

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 4-4-67

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
 NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
 DALLAS, TEXAS

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 interview with [Shamrock]
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[Shamrock] has recently reported certain details concerning Soviet reaction to the assassination of President Kennedy. [Shamrock] reported the Soviets had the KGB (Committee for State Security) make an extensive study of the assassination and, as a result of this study, the KGB concluded that President Kennedy was killed by representatives of a group of monopolists, characterized as the military-industrial complex in the United States. The KGB felt that President Kennedy had tried to limit the activities of this group of monopolists and therefore they planned his assassination.

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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
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We have received information from numerous other sources that the Soviets did mourn the death of President Kennedy and that Soviet leaders felt they could work with President Kennedy.

ACTION:

[c] If you approve, we will disseminate the data furnished by the [Shamrock] informant as set out herein to the Department, to Secret Service, to State Department and to Central Intelligence Agency.

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