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FBI Tries to Calm Gov. Wallace's Fears

Washington

The FBI has briefed Alabama Governor George C. Wallace at least twice in an effort to allay his suspicions that the attempt to assassinate him in 1972 was part of a conspiracy, according to FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley.

Despite the briefings, Wallace, in interviews and in private conversations, says he believes that Arthur Bremer, the man who shot and

critically wounded him, was a paid assassin.

And now, as he prepares to become a formal candidate for the 1976 Democratic Presidential nomination, Wallace talks as if he will inject his suspicions into his campaign.

"I can't prove it," the governor told the Los Angeles Times, "but I think there's more to it than Bremer. I get a lot of mail from different groups and individuals

who think more people were involved. The whole thing troubles me."

However, Kelley, in response to written questions submitted by the Times, replied, "no information has been developed indicating that Bremer was involved in a conspiracy and all investigation indicates he acted alone."

Kelley wrote the Times that the FBI had interviewed Wallace at least

twice last year — the last time on August 20 — because of news reports that the governor "seemed to feel a conspiracy exists, although he was quoted as having no proof."

Kelley said that after the FBI briefings, Wallace "stated he has no further questions and he was completely satisfied with our investigation."

Nevertheless, Wallace has continued to tell reporters

that, while he is not critical of the FBI investigation and does not have evidence to support his suspicion, he believes Bremer was a paid assassin.

"He keeps telling reporters he doesn't think Bremer acted alone and he may actually believe that," says a veteran Alabama political reporter who knows Wallace well.

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