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MEMORANDUM FOR: SA/ADINS

FROM: Raymond A. Warren
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SUBJECT: ⁰⁷ SUBHORIZON-1 Report Mentioning Cuban
Minister-Counsellor Statement on the
Assassination of President Kennedy

REFERENCE: LA/CO/235-77 Dated 30 September 1977

1. The referent memorandum reported information from a ZRSHOO intelligence report of a statement made by the Minister-Counsellor (MC) of the Cuban Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica, on 24 September 1977, that "Cuban exiles such as DIAZ Lan (fnu) (sic) and others had been involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy." We believe that this could refer either to Pedro DIAZ Lanz, or his brother Marcos DIAZ Lanz, formerly Chief and Deputy Chief, respectively, of the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force. Both entered the U.S. from Cuba as exiles in mid-1959. Since that time the DIAZ Lanz brothers reportedly have been closely associated with, and involved in numerous activities with, Frank STURGIS (aka FIORINI) of Watergate fame. The Agency assisted in the evacuation of Marcos, and Pedro entered the U.S. on his own. Although both were debriefed by the Agency, there is no indication that they were ever considered Agency assets.

2. ¹⁶⁻⁵ [Kingston] Station queried source for further information as promised in paragraph 4 of the reference. The source said that the MC referred to the Kennedy assassination during a pep talk to party members to maintain good security. Further, that the MC said that "recent information had arrived" implicating DIAZ Lan (fnu) (sic), former air force officer, in the Kennedy assassination but did not mention any other Cuban exiles by name or give any further details. Although the MC did not identify the source of his information, the ¹⁶⁻⁵ [Kingston] Station source had the impression that the information might have been included in a cable from the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The source is unable to elicit further information from the MC without jeopardizing his security.

Signed
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