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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (94-278) -RUC-

Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Mrs. MARK E. MARTIN
HOMINY, OKLAHOMA
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)
BUDED 1/17/64

State of Oklahoma

Re Bureau airtel 1/7/64.

Mrs. MARK E. MARTIN, residing on State Highway 99, approximately two miles north of Hominy, Oklahoma, was contacted on 1/10/64 by SA JACK H. BALES and advised her letter to Mr. KATZENBACH had been referred to the FBI on 1/6/64. She was advised that pursuant to instructions of President JOHNSON, FBI reports concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY and the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD have been forwarded to the Attorney General and to the Presidential Commission, which Commission will study all information regarding the matter and make any public report which is made. Appreciation of her interest was expressed and she was advised the Bureau is unable to assist her since any public dissemination of information pertaining to this investigation rests with the Commission.

Mrs. MARTIN identified the photograph mentioned in her letter to Mr. KATZENBACH as the one appearing in the 12/14/63 issue of "The Saturday Evening Post" on the lower portion of page 25. The small figure to which she referred is located just over the stars in the U. S. flag on the Presidential limousine.

Oral acknowledgement of her letter of 1/2/64 was made.

Mrs. MARTIN displayed during the interview an antagonistic attitude toward the Bureau and appeared to be mentally disturbed. In support of SA BALES's observations, concerning Mrs. MARTIN, the

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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following detail concerning SA BALES contact with Mrs. MARTIN is set forth:

Mrs. MARTIN, after asking SA BALES into the home at approximately 6:45 p.m., was exhibited credentials. She then asked what right Agent had to come into her home and question her. Agent replied he was not there to question her, at which time she interrupted and said "You asked me my name, didn't you?" She was advised Agent was there in reply to her letter, and she indicated she did not want a personal interview, that if that was what she wanted she would have gone to Washington, D. C. She was advised that she did not have to discuss anything with Agent if she did not desire, but that his only interest was to further identify a photograph she had mentioned in her letter to Mr. KATZENBACH; she desired to see the letter prior to discussing it, and the copy furnished with referenced airtel was exhibited to and examined by her.

During the course of the following conversation, she asked Mr. HOOVER's age, asked why he had never married, and asked if Agents still had to have their hands "swabbed" before they shook hands with him. To the latter question SA BALES said he had never heard of such a preposterous thing. Concerning Mr. HOOVER's age and marital status SA BALES had the impression Mrs. MARTIN was trying to provoke an argument and SA BALES did not feel that her comments were worthy of a reply.

She identified the photograph in question by requesting her daughter to secure it, saying she certainly did not have photo rights to it as probably 35 million copies had been published. The daughter exhibited a copy of "The Saturday Evening Post" issue of 12/14/63, opened to page 25, and Mrs. MARTIN pointed out the picture on the lower portion of that page as the one to which she referred.

She first stated she did not recall addressing a letter to the Bureau, then stated she did not consider a letter to the Bureau of enough importance to remember it. She then commented she desired a signed reply, as the previous letter had not been signed by Mr. HOOVER in person but by someone else for him. She was advised that all information

developed by the Bureau regarding the assassination of President KENNEDY and the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, would be furnished the Presidential Commission, which Commission would make any public report. She was further advised the files of the Bureau cannot be made public, and the Bureau is prohibited to make public information in its possession.

Several times while advising her that information would be furnished by the Bureau for the Presidential Commission, she interjected comments such as "All?" "All of it?"

She requested and was furnished Agent's name and credential number at the close of the interview. The credentials were also exhibited to the daughter who wrote down the name and number.

Mrs. MARTIN was quite obvious in her efforts to secure comments from Agent of a controversial nature.

She was thanked for her interest and the interview was terminated.

No further action is being taken by this office.