

Man Told Police Informer How Kennedy Could Be Slain

Miami, Feb. 3 — (UPI) — A tape recording made two weeks before President John F. Kennedy's assassination and warning the chief executive would be killed by a sniper was played to newsmen yesterday by Miami police.

The recording of a conversation between two unidentified men does not mention Lee Harvey Oswald, Mr. Kennedy's assassin, nor the city of Dallas. There is nothing that links it with the assassination, carried out Nov. 22, 1963.

But it sketchily outlines a plan for murdering Mr. Kennedy exactly the way Oswald did it — by sniper fire "from an office building with a high-powered rifle."

Another possibility mentioned in the recording would have been to "pick him off" the White House balcony from "a motel across the way."

Plot Outlined

The plot was spelled out by an unidentified man under questioning by an undercover interrogator in a Miami apartment on Nov. 9, 1963, according to police.

He said, "Kennedy knows he is a marked man—sure he does, sure he does." Referring to the assassination plot mentioned on the tapes, the man emphasized: "Oh, yes, it's in the works."

In the recording, the informer said to the man that Mr. Kennedy would be surrounded by bodyguards. This conversation followed:

Man: "The more bodyguards he has, the easier it is to get him..."

Informer: "Well, how in the hell do you figure would be the best way to get him?"

Man: "From an office building with a high-powered rifle."

Later, the man said, "... take

it (the rifle) up there unassembled and assemble it and..."

Secret Service Told

Intelligence agents of the Miami Police Department secretly taped the conversation between the man and the interrogator, described vaguely as a "police informer."

The recording was turned over to the U. S. Secret Service on Nov. 15, 1963, according to Miami police. Secret Service agents also quizzed the interrogator, police indicated.

The man who disclosed the alleged plot to "get" Mr. Kennedy makes repeated references to a man named "Brown" in the recording.

Plot on Dr. King

"Brown," not otherwise identified, is pictured as man who sought to assassinate the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a civil right group.

Brown is also linked in the recording to the still unsolved Sept. 15, 1963, bomb blast at a Birmingham, Ala., Negro church in which four small girls were killed and 19 people injured.

"Brown" emerges from the recording as an apparent organizer for a "Constitutional Party."

Miami police did not "interpret" the tape or explain it to newsmen.

Police would make no comment on the circumstances of the taped recording. But it was made only nine days before Mr. Kennedy's Nov. 18, 1963, visit to Miami Beach for a speech to the Inter-American Press Association. Presumably it was part of a tight advance police security investigation in this area.