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# Taped Threat, Church Blast Link Seen

A three-year-old tape recording made two weeks before President John F. Kennedy's assassination and warning him that he would be killed, may be a tie-in with the unsolved Oct. 15, 1963, bombing of a Birmingham Negro church, according to press service reports in Miami.

The tape, played for news yesterday by Miami police, recorded a conversation between two unidentified men which sketchily outlined a plan for murdering Kennedy the same way he was assassinated

by sniper fire "from an office building with a high powered rifle."

One of the speakers on the recording mentions repeatedly a man named "Brown" who reportedly wished to assassinate Negro leader Martin Luther King and who was linked with the Birmingham bombing.

**Blast Rocks Church**  
"Brown", the man indicated, was a close associate of his and was the organizer for a "Constitutional Party."

On a Sunday, Sept. 15, 1963, a dynamite blast rocked the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church here killing four Negro girls attending services there. The explosion blew out windows on the east side of the building and shattered windows in nearby establishments.

The incident touched off street battles and scattered shooting which injured 19 other persons. Shortly after the bombing Gov. George Wallace issued a \$5000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the bomber.

It was never collected and the bomber was never caught.

**Played For Newsmen**  
The recording was played at a press conference after the Miami News first disclosed existence of the recording in police files and quoted extensively from it.

The plot to kill Kennedy was outlined by an unidentified man under questioning by an undercover interrogator in a Miami apartment on Nov. 9, 1963, according to Miami police.

"Kennedy knows he is a marked man — sure he does, sure he does," the man said. He said the assassination plot was "in the works."

The tape makes no mention of Dallas, however, or of Lee Harvey Oswald, Kennedy's convicted slayer.

**Secretly Taped**  
The recording was made by intelligence agents of the Miami Police Dept. who secretly taped the conversation and turned it over to the U. S. Secret Service a week later.

Police would make no comment on the circumstances of the taped recording. However, it was made only nine days prior to Kennedy's Nov. 18, 1963, visit to Miami Beach for a speech to the Inter-American Press Assn. and presumably was part of a tight advance police security investigation of the Miami area.

The man under questioning reportedly said "to get this Kennedy is going to be a hard proposition." He said, however, that bodyguards surrounding the President would prove no problem in an assassination attempt.

**Suggests Sniper Shot**  
"The more bodyguards he has, the easier it is to get him," the man stated. He suggested that "the best way" to kill Kennedy would be:

"From an office building with a high powered-rifle. The Secret Service never covers all the office buildings where he is going."

He also suggested Kennedy could be killed in Washington but "it's the wrong time of the year now" — meaning that cold November weather would keep the President indoors at the White House.

"But if he comes out during pleasant weather on the (White House) veranda you could pick him off from a hotel across the way."

Kennedy was assassinated two weeks after the recording was made — on Nov. 22, 1963 — in Dallas, Tex.

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