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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (175-5)(C)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS;
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 9/24/75, THOMAS CECIL MC CURLEY, former clerk with the FBI, telephonically contacted the Jackson Office and advised he had been contacted by a representative of the press concerning a communication allegedly received by the New Orleans Office in 1963 which was reported to the press by a former employee of the FBI, WILLIAM S. WALTER.

MC CURLEY was contacted by SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD on 9/24/75, at which time he furnished the following information:

He was previously employed as a clerk with the FBI in Washington, D.C., from November, 1960, to October, 1961; in the New Orleans Office from January, 1962, to July, 1964; and in the Jackson Division from July, 1964, to January, 1966, at which time he moved back to New Orleans, Louisiana.

While employed in the New Orleans Division, he worked the shift from 4:00 P.M. to 12 o'clock midnight, and

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 - 1 - Dallas (89-43) (Info)
 - 1 - New Orleans (89-69) (Info)
 - 1 - Jackson (175-5)
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WILLIAM S. WALTER worked the shift from 12 o'clock midnight to 8:00 A.M.

WALTER reported to Attorney MARK LANE that he had observed a teletype received by the New Orleans Division stating that an attempt would be made on the life of President KENNEDY and that all offices should be aware of this.

MC CURLEY advised that he had never seen such a communication; however, WALTER, for some unknown reason, would say to him, "You remember that teletype that came in concerning attempt to assassinate President KENNEDY".

WILLIAM S. WALTER, in his opinion, likes attention and is very outspoken.

WALTER left the FBI in 1966, divorced his wife, moved to Nashville, Tennessee, and the last he had learned was that WALTER is currently residing in Patterson, Louisiana, and has remarried.

Approximately two weeks ago MC CURLEY received a telephone call at his office from one JOHN AINSWORTH, from the Dallas Times Herald, who stated he inquired of MC CURLEY as he had worked with BILL WALTER. AINSWORTH indicated that BILL WALTER called the Dallas newspaper from New Orleans and indicated to him that he had a document concerning a possible attempt on the life of President KENNEDY in November, 1963.

MC CURLEY advised AINSWORTH that he did not know of any such document, and if he did know, "I would not tell anyone about it because I had signed a document upon my leaving the FBI not to disclose confidential material".

MC CURLEY advised AINSWORTH that WALTER is quite outspoken and likes attention.

AINSWORTH advised MC CURLEY that he feels the same way about WALTER.

AINSWORTH advised that in his telephone conversation with WALTER, WALTER indicated that MC CURLEY

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knew about the communication and that MC CURLEY's roommate also knew about it.

AINSWORTH inquired of MC CURLEY who his roommate was at that time, and he advised AINSWORTH that one KEN KENDRICKS was his roommate at that time. AINSWORTH also stated that WALTER indicated that the person who worked the day shift may have seen this communication. AINSWORTH inquired of MC CURLEY if he knew who this person was, and MC CURLEY told him ROY SIMON.

AINSWORTH advised MC CURLEY that he could not believe WALTER's story.

On 9/24/75, he received a call from an individual who gave his name, but MC CURLEY could not recall it, who stated that he was calling for DAN RATHER of the CBS News.

MC CURLEY received this call at his office, and the caller indicated that he was calling from New York and that he had checked with Dallas and got some information concerning a communication regarding the assassination of President KENNEDY.

The caller indicated that he had a copy of this teletype in question on his desk and read it to MC CURLEY.

To the best of MC CURLEY's recollection, the caller stated the following:

"Threat to the President of the United States, 11/22,23/63. This is to advise that a militant organization has threatened the life of President Kennedy, 11/22,23/63. This is for information."

MC CURLEY advised that the communication was short, however, had Bureau terminology.

MC CURLEY advised that he told the caller that he had never seen such a communication while employed with the FBI.

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MC CURLEY advised that he currently resides at [REDACTED] Jackson, Mississippi, and is employed as a systems analyst with the [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Jackson, Mississippi.

MC CURLEY added that the last contact he had with WALTER was in either 1968 or 1969, in that WALTER owed him approximately \$300 to \$350 in which they both purchased a sailboat in 1966; however, WALTER defaulted on his payments to MC CURLEY.

No further action is being taken by the Jackson Division, UACB.