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FROM : W. A. Branigan

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
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DALLAS, TEXAS

Los Angeles television newscaster furnished three tapes of interview with R. C. Cook, David Lewis and Jack S. Martin, figures mentioned in the assassination investigation being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney Garrison, and this informative memorandum relates highlights of the interviews.

**BACKGROUND:** Los Angeles television newscaster, Mr. Art Kevin, who spent six days in New Orleans concerning Garrison's investigation, furnished three tapes of interviews conducted by him pertaining to the investigation. Persons interviewed were R. C. Cook, described as a Houston, Texas, businessman, David Lewis and Jack S. Martin. The names of Lewis and Martin have previously been mentioned as figures in Garrison's investigation. Lewis was described by [redacted] as a person who appears to be a dangerous mental case. Martin was a source of unfounded allegations concerning David Ferrie (who died 2/22/67). These allegations were made immediately following the assassination and extensive investigation revealed there was no evidence to support them. Martin had been hospitalized for mental illness.\* Cook has apparently been associated with Martin.

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The taped interview of Cook is extremely brief and poorly recorded. Nothing of significance was noted from the tape; however, the newscaster advised that Jack S. Martin stated Cook has photographs showing Ruby, Oswald and David Ferrie together in Houston prior to the assassination as well as a tape naming the conspirators. The newscaster stated Cook told him he had photographs involving the conspiracy and a tape made by wire tap of a conversation between Martin and Lewis wherein 13 conspirators were named.

David Lewis rambled considerably in his interview. He indicated he did not know of the direct connection of Ferrie with the plot. Lewis stated he did meet Lee Harvey Oswald but he refused to furnish the circumstances. Lewis described Garrison as a "highest caliber man" and said his investigation is not phony. Lewis stated he took a lie detector test for

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Garrison and the results indicated he was telling the truth. Lewis indicated that at the time of the Warren Commission investigation, he did not realize he had information of a pertinent nature. He said no representatives of the Federal Government ever talked to him.

Lewis advised he brought his information to Garrison at the suggestion of Jack S. Martin. He stated he and Martin were very close friends. He advised Garrison has said there was more than one conspiracy. Lewis explained that he himself did not know whether there was more than one but this is what Garrison has said. Lewis stated he believes Garrison's investigation has been more thorough than that of the Warren Commission.

Lewis pleaded several times for the listening audience (he apparently understood the interview would be broadcast) to furnish information to Mr. Garrison, pointing out that there are still missing links to Garrison's case.

Jack S. Martin stated at the outset of his interview that he believed the investigators who gave their reports to the Warren Commission gave false reports. When questioned closely about his remarks concerning the investigators, he said, "I said they lied." He stated he himself was misquoted and the reports turned in by Federal agents concerning the interview with him were absolutely incorrect. He advocated that everyone who ever gave statements should be reinterviewed "not by the FBI or the Secret Service but by the U. S. Marshal."

He was questioned concerning statements that he was an alcoholic, and he stated, "When Mr. J. Edgar Hoover in Washington, D. C., stops hanging out in \$2 bookie joints like he has been doing for years and laying \$2 bets, I'll stop drinking." Martin indicated during the interview that he was in ill health. He was "ghosting a book," he said. He appeared to be overwrought and emotionally upset and toward the end of the interview repeated statements made earlier that persons representing the U. S. Government who had contacted him were incompetent.

**OBSERVATIONS:** No new information was added to what we already know as a result of the Lewis interview. Martin is obviously deranged as evidenced by his attacks on Federal investigators and his scurrilous remarks concerning the Director.

**ACTION:** For information.

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