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The JFK Thing

Internal FBI memos indicate that on November 22, 1963, "reputable businessman" George H.W. Bush "telephonically advised that he wanted to relate some hearsay that he had heard in recent weeks, date and source unknown. He advised that one James Parrott has been talking of killing the president when he comes to Houston." *Who?* Agents investigated and found that 24-year-old James Parrott was a Young Republican who regularly picketed Kennedy-administration officials when they visited Houston. The FBI also learned that the Secret Service in Houston had been told that in 1961, Parrott had said he "would kill President Kennedy if he got near him." Parrott, however, had not been near the president, or even in Dallas, on November 22. Was Bush just being a misguided do-good weenie? Or was he trying to throw the FBI off the trail?

(Conspiracy theorists have linked Bush with the assassination in part because of the appearance of his name in the address book of one George de Morenschildt, a Dallas aristocrat who had befriended Lee Harvey Oswald.) Parrott, now a GOP functionary, told us he is a Bush supporter, at least since Pat Buchanan was eliminated. He denies having threatened JFK and believes that Oswald shot him—under orders from Khrushchev, Castro and Lyndon Johnson—and that there is still a Communist plot to take over the U.S.

—David Robb

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The Lying-About-JFK Thing

Despite the existence of the memo at right, Bush was asked this past January whether he had looked into the assassination during the year he served as CIA director. "No," he replied. "I didn't have any curiosity, because I believed that the Warren Commission, which was acted—when was that finding? When—when was the Warren Commission signed? Was it '63? Which was about 12 years before I was out at the agency was—I saw no reason to question it. Still see no reason to question it."

—D.R.

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A recent Jack Anderson story referred to a November 1963 (?) CIA cable, the subject matter of which had some UK journalist observing Jack Ruby visiting trafficante in jail. Is there such a cable? If so I would like to see it.

This is the same cable that Mike Madigan, Minority Counsel for the SSC, has asked for.

G.P.
George Bush