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TO DIRECTOR 62-109060 AND DALLAS 89-43
FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS -
INFO CONCERNING, OO: DALLAS.

LAYTON PATRICK MARTENS, A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHWESTERN LA., RESIDENCE ADDRESS FOUR ZERO FOUR SOUTH
WAKEFIELD DRIVE, LAFAYETTE, LA., NEW ORLEANS ADDRESS THREE
SIX TWO TWO CONSTANCE ST., APPEARED AT NEW ORLEANS OFFICE
TODAY, AND VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING INFORMATION;

MARTENS STATED HE HAS BEEN SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY BEFORE
ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH TWENTYNINE,
NEXT, IN CONNECTION WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARRISON'S
INVESTIGATION OF ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

MARTENS STATED THAT FROM INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION
IT APPEARS GARRISON IS GOING TO ATTEMPT TO EMBARRASS
PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND ALSO TO BRING SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S.

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NAME INTO HIS INVESTIGATION. MARTENS STATED GARRISON HAS NO CAUSE TO GO IN THE DIRECTION IN WHICH HE HAS GONE WITH HIS INVESTIGATION IN REGARD TO CLAY SHAW, DAVID FERRIE AND PERRY RUSSO.

MARTENS SAID THE INFERENCE IS THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARRISON IS GOING TO INVOLVE ARCAHA SMITH INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AS THE SECOND TRIGGER MAN. MARTENS STATED GARRISON WAS ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY ARCAHA SMITH WITH THE ASSASSINATION PLOT THROUGH HIS ASSOCIATION WITH FERRIE, THROUGH THE ~~CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY FRONT (FRD)~~ AND THROUGH HIM (MARTENS).

MARTENS STATED HE WAS AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF CUBA IN NINETEEN SSIXTYONE AND SOLICITED FUNDS FOR ORGANIZATION FROM VARIOUS CITIZENS AND BUSINESSMEN. HE STATED SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY HAD APPROVED THIS ACTIVITY AND HE FEELS GARRISON MAY BRING SENATOR KENNEDY'S NAME INTO THE CASE IN THIS MANNER.

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MARTENS STATED HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY GARRISON SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, AND WAS TOLD AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE HAD DEVELOPED INFORMATION CONCERNING FERRIE BUT THE FBI HAD STEPPED IN AND CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION AND STATE FILE HAS NEVER BEEN CLOSED. HE WAS INFORMED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE DESIRED STATEMENTS FROM EVERYONE SO STATE FILE COULD BE CLOSED. MARTENS STATES HE WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT DAVID FERRIE, THE FRD, ABOUT HIMSELF, WHETHER ANYONE ELSE ACCOMPANIED FERRIE TO TEXAS ON DAY OF ASSASSINATION AND REASON FOR THE TRIP TO TEXAS. MARTENS STATES HE TOOK POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION WHICH WAS POSITIVE IN HIS FAVOR. MARTENS CLAIMS NEWS REPORTERS FROM CHANNEL SIX TV CONTACTED HIM IN LAFAYETTE, LA. AND ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTERS HAD BEEN LED TO HIM BY SOMEONE FROM GARRISON'S OFFICE. THESE REPORTERS CLAIMED THAT PERRY RUSSO HAD CONTACTED THEM TRYING TO SELL HIS STORY FOR ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE REPORTERS SAID AFTER TALKING

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TO RUSSO FOR FOUR HOURS THEY REALIZED THEY HAD LOST FOUR HOURS OF NEWS TIME AS WELL AS FILM.

MARTENS SAID THAT ACCORDING TO THE REPORTERS WHEN RUSSO WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN SELLING HIS STORY TO THEM HE THEN WENT TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARRISON'S OFFICE. MARTENS STATED THAT RUSSO'S TESTIMONY IS COMPLETELY FALSE AND IS FULL OF "HOLES". HE STATED THAT IT WAS INCONGRUOUS WITH THE FACTS AS HE KNEW THEM AND THE FACTS AS OTHER PERSONS KNEW THEM.

MARTENS STATES THAT FROM AT LEAST EARLY SEPT., NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, AND POSSIBLY FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE SUMMER OF THAT YEAR HE VISITED DAVID FERRIE'S APARTMENT THREE OR FOUR TIMES PER WEEK. HE STATED THAT HE LIVED IN FERRIE'S APARTMENT FOR TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. MARTENS STATED THAT HE KNEW OF NO SUCH PARTY AS DESCRIBED BY RUSSO IN HIS TESTIMONY DURING THE HEARING ON CLAY SHAW EVER BEING HELD IN FERRIE'S APARTMENT. MARTENS STATED HE FELT SURE THAT IF ANY SUCH PARTY HAD OCCURRED HE WOULD AT LEAST HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF IT.

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MARTENS STATED APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO, A REPRESENTATIVE OF GARRISON'S OFFICE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HIM IN LAFAYETTE, LA. ASKING HIM TO COME DOWN FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING.

MARTENS SAID HE APPEARED AT GARRISON'S OFFICE WITH HIS ATTORNEY *for* MILTON BRENER. HE SAID THAT ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY *Layton* ALCOCK AND OSER WENT OVER PRACTICALLY THE SAME GROUND *Pol. Proc.* COVERED IN PRIOR INTERVIEW BUT AT THIS TIME ALSO INCLUDED *Martens* QUESTIONS CONCERNING CLAY SHAW. MARTENS STATED THAT HE *La* KNOWS CLAY SHAW, WHO HE CONSIDERS AS AN ACQUAINTANCE. MARTENS STATED HE HAS PLAYED CHESS WITH SHAW ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. MARTENS STATES THAT HE TOLD THE REPRESENTATIVE OF GARRISON'S OFFICE THAT CLAY SHAW AND DAVID FERRIE WERE NOT ASSOCIATES AND HE DOUBTS SERIOUSLY IF THEY KNEW ONE ANOTHER. MARTENS STATES HE WAS ASKED IF HE WOULD TAKE ANOTHER POLYGRAPH TEST AND TOLD THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPRESENTATIVES THAT HE ~~WOULD~~, HOWEVER, ~~NO~~ POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION WAS GIVEN HIM AT THIS TIME.

MARTENS STATES THAT ON FRIDAY, MARCH TWENTYFOUR, BILL ELDER, CHANNEL FOUR TV, NEW ORLEANS, TOLD HIM THAT ANOTHER "BIG MAN" WHO IS CLOSE TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND IN CONSTANT

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CONTACT WITH THE PRESIDENT WILL BE INDICTED ON WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK. ACCORDING TO ELDER, THERE ARE ELEVEN PEOPLE WHOM GARRISON IS GOING TO INVOLVE IN THE ASSASSINATION PLOT. OUT OF THIS NUMBER, GARRISON IS GOING TO GET TWO CONVICTIONS AND FIVE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE RELEASED WITHOUT ANY PROSECUTIVE ACTION.

MARTENS STATED THAT DONALD ~~DOODY~~^{Low}, WHO HAS BEEN QUESTIONED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARRISON'S OFFICE, TOLD HIM THAT FROM THE LINE OF QUESTIONING BY GARRISON'S OFFICE, DOODY BELIEVES THAT MARTENS IS THE PERSON WHO WILL BE INDICTED ON WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK.

MARTENS STATES THAT BILL ELDER CONTACTED HIM THIS MORNING ASKING FOR INTERVIEW AND AT THAT TIME ELDER VERIFIED THAT HE (MARTENS) MAY BE INDICTED BY GRAND JURY.

MARTENS ALSO STATED GARRISON CONSIDERS HIM TO BE THE FOURTH RANKING MAN IN THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF CUBA UNDER ARCACHA SMITH. HE ALSO SAID THAT FROM INFORMATION FROM NEWS REPRESENTATIVES, GARRISON IS PUSHING TO GET THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY INVOLVED IN THE CASE. //

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