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TO: SAC (100-11606)

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FROM: SA EDWARD J. THILL

SUBJECT: COMINFIL STATE UNIVERSITY
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Re Buffalo let to Bureau, dated 3/18/65, captioned "WORLDWIDE PUBLISHERS LIMITED (PROGRESSIVE BOOKS), COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES WITHIN TORONTO, ONTARIO, INFORMATION CONCERNING," (subversive control) and letterhead memorandum which was attached (classified secret) (Buffalo file 100-18644). It is noted that the key information in the solution of that case was provided by ROBERT DOUGLAS RUTH (protect identity - requested), a student at the State University of New York at Buffalo (SUNYAB). The aforementioned file contains photographs of MARK C. KENNEDY and RICHARD SALTER, who are mentioned subsequently in this memorandum.

The following information comprises a partial compellation of data furnished by ROBERT DOUGLAS RUTH to the writer:

On 3/5/65, RUTH advised that several days previously, Dr. ELWIN H. POWELL, while teaching his class at SUNYAB "Sociology of War and Peace," which POWELL nicknamed "Sociology of Violence," Sociology Club No. 376, stated to the class that the "Warren Report" is a cover-up for the assassination of former

- 1 - 134-1108A
- 1 - 100-New Dead (MARK C. KENNEDY)
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- 1 - 100-17559 (ELWIN POWELL)
- 1 - 100-18390 (MARK LANE)
- 1 - 100-18559 (MANUEL RODRIGUEZ)
- 1 - 157-298 (STUDENT DEMONSTRATION,
U.S. COURT HOUSE, 3/10/65)
- 1 - 100-16691 (WWP)
- 1 - 100-6516 (SWP)
- 1 - 100-17733 (PLM)
- 1 - 14-89 (MAY 2ND MOVEMENT)
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On 3/10/65, RUTH furnished information regarding the student demonstration planned for later that day at the U. S. Court House, Buffalo, the purpose of which was to protest the treatment of Negroes in Selma, Alabama. RUTH advised that there was no public advertising regarding the demonstration, but the information was being passed by word of mouth. One student remarked that he had already made up fifty posters for the demonstration. Shortly after 12:00 noon, on 3/10/65, RUTH advised telephonically that five SUNYAB students left the rathskeller of Norton Union with placards destined for the U. S. Court House.

On 3/11/65, RUTH stated that during the morning he visited the student book shop located on Main Street across from SUNYAB. He found on sale there "Workers World" and "Militant," but no copies of "Progressive Labor." A male employee in the book shop in response to RUTH's question, said he knew of no newspaper named "Free Student" (This is the organ of the May 2nd Movement).

RECOMMENDATION

In light of the accumulating unfavorable information regarding MARK C. KENNEDY and RICHARD SALTER, it is recommended that 100-New Dead cases be opened on each one of them.