

Police Informer Made Tape Of A Kennedy Murder Plan

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Miami, Fla., Feb. 2 (AP)—Two weeks before President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, a man described to a police informer how it could be done. Dallas was not mentioned in the conversation.

He said a high-powered rifle could be disassembled, taken into an office building, reassembled, and then used for murder.

Afterward, he said, officers "would leave no stone unturned" trying to find the killer. "They will pick up somebody within hours afterward . . . just to throw the public off," he said.

Conversation Taped

The conversation, on November 9, 1963, was taped and is now in the files of the Miami Police Department. Its existence was revealed today in a story in the Miami News. Police then played the tape for reporters.

An assassination attempt was not discussed in specific terms such as dates, times or places.

Police would not identify the informant or the man describing the possibilities, who spoke dispassionately in a soft, level accent about bombings in Alabama and Georgia and attempts to kill the President.

"The man who described the assassination possibilities did name one person he said was trying to kill Mr. Kennedy. He said, . . . (he) is just as likely to get him as anybody . . . he tried to get Martin Luther King . . . He followed him for miles and miles, and couldn't get close enough to him."

The potential assassin was described as a hard-core underground agent with a taste for terror bombing.

The newspaper story, written by Bill Barry, said the man who described a possible assassination on the tape was picked up by the FBI five days after President Kennedy was killed in Dallas, and questioned.

No Comment

The Secret Service and the FBI in Miami would not comment.

Barry said the informer had told police that, as he attended meetings throughout the country, he had heard repeated talk about an assassination attempt.

Because of this talk and because President Kennedy was due in Miami November 18, police asked the informer to lure this man to Miami so his conversation could be recorded, Barry said.

This conversation was on the tape:

Man: "Well, we are going to have to get nasty. We have got to be ready. We have just got to be sitting on go. Count down and they move in on you. Count down is all right for a slow, prepared operation. But in an emergency operation you have got to be sitting on go."

Informer: "I think Kennedy is coming here on the 18th, or something like that, to make some kind of speech. . . . He will have a thousand bodyguards."

Man: "The more bodyguards he has, the easier it is to get him."

Informer: "What?"

Man: "The more bodyguards he has, the more easier it is to get him."

High Powered Rifle

Informer: "Well, how in the hell do you figure would be the best way to get him."

Man: "From an office building with a high-powered rifle."

Later, the man said, " . . . take it (the rifle) up there un-assembled and assemble it and . . ."

Still later, there was this exchange:

Informer: "Boy, if that Kennedy gets shot, we got to know where we are at. Because you know that will be a real shake if they do that."

Man: "They wouldn't leave any stone unturned there no way. They will pick up somebody within an hour afterwards . . . just to throw the public off."

President Kennedy did come to Miami, November 18. Police said they dissuaded him from motorcading through down Miami. Instead, he took a helicopter.

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