

City of Miami



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Mr. John W. Masland
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Dear Mr. Masland:

Enclosed please find all information in our custody reference your request involving material on the John F. Kennedy assassination.

I hope these materials will prove helpful to your research and I wish you luck in your future endeavors. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 579-6577.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ana Maria Pando".

Ana Maria Pando
Assistant City Attorney

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JFK Assassination

Alerted Miami

News 2/3/67.

Tape

Officials

By BILL BARRY
Reporter of The Miami News

The last sound on the tape is the sound of a slamming door.

It is a sound as loud and final as death itself. The men who slammed the door had just finished talking about the coming death of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

It was Nov. 9, 1963 -- two weeks before the President was assassinated.

The door slammed shut on the Miami apartment in which the men had been talking. Sitting on the refrigerator -- hidden -- was the Miami Police Intelligence tape recorder which had taken down the assassination conversation.

During the conversation, a State's Rights agitator told a Miami Police informer that Kennedy would be killed with a high-powered rifle from an office building. He said somebody would be picked up quickly, just to throw the public off.

He said that Kennedy knew he was a marked man.

The hushed conversation was arranged for one primary reason -- John Kennedy was coming to Miami in nine days. The Miami Police were not about to have him killed here.

The Secret Service and the FBI were informed of the alleged plot to kill the President.

It happened that the FBI was then investigating Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas. The President was due in Dallas Nov. 22. There was to be a motorcade through town on the traditional motorcade route.

At the end of that route is the Texas Book Depository.

On Nov. 1, and Nov. 5, FBI agents went to the house where Marina Oswald was living apart from her husband. The agents talked to Mrs. Ruth Paine who had taken in Marina Oswald.

Ruth Paine told the FBI that Lee Harvey Oswald was working in the Texas Book Depository.

On Nov. 8, Oswald wrote in the Russian Embassy in Washington and said: "The FBI has visited us here in Dallas..."

That was the same day the tape was made.

Miami Police had a bit of a sticky problem in getting the State's Rights agitator to talk about assassination for its tape recorder. The purpose of his visit here was ostensibly to talk to Miami "patriots" about forming a chapter of his State's Rights organization.

He was still feeling out the police informer whom he had first met only four months before. He came down from his Georgia home to talk about organizing, not assassination.

The informer led him on a long, circuitous route to Kennedy. And then he told about the plot. He said it was being planned by the hardcore underground -- the terrorists of the group. He stipulated that they were acting as individuals, and not as the agents of the political party.

The informer tried to persuade him to say where the assassination would be done.

The informer said: "You may have figured out the office building, and all I don't know how them

Secret Service agents cover all them office buildings, or anywhere he is going. Do you know whether they do that or not?"

The State's Rights man said: "Well, if they have any suspicion they do that, of course. But without suspicion chances are that they wouldn't."

He told about a place in Washington where it could be done from. But then he said: "Of course, it is the wrong time of year. But you take pleasant weather; he comes out on the veranda, and somebody could be in a hotel room across the way there, and pick him off..."

It was pleasant weather in Dallas. And there was the office building. The Warren Commission said there was Oswald waiting. The commission also said that if the Secret Service had guarded the Texas Book Depository, Kennedy would have been saved.

The Warren Commission said there were at least five seconds between the first shot which hit Kennedy in the throat and the second shot which killed him.

The Secret Service did not react quickly enough, the commission said.

And that is one of the reasons why the Miami News learned about the tape made in Miami. Last November

the News sent a reporter in Dallas to write some stories about the city where the President was killed. The stories also told about the people who were raising doubts about the Warren Commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.

The stories were circulated in several sections of the country. One man who read them, knew of the tape and told the News about it.

He called, he said: "Because the FBI and the Secret Service knew about the threat to the President."

They knew how it was to be done and they didn't protect him."

Dallas is known as the Southwest hate capital of Dixie. It is the home of the Right Wing. And ever since September, when the Dallas daily newspapers told the people Kennedy was coming, the hostility against the President was rising.

All the while, Oswald's rifle was sitting in Mrs. Paine's garage. She did not tell the FBI what he was doing there. Later, she said she didn't know about it.

After the assassination, the man who had done the talking in Miami got scared. He figured that he knew who had done it. And he figured that they knew that he knew.

Texas editor, Penn Jones, who has been chasing clues to the assassination for three years now says: "I think it was planned in Houston with operating headquarters in Miami, Louisiana, Fort Worth and Dallas."

Three weeks after the assassination, the man who did the talking in Miami, went on a trip which included stops in Louisiana, Fort Worth, and Dallas.

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[REDACTED]

Informant: I don't know, I think Kennedy is coming here on the 18th, or something like that to make some kind of speech, I don't know what it is, but I imagine it will be on the T.V., and you can be on the look for that, I think it is the 18th that he is suppose to be here. I don't know what it is suppose to be about.

Subject: You can bet your bottom dollar he is going to have a lot to say about the Cubans, there are so many of them here.

Informant: Yeah, well he will have a thousand bodyguards don't worry about that.

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

Informant: What?

Subject: The more bodyguards he has the more easier it is to get him.

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

Subject: From an office building with a high powered rifle, how many people (room noise tape not legible) does he have going around who look just like him? Do you know about that?

Informant: No, I never heard that he had anybody.

Subject: He has got them.

Informant: He has?

Subject: He has about fifteen. Whenever he goes any place they (not legible) he knows he is a marked man.

Informant: You think he knows he is a marked man?

Subject: Sure he does.

Informant: They are really going to try to kill him?

Subject: Oh, yeah, it is in the working. Brown himself, Brown is just as likely to get him as anybody. He hasn't said so, but he tried to get [REDACTED]

Informant: He did.

Subject: Oh yes, he followed him for miles and miles, and couldn't get close enough to him.

[REDACTED]

Informant: That is right. They are individual operators, we don't want that within the party. Hitting this Kennedy is going to be a hard proposition, I tell you, I believe, you may have figured out a way to get him, you may have figured out the office building, and all that I don't know how them Secret Service Agents cover all them office buildings, or anywhere he is going, do you know whether they do that or not?

Subject: Well, if they have any suspicion they do that of course. But without suspicion chances are that they wouldn't. You take there in Washington, of course it is the wrong time of the year, but you take pleasant weather, he comes out on the veranda, and somebody could be in a hotel room across the way there, and pick him off just like (fades out).

Informant: Is that right?

Subject: Sure disassemble a gun, you don't have to take a gun up there, you can take it up in pieces, all those guns come knock down, you can take them apart.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: There ain't any count down to it, we have just got to be sitting on go. Count down they can move in on you, and on go they can't. Count down is alright for a slow prepared operation, but in an emergency operation, you have got to be sitting on go.

Informant: Boy, if that Kennedy gets shot, we have got to know where we are at. Because you know that will be a real shake, if they do that.

Subject: They wouldn't leave any stone ~~xxxx~~ unturned there no way. They will pick up somebody within hours afterwards, if anything like that would happen just to throw the public off.

Informant: Oh, somebody is going to have to go to jail, if he gets killed.

Subject: Just like that Bruno Hauptman in the Lindberg case you know.

(Dials telephone)

Informant: "Hello, is Jim there?" "Has he gone to the office?" "Un hun, well, is he coming back home?" "Alright, I will do that, thank you." He has gone out to one of his apartment houses, and he will be back later. We will go see whatamacallit, he closes at 1:00 o'clock. We will go up and see Andrew, and we will double back to Jim's (room noise)

Subject: Actually the only man we are interested in up at that place (room noise - not legible - door closes)