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TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 10/7/75

FROM : B. H. Cooke

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
 PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
 11/22/63
 DALLAS, TEXAS

Attached is a newspaper article from the 10/3/75 edition of the "Washington Star-News," which pertains to the allegations of former New Orleans Office Security Patrol Clerk William S. Walter that a teletype was sent from FBIHQ to all field offices on 11/17/63 stating that a militant revolutionary group might attempt to assassinate President Kennedy during his visit to Dallas, Texas.

In the article, Walter is quoted as saying, "Secondly, on November 10, 1963, there was a teletype that was sent from the Miami FBI Office to the Washington Bureau Headquarters saying that there was a possible attempt planned against his (Kennedy's) life planned on his trip to Miami."

Regarding this paragraph, the Director asked, "Isn't this a different and added version?"

The answer to the Director's question is yes. It appears that Walter is attempting to connect his allegations regarding the 11/17/63 teletype with a case the Miami Office was working at the time.

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In an overall review of appropriate files in an attempt to locate anything similar to the alleged 11/17/63 teletype, the General Investigative Division has been searching Bureau file 62-106833 (which contains information relating to threats against President Kennedy and his family from 1960 to the present) and related files. Contained therein are several communications entitled, "Threat to Kill President Kennedy by [redacted] at Miami, Florida, November 9, 1963." [redacted] Georgia, visited [redacted]

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was tape recorded by the Miami Police. [redacted] advised that plans were in the making to kill President Kennedy at some future date. [redacted] said he was familiar with Washington, D. C., and the job could be done from an office or hotel in the vicinity of the White House, using a high-powered rifle. [redacted] at the time, was the [redacted] representative of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. [redacted] suggested that [redacted] a Klansman from Chattanooga, Tennessee, was a man who could do the job and [redacted] said he would be willing to help.

The former informant advised the Miami Office on 11/10/63 and initial information regarding this was furnished by Miami to the Bureau and SAC, Atlanta, by teletype of that date (Bureau file 62-106833-180). U. S. Secret Service in Washington, D. C., was telephonically advised by FBIHQ promptly upon receipt of the teletype. Miami followed up with an airtel and LHM on 11/11/63. A copy of the LHM was sent to U. S. Secret Service on 11/13/63.

Miami SAC Wesley Grapp objected to giving this information to the U. S. Secret Service Office in Miami for several reasons. The former informant did not desire to discuss the matter with the U. S. Secret Service since he and [redacted] were the only ones present during the conversation. The Miami Secret Service Agent at the time was a former state trooper who was very aggressive and would insist on knowing the informant's identity. SAC Grapp did not feel that the Secret Service Agent would keep the former informant's identity confidential. It should also be noted that the threat did not involve the Miami area. However, Miami Police stated they were advising the U. S. Secret Service.

Details of this matter, including interview of [redacted] and other subsequent investigations, were set forth in the report of Dallas Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated 7/16/64 in the assassination investigation (62-109060-3477). Copies of this report went to the New Orleans Office, and the Warren Commission. [redacted] was considered a suspect in the assassination, but investigation determined he was at home in [redacted] Georgia, on 11/22/63 and had no connection with the assassination. No references are made in the cover pages of the report or the body to the 11/10/63 Miami teletype.

