

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : FILE (89-69)

DATE: 11/23/63

FROM : SAC

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

At 9:20 p.m., 11/22/63, I endeavored to call the Bureau to determine if Bureau instructions to determine whereabouts of Klan members, etc., included authority to interview such persons if there whereabouts could not be determined by other means. The circuits were busy at the time of this call.

At 9:23 p.m., Mr. WILLIAM HYDE of the Bureau called and advised he desired that four Agents be dispatched immediately to Dallas. HYDE stated such Agents should fly to Dallas as there is no need for additional automobiles and that after selecting the Agents a teletype should be sent to the Bureau furnishing the Bureau the identity of the Agents.

SAs deBRUEYS, PEGGS, BASHAM and ZIMMERMAN were assigned to leave for Dallas and left on Delta Flight 611, 7:30 a.m., 11/23/63, which flight is scheduled to arrive at Dallas at 9:33 a.m., 11/23/63. An appropriate teletype has been sent to the Bureau and Dallas.

While talking to Mr. HYDE I requested to be transferred to Mr. BELMONT.

I advised Mr. BELMONT some problems were arising in connection with verifying whereabouts of Klan members for pertinent period from 12:00 noon to 1 p.m., 11/22/63. I asked if it would be satisfactory to interview such persons.

BELMONT was somewhat reluctant to authorize such interviews and desired to know how much of a problem this involved. I advised BELMONT I could not give him an accurate account of the problem but that several instances had already arisen where we were not able to place the Klan member in his home area sufficiently close to 1 pm, 11/22/63, to eliminate the possibility that such person could have been in Dallas, leaving Dallas immediately after the shooting and arranging to arrive in his home area in a short space of time and several hours prior to the time we could establish the person's presence at his home or business by visual observation.

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After considering this matter, Mr. BELMONT stated he would authorize New Orleans to question such persons in instances where there was no other logical way to determine their whereabouts providing there was no indication there would be any repercussions from such contact. BELMONT also advised that another teletype was enroute to all southern offices advising that the Bureau is definitely investigating this matter and keep the Bureau and Dallas advised of all developments.