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RE: ASSASSINATION OF THE LATE JOHN F. KENNEDY

Immediately following the assassination of President Kennedy, Jack S. Martin informed our New Orleans Office that he believed David William Ferrie, an acquaintance of his, was acquainted with Lee Harvey Oswald and was involved in the assassination plot with Oswald. Martin claimed he obtained this idea when he saw a television program which indicated Lee Harvey Oswald attended a Civil Air Patrol Unit in New Orleans when a teen-aged boy. Martin stated that Ferrie was a Commander of one of these Civil Air Patrol Units. Martin stated he felt Ferrie had hypnotized Oswald which led Oswald to murder President Kennedy.

We conducted extensive investigation of Martin's allegations and found no evidence to indicate Ferrie was ever acquainted with Lee Harvey Oswald. Our files indicated that Martin was regarded as a mental case and had a record of hospitalization for a mental illness.

We have checked our files concerning Martin and the following data is set forth to show the type of individual he is:

Martin's true name is Edward Stewart Suggs.

[redacted] Sheriff Bryan Clemmons, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Louisiana, in 10/55. Identification Division records reveal Edward Stewart Suggs, [redacted] was fingerprinted in 5/52 by the U. S. Marshall, Houston, Texas, [redacted]

[redacted] He was turned over to the Sheriff's office, Dallas, Texas, to face the murder charge - disposition not shown of the charge. News last fingerprinted in 1954 by the Galveston, Texas, Police Department when he was charged with [redacted] He was born 7-1-15 in Phoenix, Arizona, and is described as White male, 5'9 1/2" tall, 135 lbs., blond hair and blue eyes.

In December, 1956, Martin caused a disturbance in a store in New Orleans. He was evicted from the store by a guard and store officials indicated at the time that he was an FBI Agent. Our New Orleans Office conducted an investigation to determine if he was impersonating an FBI Agent and learned that on 12-23-56 he had been admitted to the psychiatric ward, Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, as a mental patient. On 1-17-57, he was still in the psychiatric ward and his physician, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that Martin was his patient and definitely did suffer from some sort of character disorder. [redacted] furnished his opinion that an interview with Martin at the time might prolong his hospitalization. The matter was discussed with the U. S. Attorney who would not

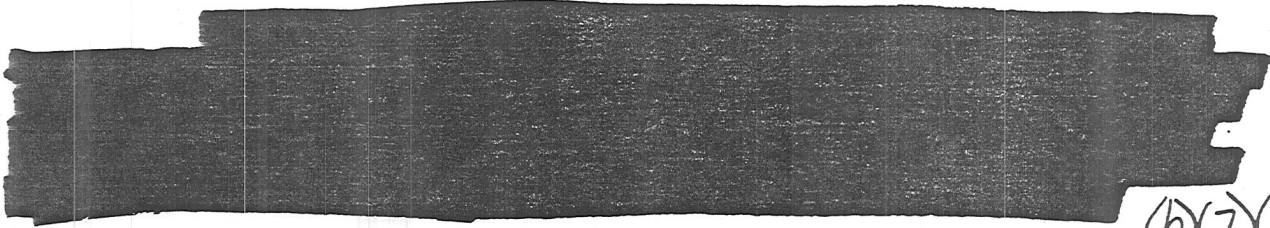
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On 6-19-63, the "New Orleans States-Item," a New Orleans newspaper, carried an article which stated that Martin had filed a \$50,000 damage suit in Civil District Court against District Attorney Jim Garrison and his Chief Investigator, Pershing O. Cervais. Martin charged in the suit that he and his family were threatened because he conducted a private investigation into the activities of the defendants. Bufiles do not reveal the outcome of this law suit.

Martin was interviewed in connection with the allegations made by him concerning Ferrie, that is, that Ferrie was connected with Oswald, on 11-25-63. When first observed Martin showed the visible effects of what appeared to have been a severe physical beating. He advised that his friend, W. Guy Banister had "pistol whipped" him. He advised that Banister had been drinking. He stated he was not preferring charges against Banister. During the interview, on 11-25-63, Martin digressed many times from the line of the interview to bring up extraneous matters. It was almost impossible to get a straight answer from Martin and pin him down on any particular point.

The Bureau received a letter dated 11-25-63 from Martin (which he apparently wrote after he was interviewed on that date, since he made no mention of it during the interview) in which he alleged that he possessed information concerning a woman who was making statements that she was working for the FBI as an informant. The letter was rambling and nonspecific. New Orleans recommended against re-interview of Martin in view of his previous confinement in a psychiatric ward in the Charity Hospital.

Martin addressed a letter to U. S. Senator Russell B. Long (D., La) on 11-25-63 wherein he made the same complaint concerning this woman, indicating the woman had made allegations that his, Martin's, wife was a communist. The letter was forwarded to the Bureau by Senator Long and on 1-3-64, his Administrative Assistant was orally advised of a brief summary of our information concerning Martin as it appeared at that time. This included information as to