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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

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

PURPOSE:

James Herbert Martin, former business manager of Marina Oswald, wife of Lee Harvey Oswald, allegedly is making statements that Marina knows much more about the assassination than she has stated; that Marina knew about the assassination before it occurred and that she could have prevented the assassination had she desired. It is recommended that we immediately contact Martin and obtain the full details regarding the statements attributed to him.

BACKGROUND:

Immediately following the assassination of President Kennedy, Marina Oswald and her two children were taken by the Secret Service to the Six Flags Inn, Dallas, Texas, where James Herbert Martin was employed as resident manager. After a few days at the Inn, at the invitation of Martin, Marina and her two children took up residence in the Martin home. Martin subsequently became business manager for Marina. When Marina came to Washington, D. C., to testify before the Warren Commission during the week of 2/3/64, Martin accompanied her. Following the completion of Marina's testimony, Marina and Martin were involved in a sexual escapade in a Washington, D. C., hotel. Full details of this were disseminated to the Warren Commission.

During our investigation of the assassination, we interviewed Martin on 2/18/64 concerning his knowledge of Lee Harvey Oswald and the assassination. Martin also testified before the Warren Commission on 2/27/64.

CURRENT ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING MARTIN:

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
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[redacted] that Martin has been in contact with [redacted]
[redacted] Martin has furnished considerable information to [redacted] concerning his background and his past contacts with Marina Oswald. The background information furnished by [redacted] corresponds with the data we know about Martin. According to [redacted] Martin claims that Marina is not the decent person she claims to be. Martin claims Marina consumes large amounts of vodka and contrary to popular belief, speaks very fluent English. Martin informed [redacted] that Marina claimed she had knowledge of the most important officials of the Soviet Union and when living in Russia she had complete access to all government facilities. Martin states that Marina made statements she knew about the assassination before it occurred, that she was a part of the Communist Party and could have prevented the assassination had she desired.

Martin also claims that he has knowledge of two telephone calls that were made by a man in Atlanta, Georgia, to Lee Harvey Oswald and to Jack Ruby on 11/21/63, the night before the assassination (we have previously received this allegation and have determined through our investigation following the assassination it had no basis in fact).

OBSERVATIONS:

An examination of Martin's testimony before the Warren Commission disclosed that Martin reported no information indicating Marina Oswald possessed information of the assassination before it occurred or that Marina Oswald traveled in high circles in the Soviet Union. Martin was specifically questioned concerning his knowledge of Marina Oswald by Commission Counsel Mr. Norman Redlich. Our background checks of Martin during our investigation of the assassination disclosed he was a philanderer and a scoundrel. One business associate informed us that Martin has always some scheme to get rich quick. It is desirable Martin be contacted immediately by Tampa Office and be pinned down concerning the statements he allegedly has made to [redacted]. In so doing, [redacted] identity will not be disclosed since [redacted] has requested that [redacted] identity must be protected.

ACTION:

Attached is an airtel instructing the Tampa Office to immediately contact James Herbert Martin and obtain all information Martin is alleged to possess concerning the assassination. We are also instructing Tampa to pin Martin down on his allegations involving Marina Oswald as set forth above.

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