

1 - Mr. Lenihan

March 28, 1967

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

Mr. Layton Patrick Martens, a student at the University of Southwestern Louisiana who resides at 404 South Wakefield Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana, appeared at our New Orleans Office March 27, 1967, to furnish information concerning his involvement in the investigation being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison in connection with the assassination of the late President Kennedy.

Martens advised that he has been subpoenaed to testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury March 29, 1967. Martens stated that he has received information from various sources that New Orleans District Attorney Garrison is going to attempt to embarrass President Lyndon B. Johnson and will also bring Senator Robert Kennedy's name into his investigation. According to Martens, Bill Elder, who is affiliated with Channel Four Television Station, New Orleans, Louisiana, told him that a "big man" who is close to President Johnson and who is in constant contact with President Johnson will be indicted by the New Orleans Grand Jury on March 29, 1967. Martens added that, according to Bill Elder, there are eleven people whom Garrison is going to involve in his assassination plot and that out of this number, Garrison plans to get two convictions and five individuals will be released without any prosecutive action. He did not account for the remaining four.

Martens further advised that New Orleans District Attorney Garrison is going to involve Sergio Arcacha Smith in his assassination plot and will attempt to prove that Smith was the "second trigger man" in the assassination. Martens stated that he has also learned he (Martens) will be one of the persons indicted by the New Orleans Grand Jury March 29, 1967, for his alleged involvement in the assassination.

- Conrad _____
- DeLoach _____
- Mohr _____
- Wick _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- Felt _____
- Gale _____
- Rosen _____
- Sullivan _____
- Tavel _____
- Trotter _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holmes _____
- Gandy _____

REL:cls (3)

ENCLOSURE

MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

62-109060-4915

Rel

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

Martens further stated that he was affiliated with Sergio Arcacha Smith in New Orleans in 1961 when they were soliciting funds for an anti-Castro organization in New Orleans. Martens stated that Senator Robert Kennedy had approved this activity and he feels Garrison may bring Senator Kennedy's name into his case in this manner. Martens also stated that he learned from various news representatives in New Orleans that Garrison is pushing to get the Central Intelligence Agency involved in the case.

Martens claims to have been interviewed on different occasions by representatives of New Orleans District Attorney Garrison's office. He stated he furnished these people details concerning his association with David William Ferrie. He stated that he also told Garrison's representatives that he, himself, knew Clay Shaw and had played chess with Shaw, but that he doubted whether David William Ferrie and Clay Shaw were acquainted.


Martens further advised that from early September, 1963, until approximately the middle of November, 1963, he visited David William Ferrie's apartment three or four times a week. He stated he moved in to live with Ferrie approximately two weeks before the assassination of President Kennedy. Martens stated he knew of no party in Ferrie's apartment of the type described by Perry Raymond Russo in Russo's recent testimony in New Orleans. Martens added that he felt sure that if any such party had occurred he would at least have had knowledge of it.

Martens further advised that Russo's testimony in connection with the assassination is completely false and is full of "holes." He added that it was incongruous with the facts as he knew them and with the facts as the other people knew them. Martens claimed that Russo had contacted news representatives prior to his contact with New Orleans District Attorney Garrison and had tried to sell these news representatives his story for \$1,000. However, he was unsuccessful in selling his story to reporters and as a result he contacted New Orleans District Attorney Garrison's office and furnished his story to them.

Sergio Arcacha Smith was born in Cuba in 1923. He attended college in Havana and is a graduate from the Columbia

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

University Law School in New York City. He served in the Cuban Diplomatic Service and was last so employed as Consul in Bombay, India, in 1954. On November 11, 1960, he was designated as the delegate in New Orleans of the Frente Revolucionaria Democratico, an anti-Castro organization which was established in June, 1960, from an alliance of United States anticommunist, Cuban revolutionary organizations.



Our files contain no evidence that Smith ever knew Lee Harvey Oswald or was involved in the assassination of President Kennedy.