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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin

SUBJECT:

Anonymous Telephone Calls to United States Embassy in Canberra, Australia, Relative to Planned Assassination of President Sonnedy

- 1. I refer again to paragraph two of your memorandum, dated 12 February 1964, relative to disseminations to the Secret Service made by CIA.
- 2. On 24 November 1963, CIA received from the Department of the Nevy a copy of a cable from the Nevai Attache in Camberra, Australia (IN 67327, Top Secret, later dewagraded to Secret), reporting a telephone conversation the previous day with an anonymous individual who had described himself as a Polish chauffeur for the Seviet Embassy in that city. This individual, while discussing several matters of intelligence interest, touched on the possibility that the Seviet Government had financed the assassination of President Kennedy. Reference was made in this cable to the receipt of a similar anonymous telephone call on 15 October 1962.
- 3. Upon receipt of this cable from Navy CIA took the following action:
 - a. Cabled to Canberra asking full details of the telephone conversation of 21 November and the call made on 15 October 1962. It should be noted that CIA had not providuely known of the 1962 telephone call.

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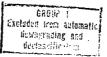
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- b. The Cla Station in Sanberrs, on 27 November, furnished all available information on the 1962 telephone call. It appears that source on that occasion stated that "Iron Curtain Sountries" planned to pay a bundred thousand dollars for the assassination of President Remody.
- c. On 27 November, the Elli Camberra Station also furnished complete detail on the anonymous telephone call of 23 November 1963.
- d. On 29 November, GIA disseminated this information, as supplied by its <u>Camberra Station</u>, to the white House. Department of State, and Federal Bureau of Investigation, with a copy to the Secret Service. A copy of this dissemination in its exact text is attached to this memorandum.
- 4. The CIA Station in Camberra arranged for discussion of the Calles with the Australian security service. In the opinion of the Australian authorities, the caller was a crank. In any event, they were not able to identify any Polish employee of the Soviet Embassy, the automobile described by the caller as the one he drove, or the license plate number given by him. No further information on this call has been received. Available avidence would tend to show that the caller was some type of crank. This conclusion, however, cannot be confirmed.
- 5. Please note that the nature of the information in this memorandom and its attachment regains the use of a sensitivity indicator.

Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans

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CUT Teletype No. 85691, dated 29 November 1963, filed at HIT hears. to the White House, Department of State and Federal Durens of Investigation, with a copy to the Secret Service

- 1. Your attention is called to a series of anonymous telephone calls made to the office of the U.S. Naval Attache in Camberra. Australia, by a man claiming to have had knowledge about a Sevist plot to appareinate the late Procident Kamedy. Our first record of this matter is a Navai Attache cable from Gusberra scat on 24 Navember 1963.
- 2. It appears that the caller, who professes to be the Polish chauffeur of a Soviet Embassy cur in Camberres, Arst phones in ever a year ago, on 15 October 1962 report 1962. At that time he told a story about five Soviet submarines carrying 400 to 500 Soviet soldiers on their way to Outs. One purpose of this troop movement. he said, was to support the Covernor of Mississippi. He added that there was a plot to pay one bandred thousand deliars to kill President Kennedy. Behind the plot, he said, were the "Iron Cartain Countries," and "Communist men in England. Home Kens and probably some other countries."
- On 23 November 1963 repeat 1963, the day after the assassination of Freeident Monnedy and over a year after the first telephone call, a man believed to be the same person should the Embasey again and spoke to the confident Naval Attache. The caller referred to his call a year back and stated he had said that the USSR. had put up 100,000 dollars for the assaudination of President Remedy.
- 4. Giving what he claimed were further details about the assassination, the caller said that about two weeks before (which would have been in early November 1963) he was present when an Australian man, 35 to 40 years old, and tall, was dispatched by the Soriete to the United States carrying a case about 35 to 40 centimeters long. 50 contimeters high, and 0.5 contimeters wide. The name Vacyl Two was used in some connection with this man. He was put on a plane in Sydney and while the caller drove the two Soviet escorts back to Canborra, their shortwave radio in the car was going constantly. A shortwaye radio was going in the Embassy

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also when they arrived there. Gree these radies, one of these Soviets transmitted numbers and "points." They remained in the Embassy, and that morning (apparently 23 November 1963), a message came through and tornio were druck in Russian Voden and the Russians present said. "we have achieved what we want."

- 5. The caller then gave "information" shout the Soviet role in sinking a U.S. Navy medicar submerine and on Soviet subversion to induceds. He would not identify himself, and when he described the car he drives (as a navy blue 1952 Buick, license plate New South Wates GGC 6123) he added they often change plates, have fifty sets in reserve. and can change them in five seconds.
- 5. The caller added some vague information about a woman employee of the American Embassy he things works for the Sovieto. The caprecention concluded with the caller promising to write a letter to the Baval Attache at the American Embassy.
- 7. The caller spoke good English and his account and voice did not change throughout the conversation, so it was assumed that he was not disculsing his valce.
- 6. Australian authorities working on this case consider the caller to be a crank. They state that Soviet offices in Australia do not use anything but Soviet chauffeurer they have no record of their using a Polish chauffour. They are continuing their investigation.

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