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February 27, 1964

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 18, 1964, requesting this Bureau to undertake appropriate investigation in an effort to develop full circumstances surrounding the incident involving Marina Oswald and James Herbert Martin. As you are aware, results of our inquiries in this matter have been furnished to the Commission.

For your information, Special Agent in Charge J. Gordon Shanklin of our Dallas office has advised that the incident involving Marina Oswald and James Herbert Martin is known to Marina Oswald, Mr. and Mrs. James Herbert Martin, John M. Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. Declan Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oswald, Mr. William McKenzie and Mr. McKenzie's law partner, Mr. Henry Baer.

Mr. Shanklin also advised that the rift between Marina Oswald, James Herbert Martin and John M. Thorne has been noted by the newspapers in Dallas and has been the subject of coverage by the press. The Dallas "Times Herald" contained an article in its February 25, 1964, edition reporting Marina Oswald had switched legal advisers on in-law advice. The article also quoted Thorne as stating that he had spent hundreds of hours representing Marina Oswald, as had Mr. Martin, and "We have a bona fide contract for percent of the money she makes and I intend to enforce it. This action could be opening the door to the courthouse and that door swings both ways."

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Mr. Shanklin stated that in his opinion, with as many people aware of the situation as there are, and the fact that the newspapers are very alert to anything regarding Marina, it is only a matter of time until the sex incident between Marina Oswald and James Herbert Martin becomes known and probably publicized.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

