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There are two chapters in Edward McCarthy's book, "The Working Press," that mention the JFK assassination. The chapter that specifically mentions the four Cuban murder squads fails to mention one of the two sources for his unpublished story. The first source, presumably a police official, was unnamed and even McCarthy assumes he is deceased. This source provided very little information for his story. According to Mr. McCarthy, the INS official provided all the detailed information on the story. Based on Mr. McCarthy's reputation and reporting skills, it is very likely that this information was transmitted to him by his sources. Mr. McCarthy mentions Washington Bureau Chief Grant Dillman by name and says that the Washington UPI bureau was actively involved in working on the story, but does not name specific reporters. Mr. Dillman said he does not remember the event and is doubtful such events took place. It is possible that Mr. Dillman may not remember the event. I would suggest that Mr. McCarthy be asked to give us the name of his initial source for the story and ARRB staff try to contact him. In addition, we should attempt to contact the INS official, if he is still alive, and to again talk with Mr. Dillman to determine if he may have forgotten the incident. It should be noted that Mr. McCarthy affirms that government officials in Washington later confirmed the facts of the story, but he again does not name who. Even with UPI's fanatic desire to get stories on the wire, a story of this magnitude, based on a single source, would prompt intense skepticism from editors. UPI may have "pegged" the story at the government's request, but it is indeed doubtful that (if the government had indeed confirmed the hit squads existed) UPI would have later dumped the story after the publication of the Warren Commission report. Respectfully, Thomas L. Wilborn

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