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Memorandum

To: Mr. W. C. Sullivan
From: Mr. W. A. Branigan
Date: 4-4-67

Subject: Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy
November 22, 1963,
Dallas, Texas

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that we disseminate information from our Shamrock informant bearing on the assassination of the late President Kennedy.

Shamrock is the sensitive Soviet source who contacted the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on 1-16-67 and volunteered to furnish information. He is being handled by representatives of CIA and Special Agents of our New York Office.

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.

Shamrock further reported that the Soviets felt that President Kennedy's death was a great loss, not only for the United States and the Soviet Union, but for the whole world. According to Shamrock, the Soviets felt that they could trust President Kennedy and could deal with him on a cooperative basis. Shamrock further stated that the Soviets mourned President Kennedy's death, a situation which Shamrock considered very unique inasmuch as the person being mourned was a leader of another country.

The information furnished by Shamrock is very similar to that previously furnished to us by Yuri Nosegor, a Soviet defector whose bona fides has not been established.
Memorandum Branigan to Sullivan
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
62-109060

We feel we should disseminate this data since we have previously disseminated the information we received from Yuri Nosenko regarding the assassination even though we recognized some of the data was not subject to proof, particularly, that occurring within the Soviet Union. We feel that by documenting Shamrock as a "confidential informant, contact with whom has been insufficient to establish his reliability," we will alert other agencies that the information has not been established as true.

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:

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