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FBI HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE JFK ASSASSINATION

Five days before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the FBI knew that an attempt to kill him would be made on November 22, 1963, in Dallas, Texas, according to Mark Lane, the Director of the Citizens Commission of Inquiry.

In a statement released today, Lane said, that the Washington headquarters of the FBI had informed all southern regional offices of the FBI on November 17th that " an attempt to assassinate President Kennedy would be made in Dallas on November 22, 1963."

Lane stated that William S. Walter, a security clerk in charge of the New Orleans office of the FBI from midnight to 8 a.m. had received a TWX message from the national office of the FBI on that date informing the New Orleans FBI that an attempt would be made.

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

According to the Director of the Citizens Commission of Inquiry, " recent revelations demonstrate that the FBI did destroy documents and reports that conflicted with the FBI's preconception that Oswald was the lone assassin.

It is now clear that we know no more about the assassination of President Kennedy today than we knew eleven and a half years ago. Therefore, the Citizens Commission of Inquiry joins seventy-eight members of Congress, currently sponsoring resolutions on the assassination, in demanding an immediate public investigation by Congress into all the facts surrounding the death of John F. Kennedy."

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