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SUBJECT: JOHN EVANS, also known as
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Subject, now in Jamaica and possibly mentally deranged, claims to be planning revolution to overthrow government of Jamaica with assistance of unidentified United States "syndicate" and help from Communist Cuba. We are initiating investigation into his activities while he was in the United States, 1953-1966, for benefit of Jamaican police. For information.

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has been advised by Special Branch, Jamaica Police Service, that Evans, a Negro Jamaican national, was picked up at sea in small boat between Jamaica and Cuba, lost and out of fuel and food, in September, 1966. He claimed to be in the process of attempting to rendezvous with unidentified Cubans with whom he planned to travel to Cuba to collect funds to be used in the overthrow of the Jamaican Government. Such funds were to be used to send organized groups of Jamaicans to Cuba for training for this purpose. Evans claimed to be working with a "syndicate" in the United States which is to finance a communist revolution in Jamaica. He claimed this is the same "syndicate" which in the United States had caused Jack Ruby to kill Lee Harvey Oswald, the assassin of President Kennedy. Evans further claimed to be enlisting aid of Jamaican criminal element to organize an extortion racket to shake down some 100 off-track betting shops in Jamaica, proceeds from which were to be used in revolution.

Evans claims to be a film director, the United States where he lived from 1953 to 1967. Jamaican police found evidence he had lived in New York City under an alias and entered Jamaica in September, 1966, using false documentation. He maintained he had engaged in civil rights activities while in the United States. His German-born wife and child reportedly lived in Binghamton, New York, until January, 1967, when they joined him in Jamaica. Investigation to date by Jamaican authorities has failed to substantiate any of Evans' claims and his true identity is still in doubt.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
Re: JOHN EVANS

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Information furnished concerning Evans indicates he may well be mentally unbalanced. Despite this, his claimed connection with a United States "syndicate" which caused Ruby to kill Oswald and his alleged major involvement in a plan to overthrow the Jamaican Government with Cuban and "syndicate" assistance along with his indicated 13-year residence in the United States dictate that we conduct investigation in effort to determine his activities while in this country. [CIA intends to pass to Special Branch, Jamaica Police Service, pertinent results of our inquiries] ~~(S)~~ (U)

Bureau files contain no information identifiable with Evans. By separate letter, New York and Albany being instructed to initiate investigation. Other offices covering Evans' claimed United States residences instructed to review their files and police and credit records. [Pertinent results, appropriately cleared for passage to Jamaican authorities, will be furnished to CIA [for relay to Jamaica Police Service.] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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None. For information.

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