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C-27. DEPTAR FOR ACSI, ATTN: CHIEF, COLLECTION DIVISION.

1. (C) ON 25 SEP 63 SP7 QUINN, OUSARMA, WAS VISITED BY SOURCE CR 902-4-63 IN COMPANY OF ONE RICARDO AMERLING, COSTA RICAN CITIZEN OF GERMAN DESCENT AND MEMBER OF COSTA RICAN ANTI-COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION "MOVIMIENTO COSTA RICA LIBRE (MCRL)"! (SEE MY IR2622058)

AMERLING RELATED THAT HE WAS ADVISED BY OTHER MEMBER OF MCRL, ONE RODOLFO BOBLES, THAT ONE JOAQUIN MODESTO ELIZONDO, HIS BUSINESS PARTNER, HAD RELATED TO HIM THAT DURING A RECENT VISIT TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, IN COMPANY WITH HIS WIFE, THAT A CUBAN FEMALE HOTEL EMPLOYEE HAD INTIMATED TO HIS WIFE IN A SHORT CONVERSATION THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY MIGHT SOON BE KILLED. SP7 QUINN, IN COMPANY OF SOURCE AND AMERLING, VISITED HOUSE OF ELIZONDO AND INTERVIEWED SR. & SRA. ELIZONDO. SP7 QUINN OBTAINED FOL INFO:

JOAQUIN MODESTO ELIZONDO AND WIFE, BELEN CAMPOS DE ELIZONDO DEPARTED COSTA RICA ON 1 SEP 63 FOR VISIT TO MIAMI FLORIDA WHERE

HUSBAND ENTERED HOSPITAL FOR MINOR SURGERY. WIFE REGISTERED IN HOTEL BELFORT (EXACT ADDRESS UNKNOWN, HOWEVER, LOCATED NEAR GREYHOUND

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BUS STATION). (COMMENT: THE ELIZONDO'S INTIMATED HOTEL OCCUPIED HQS BY CUBANS). WIFE OCCUPIED ROOM 14, FOURTH FLOOR OF HOTEL. WIFE RELATED THAT ONE MORNING BETWEEN 4-6 SEP 68 (EXACT DATE SHE COULD NOT REMEMBER) AT APPROXIMATELY 0900-0930 HOURS, UPON DEPARTING HOTEL ROOM, SHE BECAME ENGAGED IN SHORT CONVERSATION WITH A CLEANING WOMAN WHOM SHE DESCRIBED AS: CUBAN, SHORT AND FAT, APPROXIMATELY 40-45 YEARS OF AGE, SHORT BROWN/RED HAIR, DRESSED IN WHITE UNIFORM. CONVERSATION CONSISTED OF CUBAN ASKING SRA ELIZONDO OF WHAT NATIONALITY SHE WAS AND AFTER LEARNING THAT SHE WAS A COSTA RICAN, THEY CONVERSED ABOUT PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S RECENT VISIT TO COSTA RICA. SRA. ELIZONDO EXPLAINED WHY SHE WAS IN THE HOTEL ALONE AND THAT HER HUSBAND WAS IN A HOSPITAL. SRA ELIZONDO RELATED TO SP7 QUINN THAT THE LAST REMARKS OF THIS CUBAN LADY, NAME UNKNOWN, WERE TO THE FOLLOWING EFFECT - "QUE LASTIMA QUE PRONTO LO MATAN AL PRESIDENTE KENNEDY" OR "A MI, ME PARECE QUAWPRONTO LO MATAN AL PRESIDENTE KENNEDY." TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS: "WHAT A PITY THAT SOON THEY WILL KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY" OR "IT APPEARS TO ME THAT SOON THEY KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY."

SRA ELIZONDO WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT SHE WAS STUNNED AT THIS REMARK BUT THAT AT THE SAME TIME SHE RECEIVED A CALL FROM HER HUSBAND AT THE HOSPITAL AND THE REMARK WAS FORGOTTEN. LATER SHE MENTIONED THE CONVERSATION TO HER HUSBAND WHO INDICATED TO HER THAT IT WAS PROBABLY JUST A COMMENT DUE TO ONE OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS IN THE U.S. I.E., CIVIL RIGHTS, ETC.

SR & SRA ELIZONDO FORGOT THE CONVERSATION UNTIL THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY OCCURRED AND THEN SR. ELIZONDO MENTIONED IT TO

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HIS BUSINESS PARTNER, SR RODOLFO ROBLES.

COMMENT:(C) ALTHOUGH THE ELIZONDOS APPEARED SINCERE IN THEIR STORY
ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING TIMES DATES AND PLACES IS UNUSUALLY VAGUE.

ALTHOUGH FACTUALITY AND REASONS FOR STATEMENTS BY SRA ELEIZONDO
CANNOT BE EVALUATED, THIS REPORT BEING FORWARDED FOR FURTHER INVESTI-
GATION AS WASHINGTON AGENCIES DEEM ADVISABLE.

CONSULAR CHECK IN AMEMB SAN JOSE VERIFIES THAT VISA WAS ISSUED
SRA ELIZONDO ON 9 AUG 63. HUSBAND HAS MULTIPLE VISA ISSUED IN 1961.

CAS STATION CHIEF HAS NO INFORMATION ON THE ELIZONDOS.

FIELD COORDINATION: AMEMB, CAS STA CHIEF.

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Enclosed for Miami and Dallas are single copies of communication from U.S. Army Attache in San Jose, Costa Rica, to Washington, D.C.

Miami should promptly endeavor to verify travel of the Elizondos to Miami, locate where they stayed (reportedly at Hotel Belfort), and thereafter conduct appropriate investigation regarding alleged remarks of a cleaning woman at this hotel (e)

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