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MEMORANDUM TO: Benson Grayson
SA/ADPFROM: : George V. Lander
Deputy Chief, Latin American DivisionSUBJECT: : [REDACTED] D2
[REDACTED] Report Mentioning Cuban
Minister-Counsellor Statement on the
Assassination of President KennedyREFERENCE: : a. [REDACTED] 22950 (IN 41-8872)
b. New York Daily News Article, dated
20 September 1977

1. Reference: A FRENCO intelligence report, mentioned
that the Minister Counsellor (MC) of the Cuban Embassy in
[REDACTED] addressed the regular monthly meeting of the
Communist Party of Cuba members assigned to [REDACTED] on 21 September
1977. The MC said, among other things, that Cuban exiles
such as ENRIQUE PLAZA LANZ and others had been involved in the
assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The MC did not
further elaborate.

2. Latin America Division believes that the basis for
the MC's statement was, probably, an article which appeared in
the New York Daily News on 20 September 1977. This article,
which is attached, quoted Maritza LORENZ as saying she, "Julio
BOSCH, Frank SIURGIS, Pedro PLAZA Lanz, two unnamed Cuban exile
brothers and Lee Harvey OSWALD formed an assassination syndicate
which went to Dallas to assassinate President Kennedy." There
is no information in Agency files to substantiate that statement.

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3. There have been various articles in the past alleging that Ms. LORENZ was a CIA agent. There is no official file on Ms. LORENZ, nor is there any information indicating that she was an agent or employee of this Agency.

4. We have asked Station [] to obtain more information on the MC's statement and source, if possible. We will prepare memoranda for the FBI, the Inspector General, and the Office of the Legislative Counsel concerning this case and include any additional information obtained by our Station in []. The memorandum to the OLC will be for passage to the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

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George V. Lauder

Attachment: a/s

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