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- 1 - C. D. Loach (J. E. Herington)
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- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Rogge

June 25, 1964

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
 General Counsel  
 The President's Commission  
 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to my letter dated June 12, 1964, and prior communications relating to Mrs. Shirley Martin, also known as Mrs. Mark E. Martin, of Hominy, Oklahoma.

Enclosed for your information are two copies of a self-explanatory communication from our Dallas, Texas, Office dated June 23, 1964, concerning a communication received by our Dallas Office bearing the name of Mrs. Mark E. Martin.

In view of your prior interest in Mrs. Martin, the enclosed is being furnished.

Sincerely yours,  
 J. Edgar Hoover

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 1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)  
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Enclosures (2)

- 1 - SAC, Oklahoma City (89-41)
- 1 - SAC, Dallas (89-43)
- ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 11-22-63, DALLAS, TEXAS
- MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

RedLairtel 6-23-64. Copy of Bureau's letter to the President's Commission appears above.

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For your information Martin is apparently referring to an article appearing in the July, 1964, issue of "Redbook" magazine authored by Jessamyn West, entitled "Prelude to Tragedy." This article concerns various interviews by West with Mrs. Ruth Paine. The article is generally complimentary to the FBI and sets out a factual account of Paine's association with Marina and Lee Harvey Oswald.

NOTE:

This is the seventeenth letter to the Commission on Martin. SAC Letter 64-23B dated 4-28-64, alerted the field to her campaign of vilification of the Director and the FBI.

On 2-28-64, Mrs. Paine was specifically interviewed at the request of the Commission concerning her contact with Martin. At this time Mrs. Paine who had befriended the Oswalds indicated that during the latter part of January, 1964, or early February, 1964, she had consented to an interview with Martin. Mrs. Paine stated that for approximately two hours Martin questioned her regarding all aspects of the assassination known to Paine. At this time Mrs. Paine characterized Martin as a "bright nut" who reached certain conclusions in spite of the evidence. This information was furnished to the Commission by Bureau letter dated 3-4-64.

In Martin's most recent communication to our Dallas Office she encloses what appears to be a letter to Mrs. West wherein she characterizes the statements attributed to Mrs. Paine in the "Redbook" article as lies. Martin basis her conclusions on her previous interview with Mrs. Paine as indicated above and goes so far as to state that Mrs. Paine "lied."