I have the honor to inform you of the following:

I learned from an unofficial source that Premier will leave Peking on 13 or 14 December for an official visit in Egypt whence he will visit other African countries, among them Guinea, Ghana, Mali. [5G] not have confirmation of this information despite several démarches to Chinese Protocol. This discretion seems due to the fact that the Chinese Government is (B val using) every means to avoid a reoccurrence of the assassination attempt to which President LIOU CHAO CHI was subject when he visited Cambodia.

I continue my investigations. I will keep you informed as soon as possible.

As I finish this telegram, I learn of the assassination of President KENNEDY. The British flag has been furled and creped since this morning.

Very high consideration,