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Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

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FROM : W. A. Branigan

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SUBJECT: BOWTIE
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Bowtie is code name for Christine Keeler - John Profumo case.

Legal Attache, London, advised that John Lewis, former Member of Parliament, told British police that he had discovered communist espionage in Spain. He stated that Dick Zeedman, Spanish agent for General Development Corporation of America, and one Earl Durbin were involved. He said the focal point of espionage is at NATO base near Madrid, where anyone may enter without a check. He said all persons involved lived at Villa Rosa near Madrid. (S)

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning Dick Zeedman. Bufiles contain an Atomic Energy Act - Applicant investigation conducted in 1947 of one Earl Lloyd Durbin, who was born 1/10/13, Denver, Colorado. Durbin was also the subject of a name check made by the United States Civil Service Commission in 1953. At that time he indicated that he had been working for the United States Civil Service Commission from January, 1946, until that date. He had served in the United States Army and was overseas in Italy during World War II. It is not known if he is identical with the person mentioned by John Lewis above. (S)

Legal Attache, London, also advised of information that Paul Romney, retired solicitor and person involved in many sex parties, gave to British police. (S) This information was that Harry Alan Towers, pimp, lived with call girl Simon McQueen in New York and that one of McQueen's clients was John Kennedy, then presidential candidate. Romney stated that Marie Novotny, British prostitute, went to New York to take McQueen's place, since she was going on pre-election rounds with Kennedy. McQueen is identified in Bufiles as a call girl who was involved with Harry Towers and later became a weather broadcaster on television in New York with a program known as "Simon Says." It should be noted that Novotny did not arrive in New York until 12/14/60.

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Memo W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan **SECRET**
Re: BOWTIE
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Legal Attache, London, advised [police have obtained tape of Christine Keeler's recording which runs about 12 hours and a review of it to date has disclosed no new developments.] This tape has been mentioned in newspaper articles as having been made by Keeler while under the influence of liquor and/or drugs and its exact contents are unknown. The tape allegedly had a bearing on the conviction of Keeler's former boy friend on a charge of assault.

ACTION:

1. There is attached a letter to the Attorney General ^{NOT SENT, SEE MEMO} _{Evans to BELMONT 7-24-63} furnishing the information concerning the allegation about President Kennedy for his information. It is recommended this letter be delivered to the Attorney General by Assistant Director Evans.

2. There is attached a cable to the Legal Attaches, Madrid and London, requesting further information concerning the allegations of espionage in Spain.

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