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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 3, 1968

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

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

Memorandum Mr. Branigan to Mr. Sullivan dated 5/3/68 in captioned matter summarized various courses of action Department of Justice was considering for dealing with the false allegations of William S. Walter, former clerk of the New Orleans Office. Walter is falsely claiming that the New Orleans Office received a teletype from Bureau Headquarters 11/17/63 reporting a threat to President Kennedy in connection with the latter's trip to Texas. Referenced memorandum reported that unless Bureau had objections, Department planned to write a letter to Walter's attorney, Guy Wootan, and in carefully chosen language, point out to Wootan that Walter's allegations were false and that this Government could conclusively establish their falsehood; further that this Government would view any false testimony by Walter with extreme concern and take what necessary action is desirable to protect the Government's interest.

In accordance with the approved action regarding referenced memorandum, Departmental officials were informed that Bureau had no objection to its proposed course of action wherein the Department would send a letter to Mr. Wootan. Department was also informed that a check of our records disclosed only one communication was sent from Bureau Headquarters to New Orleans Office 11/17/63 and three communications were sent to New Orleans Office dated 11/16/63 and that none of these related to a threat to President Kennedy and that if necessary, such communications could be produced in a criminal trial against Walter.

By letter dated 5/7/68 Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., of the Criminal Division of the Department, advised that the Department plans to have the

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United States Attorney's Office in New Orleans seek to confer with Walter's attorney, Guy Wootan, regarding the possible subpoena of Walter before an Orleans Parish Grand Jury. Apparently, the Department feels it is better to orally confer with Wootan rather than furnish him a letter such as originally proposed.

Mr. Vinson also requested that the Criminal Division of the Department and the United States Attorney in New Orleans be immediately advised in the event this Bureau receives any information regarding possible issuance of a subpoena by Garrison for William S. Walter. This request has already been handled since we issued New Orleans Office such instructions by airtel dated 5/7/68. Any data received responsive to Mr. Vinson's request will be immediately made available to the Department and the United States Attorney in New Orleans.

ACTION:

For information.

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