

FBI Denies Report of JFK Note

MORGAN CITY, La. (UPI) — The FBI has rejected as false a report by a former bureau clerk who said he saw a FBI teletype message warning of a possible attempt on President John F. Kennedy's life five days before Kennedy was killed in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

FBI Director Clarence Kelley said that there is no evidence in the agency's files to indicate the message was sent, and Joseph T. Sylvester, the agent in charge of the New Orleans FBI office where the security clerk, William Walter, worked, also denied the story.

"There was no communication ever warning of a possible attempt prior to the assassination. Is that clear enough?" Sylvester said yesterday.

BUT WALTER said, "Two things tie in with the warning. About a month ago, Mr. Kelley admitted that the FBI had received a note from Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas that was presented to the Dallas FBI office. And Mr. Kelley said two weeks ago that the FBI had destroyed that note.

"Secondly, on Nov. 10, 1963, there was a teletype that was sent from the Miami FBI office to the Washington bureau headquarters saying that there was a possible attempt planned against his (Kennedy's) life planned on his trip to Miami."

Walter said the Dallas message arrived marked "urgent" from Washington on Nov. 17, 1963, when he was alone in the New Orleans FBI bureau. He said it stated: "Information has been received by the bureau that a militant revolutionary group may attempt to assassinate President Kennedy on his proposed trip to Dallas."

The former clerk said he made a transcript of the message four or five days after Kennedy's assassination because he was a political science and history major and felt the message was significant. Walter said his transcript of the message contains several coded identifying symbols, which he declined to reveal.

"I'M KEEPING a few aces in the hole for when it really gets down to a put up or shut up situation," he said.

"I think the FBI did what they had to do to maintain their stature in the federal government," Walter said.

"It didn't change anything. I believe the Warren Commission report and I also believe Oswald was the lone assassin. I don't think the FBI hid any information or failed to reveal any information that would have changed that in any way.

"I was sought out by the news media, I don't have anything to gain on a deal like this and I certainly have probably more to lose than gain," he said.