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J.F.K. ASSASSINATION LINK

Secret Service Mum On Recording Here

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The Secret Service has a

"No comment."

The Secret Service invokes the gag whenever newspaper writers ask questions about cases under its investigation.

Nearly a month ago, The News discovered a recording made here on Feb. 1963 — two weeks before President John F. Kennedy's assassination. In

The State's Rights Party predicted on the tape that Kennedy would be shot with a high-powered rifle from an office building. The plan was in the works and that somebody would be picked up quickly to throw the public off.

Before Kennedy was shot, the police informer coaxed the organizer talking for the hidden order, gave a Secret Service agent a statement about the conversation. The agent picked him up at night and they rode around town until the informer's statement was finished.

Nearly a month ago, The News asked a Miami Secret

Service agent about the tape. The agent said: "I can't comment. And you can't quote me on my 'No comment.'"

The News broke the story Thursday. It was picked up in many major American cities — especially in the South. It made headline news in London and several Canadian cities.

The News then asked Assistant Secret Service Director B. A. Peterson some questions about the tape and about the man who had discussed assassination on it.

He said: "We wouldn't comment at all on anything like that."

Just a short while before, an agent in the service's Miami office had telephoned his headquarters in Washington and read The News story to his superior over the telephone.

He said: "That's it. I'll mail it up. That's all I know about it."

He was also asked about the tape and the man who had talked on it.

He said: "No comment."

The service has a case file on the tape and the man who made it.

The file is marked: Closed. But questions about the

file remain open — and unanswered.

The News has tried to find the man who came to Miami as organizer for the State's Rights Party. He left shortly after talking about assassination.

Miami Police Intelligence men say they do not know where he is. Their informer who talked to the man says: "I have checked everywhere I can think of to find him. I have checked the place where he lived and tried to find out if he still owns property there. Nothing."

"I've checked other people who knew him. They don't know where he is. I can't get a line on him anywhere."

"I'm beginning to wonder

The informer said: "He was glad when Kennedy got killed. But he was scared. He figured he knew the people who did it. He figured they knew he knew. I just can't figure what happened to him."

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