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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63
MISCELLANEOUS - INFO CONCERNING
CO-DALLAS

On 2/20/67, DOMINGO BENAVIDES, 910 East Hobson,
Dallas, telephone FR 4-4500, telephonically contacted
the writer and advised that he had been interviewed by the
FBI on a prior occasion, during the assassination investigation
because he was a witness to the OSWALD - TIPPET killing.

BENAVIDES said that on or about 2/10/67, he received
a long distance phone call from a man who identified himself
as JOHN BERENDT, a reporter, for Esquire Magazine in New York.
BERENDT stated that he wanted to speak with BENAVIDES about a
man called IGOR VAGANOV. During the conversation BERENDT
stated that he wanted to show a photograph of VAGANOV to
BENAVIDES in an effort to determine if BENAVIDES had seen
VAGANOV in the area of the OSWALD - TIPPETT killing on the
date of the assassination.

BENAVIDES stated that he agreed to view the photograph
if and when it was shown to him. Shortly thereafter, BERENDT
visited BENAVIDES at his place of business and in his company
was VAGANOV. BENAVIDES stated that he did not identify VAGANOV
as being in the area of the assassination scene, and so stated
to BERENDT.

BENAVIDES furnished the above information to the FBI
indicating that he had a photograph of VAGANOV which had been
left with him by BERENDT. BENAVIDES stated if the FBI desired
the photograph they could have it any time they wanted to pick
it up. In conclusion, BENAVIDES stated that VAGANOV appeared
familiar to him for some reason, but he can not state now where
he has seen him in the past. It was BENAVIDES belief that BERENDT
was trying to place VAGANOV at the scene possibly as the man
in the "red Ford" which he (BENAVIDES) had eluded to in his
statement to the FBI on the date of the assassination.
Route this memorandum to Supervisor ROBERT P. GEMBERLING for action deemed appropriate by him.