## U.S. Probes Charge BI Alert on

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The Justice Department is message. sinate President Kennedy in FBI office had seen the mes- leged warning but that it drew Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, ac. sage. He said last night that the at the time. cording to an FBI spokesman.

in the early morning hours of said. Nov. 17, 1963.

old bank official in Morgan City, La. Walter reportedly was a security clerk on the midnight to 8 a.m. shift in the FBI's New Orleans office at the time of the assassination viewed, according to the net-and was in the office when work. the warning was teletyped in.

Harry Maynor, special agent in charge of the New Orleans office at that time, denied there was such a message of warning.

in. He said he made a copy of of the Kennedy assassination. the message, and quoted it as saying that "a militant revolutionary group may attempt" to assassinate the President dur- stroyed a letter sent to an FBI ing his visit to Dallas. Walter said that FBI offices in New

Orleans, Mobile and Dallas ac- to Jim Garrison, the New

New Orleans FBI office must The charges focus on a re- have acted on the information ter told him of another FBI port first made in 1968 that a in the teletype. "You just teletype, received after the message warning of such an don't ignore something like assassination, directing "agents attempt was sent from FBI that. They would have sent who had conducted interviews headquarters in Washington some kind of communication regarding the assassination of to Southern FBI field offices back. I never did see it," he President Kernedy to examine

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> The new investigation was agent by Lee Harvey Oswald, sion concluded acted alone in the slaying of Kennedy.

> House and Senate panels

Walter's charges apparently terview that he had no "recoling critic of the Warren Commission. Lane told The Post." I can say it is incorrect." last week that he had spoken to Walter in January, 1968, while Walter was a student at Tulane University in New Orleans. Lane quoted Walter as saying that upon regent of as saying that upon receipt of the teletype from Washington, he called the special agent in charge of the New Orleans field office and that he was instructed to "call FBI agents in New Orleans who main-tained contact with various informants.

Lanc said he prepared an affidavit after his interview with Walter and gave a copy

knowledged receipt of the Orleans prosecutor who was then conducting his own in-Late last night he told The vestigation of the assassina-FBI was warned that an attempt would be made to assassing the New Orleans wrote an article about the alvirtually no public attention

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FBI Director Clarence M make sure there were no con-The source of the charges is Kelley said yesterday that the flicts contained within them,"

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Walter did not discuss such a second message in his CBS On Monday, a day before interview. Last night Walter the CBS report, FBI press told the Post that he felt that spokesman Tom Harrington the knowledge of these teletold a Washimgton Post re- tpye messages would not have porter that the assertion has furthered the investigation of been referred to the Justice the assassination but would Walter, in a televised inter- Department to be investigated burt the FBI. He said it was understandable that the FBI said to have been alone in the cerning FBI actions in connec- has not found any such teletypes in its files. "The theme

of the FBI is that you don't embarrass the bureau," he said. sparked by the news a month agent in charge of the New Orleans FBI office in 1963, Harry Maynor, denied that adthe man the Warren Commis- vance warning or instructions suggesting that records be destroyed had been received in his office.

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warned that an assassination on Nov. 22, 1963, according Justice Dept. is investigating charges that the FBI was attempt would be made on President Kennedy in Dallas to an FBI spokesman. WASHINGTON Washington Post

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Probe Began Last Month

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The new investigation was sparked by the news a month ago that FBI officials had destroyed a letter sent to an Oswald, the man the Warren Commission concluded acted FBI agent by Lee Harvey alone in Kennedy's slaying.

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