First reactions in the UK after KENEDY's assassination:

1. A unanimous opinion exists that even in the most favorable circumstances, East-West relations will deteriorate in the next few months and may last until elections. KENEDY's assassination will deepen the break in the Democratic Party between the North and the South. JOHNSON, weak and subject to influence, will be forced to concentrate on stopping this process. COLDWATER's position will decline which will increase ROCKEFELLER's chances for the nomination. The results of the elections for the most part will depend on the popularity of the Democratic candidates. Being mentioned are HUMPHREY, ROBERT (25-36M) and American journalists in talks emphasize JOHNSON's liberal past (it is said that he was ROOSEVELT's favorite), and his moderate position in critical periods during KENEDY's term.

2. It is alarming that anti-Communist hysteria has been turned on. Radio and television continue to broadcast unconfirmed reports that hold as a suspect in the assassination a man who it is said asked for Soviet citizenship two years ago, has a Russian wife and who recently was an activist in the (Fair Play for Cuba) pro CASTRO organization.

American extremists having great influence in the propaganda apparatus here went at all costs to be divorced from responsibilities for the attempt.