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1 - Mr. DeLoach
 1 - Mr. Wick
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 DATE: March 22, 1967

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
 NOVEMBER 22, 1963
 DALLAS, TEXAS

1 - Mr. Raupach
 1 - Mr. Sullivan
 1 - Mr. Branigan
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PURPOSE

This memorandum advises of information received from New Orleans publisher that the Garrison investigation was based on a "scheme" of Jack S. Martin, on information "made up" by Martin and David Lewis; that Martin is completely untrustworthy and Garrison knows this and that Lewis is a mental case; that Martin has remarked the arrest of Shaw was a "frame"; and that there is a group of masochists numbering 70 prominent individuals in New Orleans which includes Martin and Garrison.

BACKGROUND

A New Orleans publisher, Mr. Ray Berg, has advised that in January, 1967, he formed a corporation and New Orleans attorney Thomas Baumler, assisted by Jack S. Martin, did the legal work. Martin has previously been mentioned by news media as a figure involved in the assassination investigation being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney Garrison.

In the course of his association with Martin, Berg has heard Martin say that Garrison's investigation was based on information "made up" by Martin and David Lewis. We have previously received information that Lewis has figured in Garrison's investigation. According to Berg, Lewis is supposed to have taken four lie detector tests from four different polygraph operators and passed all of them. Berg regards Lewis as a mental case with a mentality that could easily pass a lie detector test.

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Berg believes the original investigation was a "scheme" conceived by Martin. In Berg's opinion, Martin is completely untrustworthy and a mental case. Berg believes Garrison knows this. Berg has heard Martin remark that the arrest of Clay Shaw was a "frame." Berg stated Martin has moved to Houston, Texas. Martin thinks someone is trying to kill him.

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Berg also furnished information he had received from his attorney, Thomas Baumler, concerning a group of masochists in New Orleans. Baumler asked Berg to publish a book dealing with masochists in New Orleans. Berg stated he declined to publish the book but in discussing the matter with Baumler, learned there was a group of masochists in New Orleans consisting of 70 prominent individuals. Berg believed Baumler, Martin and District Attorney Garrison were members of this group. Berg stated he had no personal knowledge of this group.

Bureau files contain no information identifiable with Baumler.

This information has been furnished to the Justice Department, also to Secret Service.

ACTION

For information.

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