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~~STATEMENT~~ ON SENATE ASSASSINATION REPORT

The President regrets that the Senate Select Committee has published a detailed report on alleged assassination plots which will result in serious harm to the national interest and may endanger individuals.

As the President stated on June 9th of this year, he is totally opposed to political assassination, and his Administration has not and will not use such means as instruments of national policy.

It is entirely appropriate for the Senate Committee to fully investigate this issue, and it received total cooperation from the Executive Branch. The President urged the Committee to use utmost prudence in how they handled the extremely sensitive material given to them. On October 31, the President wrote to each member of the Committee, pointing out the extreme danger that could occur by publicizing this report. This position was reaffirmed by the President today to the Senate Leadership.

[It is unfortunate that the Committee went beyond its responsibility to investigate for legislative purposes and instead chose to publicize information which can only harm our national interest and endanger individuals.]