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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

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

On January 31-February 1, 1968, Johnny Carson had as his guest on his television show New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison. My letters of February 5, 1968, and February 6, 1968, summarized an allegation made by Garrison on the Johnny Carson show relating to William S. Walter, a former Security Patrol Clerk of the New Orleans Office of the FBI. In addition, we have also furnished to the Department a copy of a memorandum dated February 5, 1968, at Jacksonville, Florida, and a copy of a memorandum dated February 5, 1968, at New Orleans, Louisiana, both of which set forth in detail information volunteered to us by Walter relating to Garrison's allegation involving Walter.

For your additional information in this matter, United States Attorney Louis C. LaCour and Assistant United States Attorneys Harry F. Connick and Gene S. Palmisano informed our New Orleans Office on March 19, 1968, that William S. Walter and the latter's attorney, Mr. Guy Wooten, visited Mr. LaCour's office March 15, 1968. Messrs. LaCour, Connick and Palmisano all recalled that during their conference with Mr. Walter and Mr. Wooten, Walter stated that he recalled being on duty at the New Orleans FBI Office from 12 o'clock midnight to 8 a.m., November 17, 1963, and that he was the only individual on duty during this shift. Walter added that he recalled receiving sometime during the early morning hours of November 17, 1963, a teletype from FBI Headquarters, Washington, D. C., which stated there would be an attempt on the life of President Kennedy in connection with the President's trip to Texas.

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Mr. Connick stated it was his recollection that Walter claimed the teletype in question was addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Office and to other cities. He also recalled that Walter stated he probably notified Mr. Harry G. Maynor, then Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Office, of the receipt of this teletype from FBI Headquarters. Mr. Connick further recalled that Walter stated he does not have a copy of the teletype in question and has no information as to who might possess a copy of it. Mr. Connick also recalled that Walter stated he has not furnished a copy of this teletype to Mark Lane. Mr. Palmisano recalled that during the conference with Walter, Walter stated he had been contacted by Mark Lane following the appearance of New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison on the Johnny Carson show. Mr. Palmisano recalled that Walter stated he had told Mark Lane he knew of no such teletype but that actually he had lied to Lane for the reason that upon his departure from the FBI he had been instructed that he was not to divulge any information obtained by him during his Bureau employment.

For your further information, Mr. LaCour informed our New Orleans Office that he has no information indicating Walter is under subpoena by Garrison's office but that Walter's attorney, Mr. Wooten, has been in telephone conversation with Garrison at which time Garrison indicated it is his intention to subpoena Walter.

For your further information, Mr. LaCour informed our New Orleans Office on March 19, 1968, that neither he, Mr. Connick or Mr. Palmisano took any notes during their conference with Walter and Wooten because they wanted to let Walter talk. Mr. LaCour also stated he did not question Walter about the information Walter had furnished to the Jacksonville Office of the FBI or the New Orleans Office of the FBI in this particular matter.

In view of the conflicting information that was furnished to Messrs. LaCour, Connick and Palmisano to that which was previously furnished by Walter to this Bureau, it is our intention to immediately contact Mr. Walter in an effort to resolve the conflicting data being furnished by

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him in this particular matter. During our interview with Walter, we intend to ask him to furnish to us a signed statement setting forth the full facts in this matter. In view of the possible legal implications in our contact with Walter in this matter, we would like to be advised by you whether there is any objection to such an interview by us in this matter at this time.

We would appreciate an immediate response from you in this matter.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Edwin L. Weisl, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

NOTE:

William S. Walter, former Security Patrol Clerk, New Orleans Office, resigned in September, 1966, while on probation for demonstrating atrocious judgment concerning activities while on sick leave. On Johnny Carson show 1/31-2/1/68 Garrison alleged Walter possessed information there was an FBI communication sent to New Orleans 11/17/63 reporting a threat against President Kennedy regarding Kennedy's forthcoming trip to Texas. Walter subsequently contacted Jacksonville Office and New Orleans Office and emphatically denied Garrison's allegation. Walter claimed Mark Lane was attempting to pressure him to state there was such an FBI communication. On 3/19/68 U. S. Attorney LaCour, New Orleans, advised Walter now claims there was an FBI communication 11/17/63 as alleged by Garrison. Desirable Walter be interviewed immediately, pinned down and be asked to give a signed statement in this matter. / Before proceeding with such interview we are contacting Department to get concurrence to such interview in view of legal implications involved.