevada, by local authorities on a wire tapping charge. Our investigation determined this involved Robert A. Maheu, private detective, that coverage was instituted in behalf of CIA's efforts to obtain Cuban intelligence data through hoodlum element.

We checked with CIA and learned CIA was-utilizing Maheu as an intermediary with Sam Giancana, relative to CIA's "dirty business" anti-Castro activities. On 5/22/61 we furnished the then Attorney General Kennedy a memorandum containing the rundown of CIA's involvement of this which involved Maheu who had been hired by CIA to approach Sam Giancana to have Castro assassinated at a cost of \$150,000. On 5/9/62 Kennedy advised he had issued orders that CIA should never undertake such steps again without first checking with the Department of Justice.

This information is briefly set forth in the enclosure as it appears to relate to information in Morgan's possession. Since CIA furnished information on a strictly highly confidential "need-to-know" basis and requested that it be handled on a most restrictive basis, this is being set forth in the communications attached.

#### ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to Mrs. Stegall at the White House, the Attorney General, and James J. Rowley, U. S. Secret Service, enclosing a memorandum setting forth the information furnished by Morgan, and information received from CIA. The enclosures to these communications are classified Top Secret.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

George L. Cary, Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT:

Request from Richard Sprague, Counsel to the House Select Committee on Assassinations, For Information Concerning Santos Trafficante

- 1. At about noon yesterday, Richard Sprague called me to say that the Assassinations Committee has subpoenaed Santos Trafficante and that he (Sprague) would like any information we can provide the Committee regarding Trafficante, including his relationships with Johnny Roselli and Sam Giancana, plus any information we have on his relationships with Cubans or with plots against Castro. I told Sprague I would look into the matter and be back in touch with him.
- After checking with interested offices in the Agency and with the FBI and the Department of Justice, as well as touching base with Hank Knoche and Commander McMahon, I told Sprague last night that our checks thus far had indicated that any information which we might have within the parameters of his request was classified; that since none of the Committee staff have security clearances and have not signed secrecy agreements as originally anticipated, we were not in a position to grant them access to classified information. Sprague had no quarrel with this as such; however, he cited a previous instance in which Hank Knoche, as Acting Director, made a specific exception to normal security procedures so that Sprague could be given access on a one-time basis to a summary prepared by the Agency concerning telephone intercepts of conversations in Mexico City between Lee Harvey Oswald and the Soviet Embassy there in September/October 1973. This step was taken in an effort to correct erroneous information contained in an article by Norman Kempster pertaining to these intercepts.

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- 3. I learned today that yesterday afternoon, in connection with Freedom of Information requests by Bernard Fensterwald (who is close to the House Select Committee on Assassinations investigation) and others, the Agency released 24 documents pertaining to the Kennedy assassination. These documents dealt principally with the Jim Garrison allegations in 1967 regarding alleged CIA involvement in the Kennedy assassination. I am contacting Sprague to provide him with copies of the documents released yesterday and any others that are publicly released in these or any other FOIA actions relating to the Kennedy assassination issue. While these FOIA requests do not concern Trafficante and are unrelated to Sprague's request as such, they do, of course, relate to the subject of the Kennedy assassination and are evidence of our willingness to provide Sprague with unclassified information of possible interest to the Committee. With your approval, I will again inform Sprague that while we would provide him with any unclassified information we have (in fact records checked thus far are classified), we will not grant authorization for access to any classified information until appropriate security clearances have been obtained for the staff and secrecy agreements have been signed. This is in keeping with the President's concern about the proliferation of sensitive intelligence information. As you know, the potential for press blow back in this whole area is extremely high since the Assassinations Committee is attempting to convince the House of Representatives of the need for investigations of the John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King assassinations. I am keeping Andrew Falkiewicz informed.
- 4. Our proposal is consistent with the position being taken by Justice and the FBI in connection with similar requests which Sprague has made to them; that is, they are providing him with unclassified information but are not responding to his request for information concerning Trafficante or any other information which is either classified or otherwise considered sensitive.

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BY NORMAN KEMPSTER

WASHINGTON—The CIA withheld from the FBI for almost two months in 1983 information that Lee Harvey Oswald had talked with Cuban and Soviet officials about his desire to visit those countries, a House committee reported Friday. 272

The Select Committee on Assassinations indicated in a report to the full House that its investigation of the murder of President John F. Kennedy would focus early in 1977 on a trip Oswald had made to Mexico City in

October, 1983. sai hat the committee staff had learned that a CIA message describ-Fing: Oswald's activities in Mexico to federal agencies such as the FBI had been rewritten to eliminate any men--tion of his request for Cuban and Soviet visas. The message was sent in October, more than a month before the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination. The CIA discovered Oswald's presence at the embassies through its routine surveillance of those facilities. Because Oswald had once defected to the Soviet Union, the CIA and FBI been interested in his activities even before the Kennedy assassing—
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formation was reversed shortly after hernedy was killed. The agency reported Oswald's efforts to visit Cuba and the Soviet Union both to the FBL and to the Warren Commission, which concluded that Oswald was the assassin and . . . . . . had acted alone.

Sprague told a press conference that it was impossible without more information o know why the CIA had censored its own nessage. 1 100

But he said the incident raised two interesting questions what might the other. igencies have done differently if they had seen more fully informed and why did the CIA: decide to remove-"information that \* was considered pertinent enough to be put in an initial draft of the message?"

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The committee said its stair investigators had recently questioned a former CIA agent who had "personal knowledge" of Oswald's visits to the Soviet and Cuban embassies in Mexico: As a result of that interview, the report said, staff members were sent to Mexico, where they found and questioned additional witnesses:

These witnesses had never been sought out before by any investigative body, notwithstanding the fact that they had important information concerning statements by Lee Harvey Oswald in Mexico within-60 days of the assassination of President Kennedy," the report said;

The report said also that the committee staff had interviewed a person who asserted that he had discussed the King murder with James Earl Ray, who pleaded guilty to the crime. The unidentified witness said that Ray had told him about contacting an associate in Europe to receive further instructions. The story, which was told to reporters by a committee member several weeks ago, has not been verified

In a letter to New York Times columnist Anthony Lewis, Ray offered this week to testify under oath at a committee hearing. But Sprague and Walter F. Fauntroy, the

District of Columbia's congressional delegate and the chairman of the King subcommittee' said that no decision had been made on accepting Ray's offer.

However, Sprague indicated that it probably would be accepted. .. .....

"Any and all people who have relevant information will be interrogated," Sprague said.

- In a personal statement issued in conjunction with the report, Rep. Henry B Gonzalez (D-Tex), who is to become committee chairman in the new year, said ? thorough investigation was needed to an swer hundreds of pressing questions.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Counterintelligence Staff

FROM

Russell B. Holmes CI Operations Group

SUBJECT

Article by Norman Kempster Appearing in The Los Angeles Times of 1 January 1977 and Entitled "CIA Withheld Data on Oswald".

(Copy Attached)

- 1. The undersigned takes umbrage at the continual irresponsibility of the American press in its reporting on Lee Harvey Oswald and the Agency's alleged mishandling of the case. It is particularly galling when the Chief Counsel, Richard A. Sprague, of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, releases to the press statements which. as cited by Norman Kempster, are both inaccurate and detri-mental to the Agency and which the Agency has not been given the opportunity to refute.
- 2. It is evident from such releases that the Agency is once again to be laid open to public scrutiny by a hostile press aided and abetted by an unsympathetic Congressional Committee. In other words, the Agency has been already charged and will be tried and sentenced without being allowed the basic rights of any defendant before a court of law. although any argument presented by the Agency in its own defense would probably be rejected out of hand.
- 3. The inferrence of Sprague's public statements (as cited by Kempster) pertaining to the Agency's alleged mishandling of the Oswald case is that the Agency was dishonest; that it deliberately withheld pertinent information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Warren Commission. Sprague's judgement (based upon incomplete investigation) does not coincide with the impression he left with Agency representatives during his first visit here on 24 November 1976 "that he will not prejudge (emphasis added) the Agency

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