SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM

by-Frederick W. Veters, Assistant U. S. Attorney

The purpose of this supplemental memorandum is to comment upon the accuracy of the report of Special Agent Regis L. Kennedy, dated May 18, 1967, relative to his appearance before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury on May 17, 1967, which was investigating the assassination of our late President John F. Kennedy.

The bulk of Agent Kennedy's report relates to the testimony which he gave to the Orleans Parish Grand Jury. Since I was not present in the Grand Jury room, when Agent Kennedy testified, I will have no comment upon this portion of the report. Rather, I will restrict my remarks to the "instructions" which Agent Kennedy alleges he was given by Mr. Ciolino and me prior to his appearance before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

I specifically take issue with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Pg. 2 of Agent Kennedy's report. Agent Kennedy states in paragraph 1 of Pg. 2: "...After the hearing on the morning of May 17, 1967,....." See Exhibit "A".

At no time did I ever "temper" or modify the instructions of the U. S. Attorney, nor, to my knowledge, did Mr. Ciolino change these instructions.

To the contrary, I repeated them to Agent Kennedy on numerous occasions. So did Mr. Ciolino in my presence. The instructions were, in my opinion, quite clear and understandable. These instructions were that Agent Kennedy was prohibited from testifying to any material or information acquired as a part of the performance of his official duties or because of his official status.

Kennedy was further advised by Messers LaCour and Ciolino, as well as myself, that he could answer such personal and innocuous matters as his name, residence, marital and family status, occupation and number of years employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that as to all other matters, he should invoke the privilege.

Such instructions were consistent and in keeping with the

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telegram of the Attorney General the provisions of which Agent Kennedy was directed to follow.

I recall that Mr. Ciolino advised Agent Kennedy that he should use his common sense when determining in the Grand Jury room what questions were covered by the privilege, but that if he should have any doubt, he should request permission to leave the Grand Jury room for the purpose of consulting with counsel.

In paragraph 2 of Pg. 2 of Agent Kennedy's report he states: "....." See Exhibit "B".

I categorically deny that I ever discussed with Agent Kennedy the possibility that Mr. Garrison might ask him whether he saw David Ferrie on November 22, 1963, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, at the trial of Carlos Marcello on Fraud Against the Government charges. Nor did I ever indicate to him how he should answer such a question.

It should also be stated that at no time do I recall hearing Mr. Ciolino discuss either this question with Agent Kennedy or how he (Kennedy) should answer the question.

In closing, it should be stated that if Agent Kennedy misunderstood instructions given to him by Mr. Ciolino and me, and felt that these instructions were at variance with the instructions of Mr. LaCour or, for that matter, with those of the Attorney General of the United States, as set forthe in his telegram, such alleged variance or inconsistency was never called to my attention nor, to the best of my knowledge, to Messers LaCour and Ciolino prior to Kennedy's appearance before the Grand Jury. It would seem reasonable that one would want to clear up any inconsistency in instructions prior to testifying, if one truly felt that a variance existed.