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FDR Speech File

Mr. President

Adm. Leahy strongly suggests the President make a statement this evening to the effect that the President "strongly deprecates assassination to achieve political ends.

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~~White House~~

~~The President stated tonight~~

"The President said tonight:

"~~I want to make clear that I~~ ~~deplore assassination in any~~ ~~form, including assassination to achieve~~ ~~political ends.~~ The cowardly murder of Adm. D. ~~is a~~ murder in the first degree. All leaders of all the United Nations will agree with that statement. Nazism and Fascism and military dictatorship should otherwise. I hope that speedy justice will ~~be~~ take the murderer or murderers ~~of~~ of Admiral Darlan