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April 2, 1976

Mike Duval
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.



Dear Mike;

Persuant to our telephone conversation earlier today, here are some of the facts surrounding the assassination attempt on President Truman:

Date: November 1, 1950

Place: Washington, D.C. The Blair House
(The President was residing at The Blair House as The White House was being remodeled.)

Would Be Assassins: Oscar Collazo and Griselio Torresola
(Puerto Rican American)

Secret Service: Agent Donald Birdsell (wounded)
Agent Floyd Boring
Guard Joe Davidson
Guard Leslie Coffelt (killed)

Assassins Status: Griselio Torresola (killed by Coffelt)
Oscar Collazo (currently at Levenworth)

The United States government contends that the conspriacy was timed to cause chaos and possible revolution at the exact moment that a large scale revolution erupted in Puerto Rico. The revolt did occur, but was quickly crushed by authorities. Both of the would be assassins spoke passionately of the economic exploitation and political manipulation perpetrated by the United States on the people of Puerto Rico, but both maintained that they had hatched the plan entirely on their own.

Any information or sources of information that you could provide would be most helpful. Again, you have my word that if this project should reach fruition it will not air prior to the election.

My kindest personal regards,



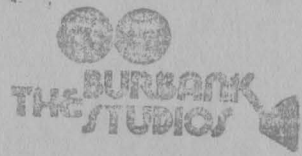
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Carruthers

• JBC Speech to the Nation

Choice facing Nation.

Ford vs Carter

Let me state issues + importance

TV - must be done right w/ promos.

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Pre-convention net

- lost battle of dynamics + articulation
but
- P still has substance

How to run post-convention
campaign to the masses

2 or 3 speeches by

- J.B.C.
- R.R.
- N.R.

* Major effort TV must be
perfect; like JBC foreign
policy speech in '72.

