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WEEKLY SUMMARY (12/16-22/63)
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POTASH was present at CP Headquarters, NYC, on 12/17/63. (NY 2359-S*)

On 12/16/63, an informal discussion was held at CP Headquarters, NYC, and IRVING POTASH participated. It was stated that MARK F. LANE, former New York State Assemblyman, has prepared a brief that will knock holes "in proof that (LEE) OSWALD was guilty". GEORGE MORRIS said the prime thing to do was to prove he (OSWALD) was not a Marxist. POTASH said "The New Republic" has an investigator trying to prove he (OSWALD) "was linked to the ultra-right..."

(Details regarding above sent Bureau by airtel dated 12/18/63, with letterhead memorandum captioned, "CPUSA-ORGANIZATION; ISA-C; ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY:"

On 12/19/63, the CPUSA held an enlarged National Executive Committee, CPUSA meeting at the Hotel Woodstock, NYC, and IRVING POTASH attended. The main report was delivered by GUS HALL who summarized the events following President KENNEDY's assassination. HALL engaged in a vitriolic attack against the FBI and particularly against Director HOOVER who, he charged, engages in "the big lie tactics" in his attacks on Communists. (NY 559-S*; RG 5824-S*)

(Details of above meeting sent Bureau by teletype 12/20/63, captioned, "CPUSA-ORGANIZATION; ISA-C.")
On 12/20/63, the CPUSA, NEC met at the Hotel Woodstock and POTASH attended. Discussion was held regarding the report of HALL the previous day. (NY 3903-S)

(Details sent Bureau by teletype dated 12/21/63, captioned, "CPUSA-ORGANIZATION; IS-C.")