

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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DATE: 3/28/67

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : W. A. Branigan *WAB*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
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The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth information from Layton Patrick Martens, who has been subpoenaed to appear before New Orleans Grand Jury 3/29/67. Martens indicates New Orleans District Attorney is going to attempt to embarrass President Johnson and will bring Senator Robert Kennedy's name into his investigation.

Martens was born 2/19/43 and was living at the home of David William Ferrie on the date of the assassination of President Kennedy. We interviewed Martens on 11/25/63 in connection with our investigation of the assassination. By letter dated 3/8/67 we disseminated information in our files to the White House, the Attorney General and Secret Service concerning Martens.

On 3/27/67 Martens appeared at our New Orleans Office and advised that he has been subpoenaed to testify before the New Orleans Grand Jury 3/29/67. Martens stated that on 3/24/67 Mr. Bill Elder who is affiliated with a television station in New Orleans, 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 Wednesday, 3/29/67. Martens stated he has learned that there are eleven people whom Garrison is going to involve in the assassination plot and of this group Garrison is going to get two convictions and five individuals will be released without any prosecutive action." Martens stated he has learned from two sources that he (Martens) will be indicted 3/29/67 by the New Orleans Grand Jury.

Martens also advised that New Orleans District Attorney Garrison is going to involve Sergio Arcacha Smith, who was active in anti-Castro activities in New Orleans in 1960-61, in his assassination plot. Martens stated he was

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associated with Smith in 1961 and solicited funds for Smith's anti-Castro Cuban organization from various businessmen in New Orleans. Martens stated Senator Robert Kennedy had approved this activity and he feels Garrison may bring Senator Kennedy's name into the case in this matter. Martens also claims that Garrison, according to news representatives, is pushing to get the Central Intelligence Agency involved in the case.

Martens claimed that he has been interviewed by Garrison's staff and has told Garrison of his association with David William Ferrie and that he knew of no party of the type described by Perry Russo in his recent testimony in New Orleans. Martens stated that Russo's testimony is completely false and is full of "holes." He claimed that Russo tried to sell his story to the news media for \$1,000 before Russo contacted Garrison. Martens stated that he told representatives of Garrison's office that he knew Clay Shaw and had played chess with Shaw on several occasions. He also stated that he informed Garrison's men that Clay Shaw and David Ferrie were not associates and he doubts seriously if they knew one another.

ACTION:

Information set forth above is being set out in a letterhead memorandum and will be expeditiously disseminated to the White House and the Attorney General.

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