

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gallagher *Joe*

FROM : B. H. Cooke *Joe*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF  
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
11/22/63  
DALLAS, TEXAS

DATE: September 18, 1975

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Jenkins
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. O'Connell
- 1 - Mr. Cooke
- 1 - Mr. Nettles
- 1 - Mr. Bassett
- 1 - Mr. McDermott
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Reference is made to B. H. Cooke to Mr. Gallagher memorandum of 9/15/75, concerning allegations that a teletype was sent from FBIHQ on 11/17/63 which stated an attempt would be made to assassinate President Kennedy when he visited Dallas, Texas, on 11/22/63.

On 9/15 and 16/75, the General Investigative Division reviewed all communications which were sent from FBIHQ designated for all offices (which could be identified through abstracts on file) for the period 11/12/63 through 11/22/63. None of these communications contained information in any way pertaining to a threat to assassinate President Kennedy in Dallas in November, 1963.

Additionally, all abstracts on file regarding communications from FBIHQ designated for all offices for the months of October and November, 1963, have been reviewed with no indication found of any such prior information.

The above searches included communications designated for all offices, all SACs and Legats, and those sent to SAC, Albany with copies to all other offices. 62-109860-7330

No indication has been found that FBIHQ made prior notification to the Dallas Office of the upcoming November, 1963, Presidential visit to Dallas.

A review of pertinent Bureau files and contact with appropriate personnel in the Intelligence Division reveal that prior notification to the field of upcoming Presidential visits was not in 1963 and is not now a routine procedure. Policy

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Cooke to Gallagher Memo

Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

prior to the assassination of President Kennedy was to disseminate all information obtained regarding threats against the President to the United States Secret Service. Within days after the assassination, the "Travel of the President in the United States and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (TROPUS)," program was instituted. All offices were instructed to disseminate, not only threat information, but also information concerning persons showing emotional instability or irrational behavior; persons who have made threats of bodily harm against officials or employees of Federal, state or local governments or officials of foreign governments; individuals expressing strong and violent anti-United States sentiments and who have been involved in bombings or bomb making or whose past conduct indicates tendencies toward violence; and individuals whose prior actions or statements depict propensity for violence and hatred against organized government. All offices were instructed to initiate a file review to identify persons fitting into the expanded categories. This was to be completed within 30 days unless information was received indicative of Presidential travel in a field division, in which event the review was to be completed immediately. All information developed was to be disseminated to United States Secret Service. Instructions were issued for all investigative personnel to be alert in connection with day-to-day investigations for persons meeting this criteria. United States Secret Service was to be promptly furnished a memorandum setting forth pertinent background data and a succinct statement of facts forming the basis for the determination that he falls within the designated categories.

In connection with foreign travel of the President, United States Secret Service does notify the FBI with a request for all pertinent intelligence information. These communications are relayed to the concerned Legats.

Prior notification to the field regarding domestic Presidential travel is not made for several reasons. All information falling within the categories according to the agreement between the FBI and the United States Secret Service is disseminated to United States Secret Service as a matter of course. United States Secret Service usually contacts concerned field offices (and local authorities) prior to domestic travel. Also, most domestic travel of the President is a matter of public knowledge.

ACTION: For information.

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