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  - 2. A HUNGARIAN CHIEF OF MISSION TO WHOM SOURCE SPOKE WAS THE MOST OUTSPOKEN IN HIS VIEWS. HE EVOLVED AN ELABORATE THEORY IN

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WHICH HE COMPARED SENATOR GOLDWATER AND THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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SEIZE POWER SOMEDAY. HE ATTRIBUTED THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT

KENNEDY TO THE BIRCH SOCIETY BUT STATED THAT SOMETHING MUST HAVE

GONE WRONG AT THE LAST MOMENT. HE SPECULATED THAT AN ATTACK ON THE

USSR WAS TO HAVE FOLLOWED ON THE HEELS OF THE ASSASSINATION BUT

HAD SOMEHOW BEEN FORESTALLED.

- 3. OTHER BLOC COMMENT HAS TENDED TO BE MORE RESTRAINED THAN
  THAT OF THE HUNGARIAN CHIEF OF MISSION BUT THE VILIFICATION OF SENATOR
  GOLDWATER AND THE CHARACTERIZATION OF HIM AS CONNECTED WITH
  "FASCISM" IS GENERAL. SEVERAL SOVIET OFFICIALS TO WHOM SOURCE
  TALKED APPEARED NOT TO TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY WILDER REMARKS SUCH AS
  THOSE THAT HAD BEEN MADE BY THE HUNGARIAN CHIEF OF MISSION BUT
  NEVERTHELESS SEEMED GENUINELY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THE ROLE OF
  SENATOR GOLDWATER AS A FORCE ON THE US SCENE MIGHT PORTEND FOR THE
  SOVIET UNION.
- 4. THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS MANN AS ASSISTANT FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS HAS BEEN WIDELY COMMENTED UPON IN BLOC DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES, PARTICULARLY BY SOVIET OFFICIALS. IT HAS BEEN CITED AS AN INDICATION

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