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To: David Marwell/ARRB, Jeremy Gunn/ARRBcc: Eileen Sullivan/ARRB (bcc: Non-Record/ARRB)From: Thom Wilborn/ARRB Date: 12/30/96 02:15:09 PMSubject: British DocumentsI have read the British assassinationrelated documents and found points that may be newsworthy. Primarily, the assassination reaction report from Cuba that indicated that Cuban leaders hoped for a second Kennedy term, during which they could negotiate with the U.S. Another interesting area is the report from the British Embassy in Houston concerning the assassination, which is harshly critical of the people of Dallas. It referred to Ruby's attorney accompanying Ruby at the Dallas Police Department headquarters and referred to a newspaperman's description of the Oswald murder as a "gang killing." However, I wouldn't push this document to the press because it would be terribly insulting to the people of Dallas and Texas, in general. The Sergievsky reports are interesting in the fact that 1) the British fought hard and successfully to keep their report and analysis out of the Warren Commission report, 2) that the U.S. at first wanted to bury the report in the Warren Commission report annex in a deliberate attempt to keep it away from the press and 3) that the U.S./Warren Commission finally agreed to omit the report completely. On the first part, the protection of British role in connecting Sergievsky and the U.S. is no big issue. But attempting to bury and then omitting the Sergievsky report undermines the creditability of the Warren Commission Report, even though Sergievsky was consider a crank. The lead on news stories may be something to the effect that "British Embassy Official Calls Dallas Citizens 'Moronic'" or "Warren Commission Deliberately Covered Up Possible Communist Assassination Plot." I recommend we

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