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TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 10/7/75

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF  
 PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
 11/22/63  
 DALLAS, TEXAS

Attached is a newspaper article from the 10/3/75 edition of the "Washington Star-News," which pertains to the allegations of former New Orleans Office Security Patrol Clerk William S. Walter that a teletype was sent from FBIHQ to all field offices on 11/17/63 stating that a militant revolutionary group might attempt to assassinate President Kennedy during his visit to Dallas, Texas.

In the article, Walter is quoted as saying, "Secondly, on November 10, 1963, there was a teletype that was sent from the Miami FBI Office to the Washington Bureau Headquarters saying that there was a possible attempt planned against his (Kennedy's) life planned on his trip to Miami."

Regarding this paragraph, the Director asked, "Isn't this a different and added version?"

The answer to the Director's question is yes. It appears that Walter is attempting to connect his allegations regarding the 11/17/63 teletype with a case the Miami Office was working at the time.

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In an overall review of appropriate files in an attempt to locate anything similar to the alleged 11/17/63 teletype, the General Investigative Division has been searching Bureau file 62-106833 (which contains information relating to threats against President Kennedy and his family from 1960 to the present) and related files. Contained therein are several communications entitled, "Threat to Kill President Kennedy by [redacted] at Miami, Florida, November 9, 1963." [redacted] Georgia, visited [redacted]

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was tape recorded by the Miami Police. [redacted] advised that plans were in the making to kill President Kennedy at some future date. [redacted] said he was familiar with Washington, D. C., and the job could be done from an office or hotel in the vicinity of the White House, using a high-powered rifle. [redacted] at the time, was the [redacted] representative of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. [redacted] suggested that [redacted] a Klansman from Chattanooga, Tennessee, was a man who could do the job and [redacted] said he would be willing to help.

The former informant advised the Miami Office on 11/10/63 and initial information regarding this was furnished by Miami to the Bureau and SAC, Atlanta, by teletype of that date (Bureau file 62-106833-180). U. S. Secret Service in Washington, D. C., was telephonically advised by FBIHQ promptly upon receipt of the teletype. Miami followed up with an airtel and LHM on 11/11/63. A copy of the LHM was sent to U. S. Secret Service on 11/13/63.

Miami SAC Wesley Grapp objected to giving this information to the U. S. Secret Service Office in Miami for several reasons. The former informant did not desire to discuss the matter with the U. S. Secret Service since he and [redacted] were the only ones present during the conversation. The Miami Secret Service Agent at the time was a former state trooper who was very aggressive and would insist on knowing the informant's identity. SAC Grapp did not feel that the Secret Service Agent would keep the former informant's identity confidential. It should also be noted that the threat did not involve the Miami area. However, Miami Police stated they were advising the U. S. Secret Service.

Details of this matter, including interview of [redacted] and other subsequent investigations, were set forth in the report of Dallas Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated 7/16/64 in the assassination investigation (62-109060-3477). Copies of this report went to the New Orleans Office, and the Warren Commission. [redacted] was considered a suspect in the assassination, but investigation determined he was at home in [redacted] Georgia, on 11/22/63 and had no connection with the assassination. No references are made in the cover pages of the report or the body to the 11/10/63 Miami teletype.

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The information also was set forth in an Atlanta report of 12/1/63 in the Lee Harvey Oswald Internal Security investigation. No copy of this report was sent to New Orleans. It was disseminated to the Warren Commission.

The Miami Office has reviewed their files and found no indication there that information regarding this matter was sent to New Orleans.

On 2/2/67, a newspaper article appeared in "The Miami News," regarding this matter. Details of the meeting between the [Informant] and [redacted] were set forth in the article. The matter was also covered in a 2/22/67 special bulletin of the National Federation of Labor, Incorporated, Miami, Florida, which apparently received widespread distribution in Miami, Florida, and Washington, D. C. It was also covered in 2/3/67 article in "The Sun," a Baltimore, Maryland, newspaper. No mention of the 11/10/63 teletype is found in any of the articles.

No mention of this matter can be found in the Warren Commission Report or its supporting volumes. None of the pertinent names are indexed and a review of pertinent portions of the Report and the testimony of author Mark Lane fails to reveal any reference to the matter.

The Atlanta and New Orleans Offices have been instructed to review their files to determine if any reference is made in communications to New Orleans in this matter to the 11/10/63 Miami teletype.

As indicated above, it has been determined that information regarding the [redacted] matter was furnished to the New Orleans Office in 1964 and Walter might have had access to it prior to his resignation in 1966. It has not yet been determined how he learned of the 11/10/63 Miami teletype since it is not mentioned in any of the material reviewed thus far.

**ACTION:** General Investigative Division will report the results of the records checks being conducted by the Atlanta and New Orleans Offices and continue record reviews to determine if reference is made to the 11/10/63 Miami teletype in any communication going to New Orleans.

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