

Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. C. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. J. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. N. P. Callahan

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DATE: May 1, 1968

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

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The purpose of this memorandum is to briefly summarize the allegations involving William S. Walter, former Security Patrol Clerk, New Orleans Office. Walter alleges New Orleans Office received a teletype from Bureau Headquarters 11/17/63 reporting a threat to President Kennedy in Texas. Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., by letter dated 4/29/68, requested to be furnished results of FBI applicant investigation of Walter prior to his employment by Bureau, as well as any information which would suggest or indicate Walter is or has been subject to mental aberration or stress. Mr. Vinson also requested to be advised if Bureau recommends interview of numerous former employees of New Orleans Office on duty 11/17/63. Letter replying to Mr. Vinson is attached for approval.

BACKGROUND:

New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison alleged on Johnny Carson television show 2/1/68 Walter, a former Security Patrol Clerk of the New Orleans Office, informed Mark Lane, current Garrison assistant, that New Orleans Office of FBI received message from Bureau Headquarters 11/17/63 reporting threat to President Kennedy in connection with latter's trip to Texas. On 2/1/68 Walter contacted Special Agent in Charge (SAC) D. K. Brown of Jacksonville Office and denied Garrison's allegation. On 2/5/68 Walter contacted SAC Robert Rightmyer of New Orleans Office and again denied Garrison's allegation and reported Mark Lane and others were attempting to pressure him to furnish information regarding alleged FBI teletype 11/17/63 to them. On 3/15/68 Walter contacted United States Attorney Louis LaCour in New Orleans and told LaCour and two of latter's assistants, there was such FBI message 11/17/63. Walter was interviewed by SAC Robert G. Jensen of Memphis Office and insisted there was an FBI teletype alleging a threat to President Kennedy received by New Orleans Office 11/17/63 and that he reported receipt of same to Mr. Harry Maynor who was then SAC at New Orleans. Mr. Maynor interviewed 3/27/68 and denied receipt of such communication and stated allegations of Walter unequivocally false.

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7/11/68

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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
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We interviewed 53 employees of New Orleans Office who were on duty in New Orleans 11/17/63 and all denied any knowledge of such FBI communication. Thorough check of records at Seat of Government, New Orleans and Dallas disclosed there was no such communication.

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CURRENT INTEREST:

By letter 4/29/68 Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., of the Department requested to be furnished results of Bureau's applicant investigation of Walter and any other information which would suggest or indicate Walter is or has been subject to mental aberration or stress. Vinson also requested to be advised how many former employees of the Bureau's New Orleans Office (approximately 127) were employed in New Orleans Office 11/17/63 and whether Bureau has any recommendations regarding interview of such employees at this time.

OBSERVATIONS:

Because of the numerous conflicting statements being made by Walter in this matter, Department apparently desires to gain a keener insight of Walter through review of Bureau's applicant investigation reports. There are 11 such applicant investigation reports and no derogatory information concerning Walter is contained in them.

[REDACTED] It is felt such information would be responsive to Mr. Vinson's request whether Walter is or has been subject to mental aberration or stress. In view of this, it is believed we should make available to Mr. Vinson results of our applicant investigation of Walter [REDACTED]

* Since November 1963

OBSERVATIONS AND ACTION CONTINUED OVER

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In making his request for this data, Mr. Vinson assured this Bureau that the data we furnish concerning Walter will be used solely within the Department and will receive no further dissemination.

In connection with Mr. Vinson's request to be furnished number of former employees of the New Orleans Office who were on duty 11/17/63 and whether Bureau contemplates interview of them, it was determined that such information is not readily available in our files. To obtain such data would necessitate a tedious, painstaking and costly review of payroll records. Since we have already interviewed 53 employees of the New Orleans Office who were on duty 11/17/63, and have also interviewed former SAC Harry Maynor who stated Walter's allegations are completely false, it is not justified from a cost or effort standpoint to make further efforts to identify, locate and interview former employees of the New Orleans Office.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to Mr. Vinson transmitting 11 applicant investigation reports concerning Walter

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We are pointing out to Mr. Vinson that in view of the cost and effort involved to identify, locate and interview former employees of the New Orleans Office as of 11/17/63, we do not feel such action is justified at this time. This memorandum and the enclosed letter to Assistant Attorney General Vinson should be routed through the Administrative Division for concurrence.

R.C.

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