

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan
FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963 DALLAS, TEXAS

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. P. Mohr
1 - Mr. N.P. Callahan
DATE: May 8, 1968
1 - Mr. Tavel
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Lenihan

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Information has been received by New Orleans Office that William S. Walter, a former security clerk of that office, allegedly has a Government document. The United States Attorney has requested that Walter be interviewed. Details are as follows:

BACKGROUND:

New Orleans District Attorney Garrison, on the Johnny Carson television show February 1, 1968, claimed that William S. Walter, former security clerk of the New Orleans Office, informed Mark Lane, an assistant to Garrison, that the New Orleans Office received a teletype from Bureau Headquarters November 17, 1963, reporting a threat to President Kennedy in connection with the latter's trip to Texas. Walter subsequently contacted Special Agent in Charge (SAC) D. K. Brown of Jacksonville Office and Robert Rightmyer of New Orleans Office and denied Garrison's allegation. However, he later told United States Attorney LaCour and two of LaCour's assistants there was such a teletype. He was interviewed by SAC Robert Jensen of the Memphis Office and insisted there was such an FBI teletype. It is currently contemplated that Walter will be subpoenaed for testimony by Garrison, and Walter's attorney has been in contact with the United States Attorney concerning his possible testimony.

PERSONNEL RECORDS UNIT

On May 8, 1968, Supervisor Ernest Wall of New Orleans Office advised that they received a letter from United States Attorney LaCour in the morning mail on May 8, 1968. LaCour's letter read as follows:

"Enclosed herewith is a copy of a memorandum submitted to me this date by my assistant Harry F. Connick.

"It is hereby requested that the FBI interview Mr. Walter to determine if he, upon his leaving

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the employ of the Department of Justice, took with him any Government documents and, more specifically, copies of any teletype communications that may have been received by the New Orleans Office of the FBI."

The memorandum which was enclosed read as follows:

"On Monday, May 6, 1968, at approximately 7 p.m. I saw Mr. Lynn Loisel, Police Investigator, District Attorney's Office, New Orleans, coming from my neighbor's (next door) home. Having known Mr. Loisel for some time, we spoke briefly and the name of Walter came up. Mr. Loisel stated that Walter had a 'Government document,' referring to a communication which was received by the FBI relative to the assassination of President Kennedy."

OBSERVATIONS:

We have conclusively established that there was no teletype from FBI Headquarters to New Orleans or to any other office dated November 17, 1963, reporting a threat to President Kennedy in Texas. Despite Loisel's alleged claim that Walter possesses an FBI document, we highly doubt the veracity of such claim. Nevertheless, we believe that Walter should be specifically questioned about this because if he removed a Government document while employed by the Bureau, he may be subject to criminal prosecution.

The Criminal Division of the Department has been actively following the Garrison investigation and particularly the allegations emanating from William S. Walter. Prior to interviewing Walter, we feel it best to communicate the facts to the attorneys in the Criminal Division and obtain their concurrence for the proposed interview in view of the legal implications involved and since the request for interview originated with the United States Attorney.

ACTION:

If you agree, we will proceed as outlined above.

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