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ALLEGED EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE  
TESTIMONY OF EDWARD GRADY PARTIN

George Owen Wyatt appeared in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 4, 1968, and furnished the following information:

Mr. Wyatt advised that he was visiting at the residence of Jim Ness, Port Way Acres, Brownsville, Texas, on Labor Day, September 2, 1968. Wyatt stated that Jim Ness is an old family friend and that Ness, having been a long-time friend of his father, Wyatt has known Ness since Wyatt's childhood days.

Wyatt contacted Ness primarily because he had heard that Jack S. Martin and Raymond Ruiz had been trying to convince Ness that Ness should come to Louisiana and furnish an affidavit to the effect that Wyatt became involved in troubles with law enforcement agencies on many occasions while Wyatt was a young boy.

Wyatt stated that he knows Jack Martin as an individual who has assisted both the Louisiana Labor-Management Commission of Inquiry (LMCI) and Teamsters Local Number 5, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in an investigative capacity. Wyatt stated that he knows Raymond Ruiz to be an investigator for the LMCI.

Ness informed Wyatt that Martin and Ruiz have been telephonically contacting Ness at his residence for the past several weeks and that in these telephone conversations, Martin has indicated that he and Ruiz possess a letter proving that Wyatt is involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and that this involvement also shows that the President of Mexico was associated with Wyatt in connection with the murder of President Kennedy.

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Ness, according to Wyatt, also advised that Martin in his telephone calls has made claims that Ruiz is an FBI Agent. On one occasion, Martin furnished the New Orleans telephone number 525-4205 to Ness, stating that this number was the office of Joe Oster. Martin instructed Ness to call Oster to make arrangements relative to when Ness would come to New Orleans to furnish an affidavit; further, that arrangements would be made upon the arrival of Ness at Oster's office to have Martin, Ruiz, and a representative from the office of Orleans Parish District Attorney Jim Garrison. Martin allegedly told Ness that if Ness would not come to New Orleans, then he should call Oster's office and arrangements would be made for Ruiz, Martin, and a representative from Garrison's office to come to Ness' residence in Brownsville, Texas, for the purpose of obtaining an affidavit from Ness.

Wyatt stated that he can only assume that Martin's reference to a representative from Garrison's office is explained by Wyatt's suspicion that Martin has been and is currently an employee of Garrison's office.

Wyatt, while at the Ness residence on Labor Day, called the residence of Jack Martin in New Orleans, telephone number 943-0813, and charged the telephone call to Wyatt's personal phone in New Orleans, number 283-4448. Wyatt identified Ness' telephone number as TE1-4339.

When Martin answered the telephone Wyatt, without comment, put Ness on the line, and Wyatt thereafter listened in on the conversation by putting his ear close to the receiver held by Ness. Wyatt heard Martin tell Ness that he and Ruiz would be coming to Brownsville, Texas. When Ness stated that that would not be necessary and that he could just drop into the local FBI Office in Brownsville, Texas, Martin told Ness that he should not contact the FBI in Brownsville because there would be some Agents coming down to Ness' residence to take his affidavit relative to the assassination of President Kennedy and also relative to the childhood problems experienced by Wyatt.

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Wyatt stated he was bringing the above information to the attention of the FBI because he felt that Martin and Ruiz were possibly impersonating themselves as FBI Agents in connection with their telephone calls to Ness.

Wyatt stated that in his judgment Martin undoubtedly is not only working for District Attorney Jim Garrison, but is also working for the office of the Louisiana State Attorney General and that he, Wyatt, is convinced that Martin retained this association with the office of the State Attorney General even during the period that Martin was working with Wyatt and Teamsters Local Number 5 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Wyatt advised that Jim Ness is 69 years of age and is a retired pipe fitter.

No investigation is contemplated in connection with the above matter.

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