

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date March 19, 1968

William Walter, former Security Patrol Clerk, New Orleans Office, resigned in 9/60 while on probation for demonstrating atrocious judgment concerning activities while in sick leave status. On the Johnny Carson television show 2/1/68 James C. Garrison claimed that Walter told Mark Lane the New Orleans Office received a TWX message 11/17/63, advising there would be an attempt to assassinate President Kennedy in Dallas on 11/22/63. Exhaustive search of our files at Headquarters, New Orleans, Dallas and other FBI Offices disclosed no such communication.

On 2/1/68 Walter contacted Jacksonville Office and said that the statements attributed to him by Garrison were completely false. Walter said he never saw a teletype or any other message of the type alleged to exist by Garrison and Mark Lane. On 2/5/68 Walter told New Orleans Office Lane was attempting to pressure him to acknowledge existence of a TWX message. Walter stated he told Lane he possessed no information about any TWX message.

In view of Walter's statements as reported in attached teletype, it is felt we should interview him, pin him down and take a signed statement from him. By separate communication we are writing to the Attorney General to get concurrence to such action in view of legal implications involved.

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