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Reference is made to an article on the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy in the 3-15-64 issue of "The Councilor" (received 4-13-64) which identifies itself as having been published by the Citizens' Council of Louisiana, Inc., for Americans Everywhere.

The article with a deadline of New Orleans claims that "The Councilor" was in New Orleans to make a fresh search into the assassination matter at the request of the Dallas District Attorney's Office. In addition, the article claims that the Dallas District Attorney's Office enlisted "The Councilor" to check reports that "Gerald and Rubenstein" (apparently Jack Ruby, convicted killer of Oswald) were connected in employment matters.

The article claims that in interviewing personnel directors and employment agency officials, "The Councilor" learned that agents from different Government bureaus have taken key documents concerning Oswald and have not coordinated their investigative efforts. "The Councilor" claims that the biggest feud in this connection exists between "Douglas Dillon's Treasury agents and Bobby Kennedy's FBI." The article also states that more people "are working to cover up the facts than are trying sincerely to unmask the assassination plot."

Red Touchstone, editor of "The Councilor," has been identified by a confidential informant (NO 1253-R) as a member of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The source advised in December, 1963, that Touchstone claimed that the Klan had documented proof that President Johnson was formerly a member of the Klan in Texas during the early days of his political career.

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On 4-15-64 Inspector Malley received a call from J. Lee Rankin in New York City. It will be noted that on 4-17-64 the Commission contemplates interrogating functionaries of the Communist Party (CP) in New York concerning their knowledge of Oswald.

Mr. Rankin made reference to the report of Special Agent Thomas P. Estep dated 12-18-63 at Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Rankin noted that the report referred to a meeting which occurred at Wheeling, West Virginia, on 12-5-63. Mr. Rankin noted that the report was marked "Confidential" and he wanted to know if, in talking to CP people, it would be satisfactory for him to ask questions concerning the details of the meeting without interfering with any of our operations.

The report in question contains information furnished by Confidential Informant CI 104-S who advised that Arnold Johnson of New York City, public relations man for the CP, gave a talk dealing with the assassination of President Kennedy. The information, while helpful, does not add anything of particular significance to the Oswald investigation and is generally self-serving to the CP.

On 4-15-64 SAC Mason advised that at the particular meeting there were six other CP members present with Mr. Johnson. Three of these were symbol number informants of the Cincinnati Office. SAC Mason advised that these particular informants cover an area in West Virginia and Ohio where there is CP activity and, hence, these informants are valuable to the coverage of the CP establishment not only by the Cincinnati Office but by our Cleveland and Pittsburgh Offices. Furthermore, according to SAC Mason, the particular informant who reported the meeting, CI 104-S, is the only informant who is qualified to attend the State Board meetings of the Ohio CP. Mr. Mason noted that if Johnson is questioned concerning this meeting they will obviously check for a source and this could uncover one or all of the informants involved thereby seriously jeopardizing our coverage.

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Enclosed are two autostat copies of a "Secret" CIA memorandum to the Ambassador dated 10/16/63 and captioned "Lee OSWALD/Contact with the Soviet Embassy." It will be noted that this memorandum bears the statement "THIS INFORMATION IS FROM A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE. IT MUST NOT BE DISSEMINATED IN WHOLE OR IN PART OUTSIDE YOUR OFFICE WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE ORIGINATING OFFICE IN MEXICO CITY." It is also noted that the original of the memorandum was sent on a circulating basis to the Ambassador, the Minister, the Counselor for Political Affairs, and the Regional Security Officer and was to be returned to the [9th Floor] (CIA) and that carbon copies for retention were designated for the Legal Attache, the Naval Attache, and I&NS. (S)

ReBucab #22 and mycab #525, both dated 4/3/64. In accordance with the instructions contained in reBucab, the following is submitted:

It is noted that the enclosed CIA memorandum mentions contact on the part of LEE OSWALD only with the Soviet Embassy and no mention was made of the Cuban Embassy. Although the CIA memorandum was dated 10/16/63, the blockstamp of this office indicates it was actually received here on 10/18/63. On the same date our cable #109 captioned "LEE OSWALD, IS - R," was sent to the Bureau. This cable furnished a summary of the information contained in the CIA memorandum and requested the Bureau to furnish background data to this office. Bureau cable #743 dated 10/22/63 and bearing the same caption furnished such background and advised that additional background was being furnished by mail. This additional background information was received at the Mexico City Office on 10/28/63.

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