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- DATE: 3-7-67

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

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

- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. Goble

We advised the White House, Secret Service and the Justice Department on 3-3-67 of information that New Orleans District Attorney Garrison had developed information of a plot planned in the New Orleans residence of David William Ferrie (who died on 2-22-67) to assassinate the late President Kennedy. The name "Martin Layton" (phonetic) was mentioned as one of the plotters and we advised we had no information identifiable with him. Our files do contain information about a Layton Patrick Martens and in view of the similarity of names, especially when "Martin Layton" is reversed, this recommends we furnish the White House, Secret Service and Justice Department with this information.

Layton Patrick Martens, born 2-19-43, was interviewed by us on 11-25-63. He was living in New Orleans at the time with Ferrie, having moved into Ferrie's residence on 11-17-63.

Ferrie had been working for a New Orleans attorney, G. Wray Gill, and this man contacted Martens on 11-24-63 and indicated that authorities were looking for Ferrie in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy. Gill indicated to Martens that he was willing to represent Ferrie.

Martens said that several hours later the same day, 11-24-63, Ferrie telephoned. Martens relayed Gill's message and Ferrie stated he had already contacted Gill. Ferrie added he did not know Oswald. Martens, during the 11-25-63 interview, said Ferrie had been an admirer of President Kennedy. Martens also said Oswald was unknown to him and he knew of no association between Ferrie and Oswald.

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Identification Division criminal records revealed Martens was arrested by the New Orleans Police Department on 8-30-61. He told Agents this arrest arose out of his association with Ferrie, who the Police were investigating at the time for contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile. The charges against

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him were dropped.

On 11-25-63, Martens was arrested by the New Orleans Police Department. No charges were ever pursued against him and he was released the same day, following which he was interviewed by our Agents.

OBSERVATION:

The name "Martin Layton" (phonetic), which has been mentioned in connection with the Garrison investigation, is similar to the name Layton Patrick Martens. In view of this similarity we should furnish the White House, Secret Service and the Justice Department with information concerning Martens.

ACTION:

Attached for approval are letters to the Honorable Marvin Watson of the White House, to the Attorney General and to the Director of the Secret Service containing information concerning Martens.

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