

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan

February 6, 1968

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
DALLAS, TEXAS**

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William S. Walter, a former Security Patrol Clerk of the New Orleans Office of the FBI, appeared at our New Orleans Office February 2, 1968, to volunteer further information concerning the situation wherein his name was mentioned on the Johnny Carson television show of January 31-February 1, 1968, by New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison. On such show, Garrison alleged that Mark Lane had recently interviewed Walter at which time Walter allegedly told Lane he was aware of a TWX message to all southern regional offices of the FBI alerting such offices that there would be an attempt to assassinate President Kennedy in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963.

William S. Walter informed our New Orleans Office on February 2, 1968, that when he returned to New Orleans from Jacksonville, Florida, at approximately 12:30 p.m., February 2, 1968, he found a letter from Mark Lane which had been slipped under the door of his apartment. Walter produced the letter which read as follows:

"A considerable period of time has passed since you informed me that you would contact me. I have called the telephone number that you gave to me and there has been no answer. I have visited your apartment and no one has been home.

"In the circumstances I feel that I should repeat my statement to you. There are two ways that the material that you referred to may be used. Either you may give to me the telegram

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which speaks for itself and I give to you the assurance again that your name will not be mentioned in connection with it or I recommend to Mr. Garrison that he use all of the other data available including a sworn statement by me as to our conversation. Mr. Garrison is most reluctant to utilize a statement which refers to you by name but if no other proof is available I do not see how he can do anything else. This step would be obviated by your delivering the telegram or a copy of it to me.

"The President is dead. His murderers remain unpunished and the American people uninformed as to the details of his death. You are in a position to bring about a dramatic change in that very unsatisfactory state of affairs. I hope you will do so voluntarily. Should you refuse to do so then I will advise Mr. Garrison that it is my very strong opinion that a statement from me, referring in detail to our conversation, should be publicly released within the next fortyeight to seventytwo hours."

Mr. Walter further informed our New Orleans Office on February 2, 1968, that he immediately contacted Mark Lane through a telephone number listed to Mr. Garrison's office. According to Walter, Lane stated he had been trying to get in touch with Walter but had been unable to reach him. Walter told Lane he had seen the Johnny Carson show and did not approve of what Lane and his associates were doing, since the information attributed to Walter on the television program was totally false. Walter stated he emphatically denied to Lane the statements attributed to him at any time.

Walter further advised that Lane informed him that Lane and his associates believed Walter had valuable information and that they thought the release of Walter's information on television was the best thing to do under the circumstances since Walter could not be contacted.

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Walter stated he told Lane "You mean the only thing you could do was to attribute statements to me on national television that were totally false. I did not say these things to you or anyone else."

According to Walter, Lane then told him that the best thing Lane and his associates could do would be to take Walter before the Grand Jury and find out whether Walter had any information. Walter stated he told Lane to go ahead and bring him before the Grand Jury since he had nothing to hide and could only tell the truth. Walter stated he further told Lane that he wanted Lane to know that he thought the FBI was a fine organization and that he did not approve of what Lane was trying to do in involving him in the Garrison investigation since he had no information of value concerning such investigation. Walter further advised that Lane told Walter he could not hide from them and suggested that if a TWX message existed, Walter should contact his friends who were formerly employed by the FBI in an effort to obtain a copy of the TWX message so that Lane could be furnished a copy of it.

Walter also advised our New Orleans Office that during his first conversation with Mark Lane several weeks ago, Lane told him that he possessed information about an FBI TWX message and that there are people who are putting their jobs and lives on the line in order to cooperate with Lane. Walter stated that Lane did not indicate whether these people were employees of the FBI nor did he furnish any information as to their identities. Walter stated it was his impression that Lane is endeavoring to locate disgruntled former employees of the FBI who might be persuaded to cooperate with him in his investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

In conclusion, Walter informed our New Orleans Office that he has contacted Mr. Guy Wooten, an attorney in New Orleans, and that he intends to confer in detail with Wooten in this matter in the immediate future. Walter stated he does not plan to testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in connection with Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

NOTE: This letterhead memorandum was disseminated as an enclosure to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House and to the Attorney General by cover letters dated February 6, 1968.