

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (89-43)

DATE: 11/24/63

FROM : SA VINCENT E. DRAIN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY

I delivered the evidence from the FBI Laboratory to Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY and Assistant Chief of Police BATCHELOR, Dallas PD, this date. I told Chief CURRY that the FBI Laboratory had developed some evidence from material sent to the Laboratory by their Department and felt that it would be unwise to give such to the press at this time because of the evidentiary nature of the matter. Chief CURRY stated that he was not going to make available any of the information developed by the FBI Laboratory and that it would only be made available at the time of trial.

District Attorney HENRY WADE came to the Dallas PD on the night of 11/24/63, and Asst. Chief of Police BATCHELOR told WADE it was unwise to give this material to the press and that Chief CURRY had made a commitment to the FBI that he would not release same. Deputy Chief M. W. STEVENSON, CID, Dallas PD, pleaded with WADE not to release this information, as well as Deputy Chief G. L. LUMPKIN. WADE told the press conference himself, according to Asst. Chief BATCHELOR.

I asked HENRY WADE why he had released this information without checking with the FBI and he stated that he knew that if he checked with the FBI, they would object to releasing same, and therefore, called the press conference without conferring with any Bureau representative.

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- ✓ Press Release by DA Henry Wade
- ✓ Embellish
- ✓ FBI Release

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