

Butte, Montana
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Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Information has been received by the writer to the effect that [redacted] received a telephone call from someone in New York City some-
time prior to the last Presidential election, requesting that he, [redacted] make a news release or publish an item to the effect that President ROOSEVELT would not be a candidate for the fourth term. The person calling, apparently connected with the publishing industry and well acquainted with [redacted] advised that the basis for this was a physical examination given President ROOSEVELT by his physician, at which time it was discovered that he was suffering from a cancer of the prostate gland and that if he continued in office, he probably would not live more than one year.

The person calling said that it was desired to have this item released from some small place away from the East rather than have it come out of New York City or any of the large centers of population.

[redacted] made the release or published the item and was, as described, "left out on the limb." [redacted] recently returned from New York City and the rumors are now circulating that President ROOSEVELT'S mind was affected and he made so many commitments at Yalta that neither President TRUMAN nor anyone else knows exactly what commitments were made and that this is the reason so much trouble is being encountered with the Russians at the present time.

The writer noticed recently a newspaper columnist's report to the effect that Premier STALIN assigned a young physician to President ROOSEVELT as an attendant in some minor capacity. President ROOSEVELT was observed during the Yalta Conference and this physician reported to STALIN that President ROOSEVELT was a sick man and probably would not live out the next term of office.

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