



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New Orleans, Louisiana
May 2, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit
Firearms Division
U. S. Treasury Department
Post Office Box 30529
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Dear Sir:

On [redacted] 1969, [redacted] personally
contacted Special Agent [redacted] at the FBI Office in [redacted]
New Orleans, Louisiana, and furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that Layton Martens resides at
718 Frenchman Street, New Orleans.

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- 4 - BB, New Orleans
- 3 - New Orleans (1 - 157-10667)
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Special Agent [redacted] advised [redacted] he should immediately notify United States Treasury Department, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax, Federal Firearms Unit, 600 South Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, of the above information. He advised that he would make such notification, and stated that he was going there from the FBI Office.

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For your information, New Orleans States-Item, a newspaper dated March 23, 1967, contains the following information on page 1, in an article entitled, "Ferries Ex-Roommate, Another to Face Jury":

"Two new witnesses were subpoenaed today by the District Attorney's Office apparently in connection with the prob of the slaying of President John F. Kennedy. The subpoena went to Layton Martens, 3622 Constance; Donald Dooty, 837 Dumaine. A subpoena was issued for Martens to appear before the Grand Jury next Wednesday. The District Attorney's Office gave no details of either man, but an assistant District Attorney "it's safe to say" Martens is the Patrick L. Martens who went to Texas with David William Ferri the day Kennedy was slain in Dallas, November 22, 1963. At that time Patrick L. Martens was Ferries roommate.

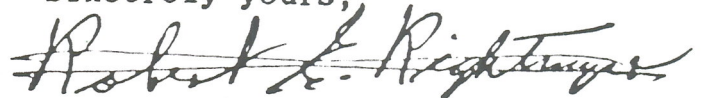
For your information, New Orleans States-Item, a newspaper dated March 30, 1967, contains the following information in reference to Layton Martens on page 1, in an article entitled, "Novel in Montreal, Return to New Orleans Prepared", by Jack Dempsey:

"In other developments yesterday at the District Attorney's expanding investigation, Layton Martens, who was a roommate of David W. Ferrie in 1963 when a New Orleans - based conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy is alleged to have been hatched here, appeared before a Grand Jury investigating the plot. Martens, 24, was closeted with the Jury and Garrison for 90 minutes."

The above information is being disseminated to you
to be handled at your discretion.

Copies are also being forwarded to United States
Secret Service.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert E. Rightmyer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

ROBERT E. RIGHTMYER
Special Agent in Charge