

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

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

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
  - 1 - Mr. Wick
  - 1 - Mr. R. Jensen
  - 1 - Mr. Rosen
- DATE: 2-27-67

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. J. E. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan

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On 2-23-67 Carl John Stanley, Louisville, Kentucky, who calls himself "Most Reverend Christopher Maria Stanley," and purports to be "Archbishop of the Metropolitan Eastern Province, American Orthodox Catholic Church," volunteered information to a Special Agent of the Louisville Office and two Louisville Police Department detectives that he is acquainted with David William Ferrie and John S. Martin through church activities.

According to Stanley, "last year or the year before" Martin was in Louisville for approximately three months, at which time Martin told Stanley that Lee Harvey Oswald and David William Ferrie were "buddies" and Martin was also "connected with them." According to Stanley, Martin said he would shoot Ferrie if he could get him in the right place and also stated that "Ferrie was also in that plot to assassinate the President."

Stanley further stated Martin claimed that one Jerry De Pugh, address unknown, George Augustine Hyde, Washington, D. C., Ferrie, Martin and Lee Harvey Oswald lived together, worked together, were close friends and were connected with a Cuban organization.

Stanley stated that approximately 1-5-67 he received a telephone call from Jerry De Pugh in New Orleans asking Stanley to come to New Orleans to start a mission and a church newspaper. Stanley added that he received another telephone call from De Pugh, whose voice he recognized but who did not identify himself, telling Stanley "if you open your mouth about us, I will shoot you."

Stanley further advised that "about a month ago" he called the Chief of Police at New Orleans and gave him the above information about the association between Oswald, Ferrie, Martin, De Pugh and Hyde.

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A check of our files disclose that Martin is acquainted with Stanley. Martin sent a letter to the Director dated 4-27-66, at which time he claimed that Stanley was engaged in numerous activities of a fraudulent nature which should be of interest to Federal and State Governments. Martin's letter is a rambling affair, strongly suggesting that its writer is mentally ill (62-109081). Our files contain no information identifiable with Jerry De Pugh or George Augustine Hyde.

The Louisville Office reported that indices check of Stanley reveals [REDACTED] at Louisville regard Stanley as crazy and as a confidence man.

OBSERVATIONS:

Although Stanley claims he furnished the information he received from Martin to the Chief of Police, New Orleans, "about a month ago," it appears quite possible that Stanley furnished this information to New Orleans Chief of Police before that time and that it was such information that touched off New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison's investigation of the assassination and led to his known contacts with Jack Martin in connection with his investigation. Martin reportedly is a mental case and was hospitalized in 1956-57 for mental illness.

ACTION:

None. For information. ✓ n/z

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