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Mark Lane was in this area today (spoke at Martin Jr. College tonight and at the Palace of Fine Arts in FX tomorrow night and appeared for the last two hours of the Jim Eason show on KGO radio, Harv Morgan officiated, saying that Eason was on vacation until sometime next week. Mostly they retraced events since 22nov63; playing numerous tapes, but toward the end Lane brought up something he said never had been on the air before as far as he knew. He said CBS is working on a show ("I hope it won't be another apology for the Warren Commission.") and recently got in touch with Garrison in N.O., who said why don't you begin with this affidavit. The affidavit turned out to be one Lane had signed on Jan. 30 1968, to give JG a record of something he had picked up. He said it's hard to believe but that he had forgotten about it, until reminded by CBS, because he had committed himself to say nothing publicly about it until another official investigation is launched into the JFK assassination.

As Lane related it on the air, the affidavit tells how he had said he had an audience of 2,000 at Tulane late in January, 1968, and afterward a man named William S. Walter got in touch with him. Walter said he had been the security clerk on duty at the FBI in N.O. on 17nov63 when a TWX message from Hdqs in WX saying that an attempt to assassinate JFK would be made in Dallas on Nov. 23, 1963. Walter said he called SAC Maynard (no first name mentioned) who told him to call all agents in N.O. who worked with informers and tell them to check out their sources. This is not too clear, but apparently Maynard also told him to send similar messages to all southern regional offices. Lane said Walter told him 22nov63 was a special day of horror for him because he knew that the bureau – all southern bureaus – had been forewarned.

Several weeks later, after the investigation of the assassination had got underway, Walter said another TWX message came in from WX, which instructed the N.O. bureau, in view of the now known evidence on the assassination (lone nut, etc.) all reports which had been prepared by agents in N.O. were to be reconsidered, all conflicts to be removed, all documents which would embarrass the bureau were to be removed. New documents were to be prepared and submitted to the FBI office in WX so that they could be screened and sent on to the WC. All conflicting material must be removed and all old documents were to be destroyed. (Lane appeared to be quoting from something but when he began and ended was unclear). Walter went back to find the original TWX warning of the attempt, but it was gone. He told Lane he would be willing to testify to all this before any official re-investigation, but please not use his name until such time a time because a lot of people were being killed, etc. Lane said he was now willing to reveal what Walter told him because it appears such an investigation will take place.

He said he checked at Tulane, where Walter told him he was a student, and found that they had in their records that Walter was a student, and had worked for the FBI during the time frame involved as a security clerk and that he worked the midnight to 8 a.m. shift, (alone in the office, he told Lane).

Lane said when Marty Phillips of CBS asked the FBI in N.O. who had been SAC in Nov63, the FBI refused to tell him.

The rest of lane's appearance (which we taped, editing out commercials for a total residue of about 80 minutes) dealt with matters which appeared to bring up nothing new. If you need a dub, be glad to make it for you.

(Question: was this another red herring thrown across JG's path? Such a suspicion could account for Lane's slow memory, perhaps?)

You ever get a whiff of this? Jdw26sept75