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Memorandum

TO : Chief, Personnel Security Division

DATE: 1 June 1964

FROM : Special Assistant, Chief/PSD

SUBJECT: ⁰³ TADEN, Ruth Sylvia
#58479

1. In compliance with your request, the Subject was interviewed on 27 May 1964 relative to the information she reported to Mr. John R. Pherson, Security Officer/DDS&T, which is indicated as Tab A.
2. Upon interview, the Subject repeated substantially the same information that is reported in Mr. Pherson's memorandum. Additional information indicates that Subject definitely identified the telephone caller from the Prince George County Maryland ballot as Mrs. Kathryn N. Sherwood. Mrs. Sherwood's name appeared as 33-E on the ballot.
3. During the telephone conversation Subject stated that she came under the definite impression that Mrs. Sherwood resides in the Oxon Hill, Maryland area due to the fact she mentioned ~~that~~ some road construction ^{work} ~~was~~ being done ~~which has been done~~ in the Oxon Hill area recently.
4. Subject stated that she did not desire to place pressure on Mrs. Sherwood for further information concerning the name and whereabouts of the "ex-CIA Courier" who told Mrs. Sherwood that President Kennedy would be assassinated and the President's assassin would also be assassinated. Subject advised that Sherwood stated that the "ex-CIA Courier" lived in West Virginia (city or town not given) where there was a cafeteria. Sherwood advised the Subject that the food did not agree with the "ex-CIA Courier" and she (Sherwood) took him into town for meals. Sherwood further indicated that the "Courier" told her that he "had too much knowledge" indicating that the latter was the reason he left the Agency. Sherwood stated that the "ex-Courier" told her a lot of things relative to people in high places in the Government which was quite shocking and the information worried her (Sherwood) very much.

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5. Subject advised that during her voting experience she had made it a point to vote for the man and not the party. Elaborating, Subject stated that she liked Roosevelt and voted for Eisenhower. Subject stated that she advised Sherwood during the telephone conversation that she liked President Kennedy's stand in Cuba whereupon Sherwood said "too bad he was selling us down the river". Sherwood did not elaborate on the latter statement according to the Subject. Subject stated that the telephone conversation lasted about one half hour and upon discontinuance of the conversation she (Subject) advised her husband. Mrs. [Taden] advised that her husband is in sensitive work with the Air Force and immediately advised Subject to report the telephone conversation to proper officials of the Agency. [Taden] stated that she could not give further clues concerning the identity of the "ex-CIA Courier" or the location in West Virginia where Sherwood associated with the "ex-CIA Courier".

6. I requested the Subject to keep me advised of any additional calls, information or contact with Sherwood.

7. I recommend that the attached information be passed to Mr. Cregar by the DC/PSD.

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summary for D/SEC
to PR/orig.*

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