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FROM W. A. Branigan

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

By memorandum of May 8, 1968, it was recommended and approved that we confer with representatives of the Criminal Division of the Department concerning an allegation that William S Walter, a former clerical employee of our New Orleans Office, had a Government document in his possession.

DATE: May 10,

Walter is the former employee whom District Attorney James Garrison claims received a teletype emanating from Bureau Headquarters on November 17, 1963, reporting a possible attack on President Kennedy when he traveled to Texas.

On May 10, 1968, Special Agent Robert E. Lenihan and myself conferred with Carl W. Belcher who has been following the Garrison matter for the Criminal Division of the Department.

Mr. Belcher noted the information that former employee Walter was in possession of a Government document was received by Assistant United States Attorney Harry F. Connick from Lynn Loisel, Police Investigator for Garrison's office. Mr. Belcher was of the opinion that the data set forth by Connick in a memorandum to the United States Attorney in New Orleans was lacking in specifics, and it was therefore agreed that our New Orleans Office would first interview Connick to get further details and thereafter would arrange for the interview by our Memphis Office of William S. Walter, who currently resides in Nashville, Tennessee.

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Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Sylvester, New Orleans, on May 10, 1968, was instructed to arrange for the immediate interview of Assistant United States Attorney Harry F. Connick to get a firsthand account of his conversation with Garrison's investigator. ASAC Sylvester was further instructed that he thereafter should furnish the necessary details to the Memphis Office and request the immediate interview of William S. Walter. Since there is a possible criminal violation involved, ASAC Sylvester was reminded that Walter should be specifically advised of his rights and that an attempt should be made to obtain a signed statement. It is known that Walter is represented by counsel, and ASAC Sylvester was advised that if Walter insisted on his attorney being present, there would be no objection to this.

ACTION:

We will keep you advised of further developments.

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