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Mr. John McCone, Director of CIA, called and stated he just wanted to be sure I am satisfied CIA is giving all the help they possibly can in connection with the investigation of the situation in Dallas. He said he knows the importance the President places on this investigation and stated the President had asked him personally whether CIA is giving the FBI full support; he said yes but just wanted to be sure.

I assured Mr. McCone we had the very best support we could possibly expect from CIA. He then stated we could call upon him for anything and I said we would do that.

Mr. McCone further stated he was delighted the President called on me to make the report. I indicated the purpose of our report as well as the areas it is to cover.

Mr. McCone mentioned the fact that CIA has operational sources in Mexico City and said, if the Bureau wanted to use them, they should be handled very carefully.

He stated he and Mr. Papich had discussed this. I assured him that the FBI understands this.

I advised Mr. McCone that Deputy Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach was handling this matter in the Department; that when the Bureau finishes the report, Mr. Katzenbach will go over it very care-

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