

No Link To Dallas

Police Tape Reveals Plan To Kill Kennedy

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Miami police have made public a tape recording taken two weeks before the death of President John F. Kennedy in which an unidentified man said the President was "a marked man."

The tape was played for newsmen yesterday after an account of what the recording contained appeared in the Miami News.

Any relation between the information on the tape and the Kennedy assassination Nov. 22, 1963, was discounted by Asst. State Atty. Arthur Huttoe.

Huttoe said the recording, made Nov. 9, 1963, was part of an investigation into the activities of a convicted bomber and others "who used to sit around and threaten to kill a lot of people."

He said the subject on the tape was a member of an extremist group and "in our opinion there is no connection between the death of President Kennedy and this group."

Police would answer no questions about the circumstances under which the recording was made. They said a copy of the transcription was turned over to the federal government prior to the assassination.

The comments on Kennedy came after some 15 minutes of conversation between a police informer and the subject, who was not identified.

Authorities said the man talked to a police informer, who wore "a bug."

At one point, the person being questioned said the best way to kill the President would be "from an office building with a high-powered rifle."

He added that, "He (Kennedy) knows he is a marked man."

"They are really going to kill him?" asked the informer.

"They got something working," said the subject.

He added: "In Washington there — during the pleasant weather — he comes out on the veranda. You could be in the hotel across the way and pick him off. Then you would disassemble the gun and get on out of there."

The subject went on: "They will pick up someone within hours to throw the public off."

Talk centered for a short time on President Kennedy's coming visit to Miami.

"You can bet your bottom dollar he will be talking about the Cubans," the subject declared. "There are so many here."

No mention was made of Dallas, Tex., and the men supposedly planning Kennedy's murder were not named.

Kennedy came to Miami Nov. 18. Police said they dissuaded him from motorcading through the downtown area. Instead, he took a helicopter.

Police said contents of the tape were turned over to the Secret Service after it was made and before Kennedy was killed.

The Secret Service and FBI had no comment.

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