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TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : M. A. JONES ✓

SUBJECT: MRS. MARK E. MARTIN
HOMINY, OKLAHOMA

DATE: 4-2-64

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Mr. Edwin O. Guthman, Departmental Public Information Officer, has furnished your office the attached propaganda tract entitled "FBI Fiction or Common Sense Fact?", which he received from captioned individual, with whom we have had prior unsatisfactory dealings.

ANALYSIS OF TRACT:

This four-paged mimeographed document purports to be an analysis of certain information in the "leaked FBI report to the Warren Commission concerning the assassination of President Kennedy." Its purpose is to question Lee Oswald's guilt in the assassination by showing that the FBI has chosen him as a scapegoat in the investigation, that our report implies Oswald was a psychopath who was conditioned to violence by his early history. Mrs. Martin states that the FBI based its "implications of a 'psychiatric' history in regard to Oswald" on a "single period of truancy in New York," a "single instance of disrespect to a superior officer," his unauthorized possession of a pistol while in the service and his defection to Russia.

She then attacks these points with an illogical mish mash of distortions. For example, she states that the Marine Corps gave Oswald an honorable discharge and asks if a "potential assassin" would have received such a discharge. She also asks how it was that the Marine Corps examinations of Oswald "betrayed no hint of that 'psychiatric history' with which the FBI now labels him?" and concludes that the FBI has expressed a "profound contempt for the psychological judgments of the military."

Mrs. Martin follows this up with a long-winded and ridiculous discussion concerning Senator Barry Goldwater's youth. She notes that Goldwater received poor grades and was given to pranks as a youth. Therefore, she asks whether or not it should be concluded, following the same reasoning the FBI applied to Oswald, that "J. Edgar Hoover considers Barry Goldwater a possible paranoid?," "...a possible assassin?," or whether Mr. Hoover "considers himself a possible source of danger to the government? (Are there not some interesting psychological symbols extant in Mr. Hoover's life?)."

Mrs. Martin concludes that the FBI was derelict in Dallas and it, therefore, wishes to close the case quickly by branding Oswald as the assassin. By the same token, she states, the fact we leaked our report to the press will make it mandatory for the Warren Commission to bring in a similar verdict concerning Oswald.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach - 2 ENCLOSURES ✓

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M. A. Jones to DeLoach
Re: MRS. MARK E. MARTIN

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

We have handled several communications from Mrs. Martin recently. Some of her letters were directed to the Department and referred to us, others were addressed to the Director. One letter asked why we had shown Oswald's mother a photograph of Ruby before her son was murdered. We replied no such photograph had been shown. She immediately wrote back and asked whether any photographs had been shown Mrs. Oswald. This letter was received at the same time we were handling a referral from the Department in which Mrs. Martin claimed to have seen a photograph taken moments after President Kennedy's shooting and depicting an individual on a rooftop with a rifle. As she did not identify this photograph in her letter, she was interviewed for this purpose. She was advised on that occasion that all evidence was being forwarded to the Warren Commission by the FBI and we were making no information public since this would be the responsibility of the Commission. It was subsequently determined that the photograph she mentioned had no significance in the investigation.

The Oklahoma City Agent who interviewed Mrs. Martin found her extremely antagonistic to the FBI. Her attitude was such that the Agent believed her to be mentally disturbed. During the interview, she demanded to know Mr. Hoover's age, why he had never married and if Agents still had to have their hands "swabbed" before they shook hands with the Director. It was obvious to the Agent that Mrs. Martin was deliberately attempting to provoke an argument. One of her letters to the Director was orally acknowledged and she stated that she did not consider a letter to the FBI as important enough to remember it. (62-109060-2389)

Information has been received from the Dallas Office that Mrs. Martin had personally contacted Mrs. Ruth Paine, Irving, Texas, with whom the Oswald's had stayed, to question her about Oswald. She told Mrs. Paine that she was conducting an investigation of the assassination on her own as she was not satisfied that Oswald was the assassin. Mrs. Paine characterized Mrs. Martin as a "bright nut." ^{the}

Copies of the Martin tract are being sent to Oklahoma City and Dallas Offices for information by routing slip. (Already done by General Investigative Division.)

RECOMMENDATION:

That in view of Mrs. Martin's antagonism to the Bureau and her apparent mental disturbance, no further action be taken concerning the allegations in this document as it would serve no practical purpose. It should be noted that this material was furnished to the Presidential Commission by the General Investigative Division by letter dated April 2, 1964.

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