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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

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

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. J. P. Mohr
- DATE February 1, 1968
- 1 - Mr. N. P. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Dishop
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan
- 1 - 67-581608 (Walter)

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| Mr. Tolson   |  |
| Mr. DeLoach  |  |
| Mr. Mohr     |  |
| Mr. Bishop   |  |
| Mr. Casper   |  |
| Mr. Callahan |  |
| Mr. Conrad   |  |
| Mr. Felt     |  |
| Mr. Gale     |  |
| Mr. Rosen    |  |
| Mr. Sullivan |  |
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| Mr. Trotter  |  |
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| Miss Holmes  |  |
| Miss Gandy   |  |

On January 31-February 1, 1968, Johnny Carson had as his guest on his television show New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison. Toward the end of the show, where Carson was pressing him for the new evidence he supposedly had to offer, Garrison referred to Mark Lane, who had been helping him in the investigation, and said that Lane had interviewed William S. Walter, a former Security Clerk of the New Orleans Office of the FBI, in January, 1968. Lane and his wife submitted an affidavit to Garrison with results of the interview.

Walter informed Lane that he had been employed by the FBI in 1963 as a Security Clerk of the New Orleans Office. On the morning of 11/17/63 he received a TWX message directed to all southern regional offices of the FBI. The message advised that an attempt to assassinate President Kennedy would be made in Dallas on 11/22/63. Walter stated he was alone on duty on the Midnight to 8:00 a.m. shift. He immediately called the SAC of New Orleans, Mr. Maynor, and informed him of the message. He was advised or informed to call a number of agents in New Orleans and tell them to maintain contact with various informants.

Walter also said that an FBI directive ordered the New Orleans Office to direct the various agents who had conducted interviews concerning the assassination of President Kennedy to examine those interview reports to make sure there were no conflicts contained within them. The agents were ordered to resolve the conflicts, prepare new reports and to destroy the old ones.

William S. Walter was employed as a file clerk by our New Orleans Office from June, 1961, until he was separated for military service on December 4, 1961. He

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was reinstated on August 14, 1962, and in August, 1963, he was designated as a Security Patrol Clerk in the New Orleans Office. He submitted his resignation in September 1966.

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SAC Rightmyer of the New Orleans Office, on February 1, 1968, advised that they had received a call from ASAC J. O'Connor of the Jacksonville Office, who reported that at 8:00 a.m. this morning an individual identifying himself as William S. Walter called SAC D. V. Brown. Walter said that he was the person who was mentioned by Garrison on the Johnny Carson Show last night. According to Walter, he was contacted three weeks ago by Mark Lane. He advised that he did not give any signed statement. Briefly, Walter related that about three weeks ago he was contacted by Mark Lane and was queried as to whether or not there was a TWX that went to all offices reporting that President Kennedy was to be killed. Walter said he told Lane he did not know whether he was on duty or not and, even if he was on duty, he would not be in a position to give Lane any information. Walter told SAC Brown that he was currently in a travel status in Jacksonville and was wondering whether someone had tried to contact him on the matter. He said he would call the Jacksonville Office later this morning.

Walter recontacted the Jacksonville Office and spoke to ASAC O'Connor at approximately 9:00 a.m. and indicated that, while he would be moving about, he would recheck with the office later today.

Since Walter has made contact with us and indicated a desire to set the record straight, our Jacksonville Office has been instructed to interview him concerning the statements attributed to him by Garrison.

Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

SAC Rightmyer advised that a search of the files of the New Orleans Office had been conducted and there was absolutely no teletype received alleging that President Kennedy would be assassinated in Dallas on November 22, 1963. Garrison has previously made that same allegation and we have made a very thorough, penetrating review of our files at the Seat of Government and at Dallas, and no teletype of this type was located.

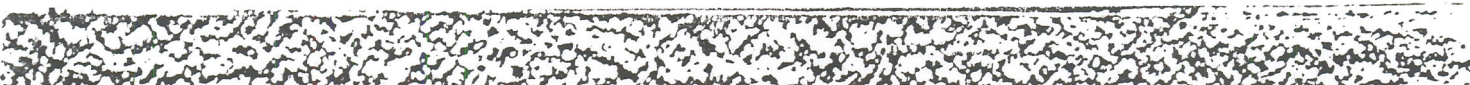
In connection with this matter, SAC Rightmyer noted that the New Orleans Office, along with all other Bureau Offices, received a teletype from the Bureau at 9:22 p.m. on the night of November 22, 1963. This teletype instructed all Offices to immediately contact all informants, security, racial, and criminal, as well as other sources, to develop any information bearing on the assassination of President Kennedy. All offices were instructed to immediately determine the whereabouts of all bombing suspects, all known Klan members, and members of hate groups and known racial extremists.

*I want to know more about this -/A*  
SAC Rightmyer also noted that employees of the New Orleans Office had ascertained some gossip that former Clerk Walter [REDACTED]

ACTION:

Jacksonville Office will advise us of the results of their interview and we will keep you informed in this matter. When full details of this matter are received, appropriate dissemination will be made.

*[Handwritten initials and marks: a checkmark, 'W.C.S.', and '11/2']*



Enclosure  
Memorandum Mr. W. A. Branigan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
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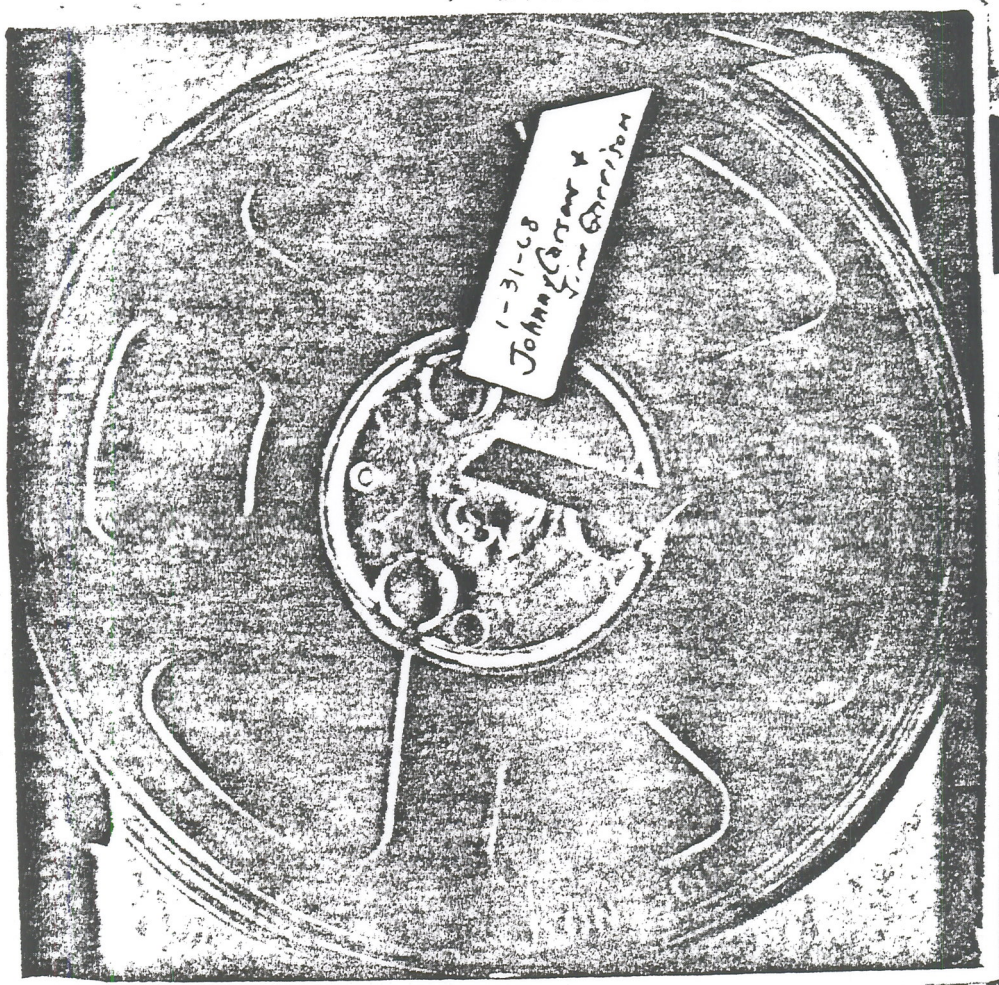
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