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A confidential informant, contact with whom has been insufficient to establish his reliability, [during (S)] January, 1967, advised that in connection with the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, [it was (S)] concluded by the KGB Headquarters in Moscow that he was killed by representatives of a group of monopolists connected with the south and the east of the United States. This group of monopolists, characterized as the military-industrial complex, felt that Kennedy had tried to limit their activities and hurt their interests and therefore they planned his assassination.

Informant advised that this conclusion was drawn after the KGB had spent between six months and a year to study information to determine the cause of the assassination. Source stated that the most reliable KGB agents in the world were mobilized, in addition to other official contacts in order to gather, in a wide scope, information concerning the reason for the assassination. (S)

A group of officers in Moscow carefully gathered the information and conducted extensive research and analysis and came to the conclusion that it was the military-industrial complex who were responsible for the death of Kennedy. (S)

Informant advised that the Soviets felt Kennedy's death was a great loss, not only for the United States, not only for the Soviet Union, but for the whole world. He was realistic in his analysis of international issues, as well as the internal issues of the United States. Kennedy was highly regarded because he organized many research bodies and researchers to study many different problems with long-range prospects. He

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introduced computers in the analysis of different aspects of politics, military planning, strategical planning and other such matters. He was considered by the Soviets to be a very serious man who could be relied upon and who was true to his word. This latter was particularly pleasing to the Soviets since they do not like statesmen who frequently change their minds and their statements. Kennedy was the first President the Soviets felt they could deal with on a cooperative level with promising prospects since President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The Soviets considered him to be one of the most promising men through whom the Soviets could arrange relations with the United States and with whom there were far-ranging prospects of cooperation.

Informant pointed out that upon hearing the news of the assassination of President Kennedy, a unique situation occurred in Moscow, in that the people who walked in the streets of Moscow were in tears and mournful music was played on the radio. Informant stated particularly since this was an event which occurred in another country, the attitude of the people was unique.

Informant pointed out that, to the best of his knowledge, there was no relationship between Lee Harvey Oswald, the assassin of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and the KGB. Informant stated that ordinarily the KGB has an interest in all Americans visiting the Soviet Union and that initially all such individuals are studied to determine if they have any intelligence potential. However, in regard to Lee Harvey Oswald, informant is of the opinion that initially the KGB ascertained that Oswald was psychologically unstable and unreliable. While the possibility exists that the KGB made some effort to study Oswald and may actually have established a relationship with him, informant is firmly of the opinion that the KGB concluded that he was unstable and unreliable, that it was a mistake that he was ever admitted to the Soviet Union and they were glad when he left the USSR.

Informant advised that in regard to Oswald's wife, Marina, she was considered by the Soviets to be somewhat mentally unstable and was similar in this regard to Lee Harvey Oswald.

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