

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

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We were previously told by Gordon Novel, mentioned in attached, of the incident wherein he, Sergio Arcacha Smith, David W. Ferrie and two unnamed Cubans, had broken into a magazine bunker at Houma Air Base to steal weapons and ammunition for use in anti-Castro Cuban raids.

The FBI conducted no investigation into this theft in 1961, since the Air Base at that time was under the control of a private concern. New Orleans has indicated that we never received copies of any police reports concerning this particular theft.

The fact that Layton Patrick Martens was arrested shortly after the Kennedy assassination was known to us, and this arrest was apparently due to the fact he was at the time living with David W. Ferrie, who was also arrested on suspicion, shortly after Kennedy's assassination.

We had no prior knowledge that Martens was involved in the theft from Houma Air Base with Novel, but we were aware of his anti-Castro Cuban activities.

New Orleans should tell the Houma Police Department that their files do not show any referral to the FBI in connection with the theft from the Air Base.

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