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

On February 23, 1967, Carl John Stanley of Louisville, Kentucky, furnished information to a Special Agent of the Louisville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to two detectives of the Louisville Police Department that he was acquainted with David William Ferrie and John Martin through church activities. Stanley calls himself "Most Reverend Christopher Maria Stanley" and refers to himself as "Archbishop of the Metropolitan Eastern Province, American Orthodox Catholic Church." John Martin is identical with Jack S. Martin, private investigator who has previously reported to us concerning his contacts with James Garrison, District Attorney of New Orleans, Louisiana, in connection with Garrison's investigation of the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Stanley claimed that in July, 1961, on the recommendation of Bishop John Martin he and Martin consecrated David Ferrie as a bishop. He said Ferrie was deposed as a bishop in January, 1962, when it was learned that he had been discharged from his position with Eastern Airlines because of homosexual activity.

Stanley alleged that last year or the year before Martin was in Louisville from Thanksgiving Day until February 25th. He continued that Martin drinks a great deal and on one occasion while drinking Martin said that David Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald were "buddies" and that he, Martin, was connected with them. Martin allegedly made the statement that he would shoot Ferrie if he could get him in the right place and that "Ferrie was also in that plot to assassinate the President." Stanley also named Jerry De Pugh, address unknown, and George Augustine Hyde, a bishop in another church, as associates of Ferrie and Martin.

Later in the interview Stanley placed the date he received the information from Martin as January 3, 1963. In addition, he claimed that Martin said Ferrie, De Pugh, Hyde, Lee Harvey Oswald, and Martin lived together, worked together, were close friends, and were connected with a Cuban organization. When Stanley asked Martin further about Oswald, Martin "clammed up."

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In addition to the above, Stanley alleged that he received two telephone calls from De Pugh in New Orleans about January 5, 1967, asking Stanley to start a mission in New Orleans. Thereafter he received a third telephone call from a person who did not identify himself but known to Stanley as De Pugh in which he was told "if you open your mouth about us, I will shoot you."

Further, Stanley claimed that "about one month ago" he called the Chief of Police in New Orleans and gave him the information about the association existing among Oswald, Ferrie, Martin, De Pugh, and Hyde. It is possible, of course, that this information was furnished to the Chief of Police at an earlier date and could well have formed the basis for the investigation currently being conducted by District Attorney James Garrison of New Orleans.

According to Stanley, in 1963 and 1964 Martin lived in Houston, Texas, and worked as a writer for a newspaper. In addition, Martin claims to have been in the Air Force during World War II, to have worked for the Central Intelligence Agency, and also carries numerous police "commissions" with him. Martin indicated to Stanley that his job is to spy on other policemen and that while he was in Louisville he worked for "Echo Blue," a publication of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Our files show that J. S. Martin, Sr., of New Orleans sent a letter dated November 25, 1963, to the Director of this Bureau in which he complained about an investigation being conducted of his wife based on allegations made by a telephone switchboard operator described by him as a mental case. In this regard he also enclosed a letter he had written on the same date to Richard E. Robey of the Federal Aviation Agency. In this latter communication Martin makes the allegations that Ferrie was connected with the Cubans, that he was friendly with Oswald, that he helped Oswald join the United States Marine Corps, and that he was capable of having planned the assassination. These allegations made by Martin were fully investigated shortly after the assassination of John Kennedy, and no evidence was ever developed to show that David W. Ferrie knew Lee Harvey Oswald. One copy of Martin's letter to the Director of this Bureau and one copy of Martin's letter to Mr. Robey are attached.

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