

He had been arrested several times and charged with moral offenses involving young boys. He said that Ferrie at one time lived on Atherton Drive in Metairie, La., a suburb of New Orleans. Kohlman stated that at the time of his telephone conversation with his office had ten Police Officers (investigators for the Orleans Parish District Attorney's office) scouring the city for David Ferrie and that in the event Ferrie was picked up he would notify me. A request was made of Mr. Kohlman that Ferrie be picked up and held for this Service).

At 11:30 a.m. on 11-25-63 Assistant District Attorney Herman S. Kohlman telephoned the reporting agent at his residence, at which time he advised that he had received information to the effect that David William Ferrie had left for Dallas on Friday, 11-22-63 during the afternoon, travelling in a light blue Comet. He also advised that Ferrie reportedly had a plane and may still have it. He said that at the time of his telephone conversation with me Ferrie was allegedly on his way back to New Orleans.

Mr. Kohlman stated that it was his information that Harvey/Leo Oswald was in Ferrie's Civil Air Patrol group in New Orleans some years ago; that Ferrie allegedly had a fraudulent charter and that the Civil Aeronautics Board checked on it.

When pressed for the full name of the informant thus far referred to only as "Jack", Mr. Kohlman stated that he was "just a fellow who worked around the Police Headquarters building" and that "Jack" did not want to become involved in this investigation and for that reason did not want his name mentioned in any way. Mr. Kohlman was informed that "Jack" would have to be interviewed in person by representatives of this Service.

During the late afternoon of 11-25-63 SAIC Rice received a telephone call from Herman S. Kohlman, advising that David Ferrie had been picked up by representatives of the Orleans Parish District Attorney's office and that he was being questioned in the District Attorney's office at that time. Mr. Kohlman informed SAIC Rice that Ferrie would shortly be brought to the First District Police Station, where he would be booked.

At approximately 7:00 p.m. on 11-25-63 SAIC Rice and reporting agent interviewed David William Ferrie (W; M; 46 - DOB 3-10-18 - Cleveland, Ohio; 5-11; 190; ruddy complexion; brown eyes; wears dark brown kinky wig with a reddish tint; false upper teeth; resides at 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway, New Orleans. Former address: 331 Atherton Drive, Metairie, La. Ferrie stated that he had lived at 17302 Laverne and at 6801 Pear Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio).

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Commission and all its various investigators. I first discovered reference to Ferrie as "Ferry" in the immediate Secret Service grilling of Marina Oswald the afternoon of November 24, 1963 (WHITEWASH II, p.19), the day before he was arrested. This is the probable source. I have found no explanation of or further interest in the FBI investigation.

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David William Ferrrie stated that when he was employed by Ray Garrison he flew mostly to Houston, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Brownsville and various intermediate points; that he sometimes flew to New York via Atlanta and Washington.

Ferrrie insisted that he was in New Orleans on Thursday, November 21, 1963, and on Friday, November 22, 1963, until about 9:00 p.m. He said that he is positive that he was in New Orleans on the dates mentioned because he had been in Court in connection with a trial involving Carlos Marcello. He said that he departed New Orleans about 9:00 p.m. on 11-22-63 and drove to Houston and Galveston, Texas, with two companions, Alvin Deaubouef, about 19 or 20 years old, of 2427 Alvar St., New Orleans, and Melvin Coffey, about 20 to 22 years old, 618 N. Pierce St., New Orleans; that he was driving a 1961 blue Comet 4-door Station Wagon with 1963 Louisiana license having bought the car from Delta Mercury, Inc., 2201 Canal St., New Orleans, about three or four weeks previously - Charles Graham salesman.

Ferrrie stated that he and his two companions mentioned above returned to New Orleans about 9:30 p.m. on 11-24-63; that he telephoned Attorney G. Wray Gill (by whom he is employed as an investigator) several times; that at Gill's suggestion he left New Orleans about midnight that same date and drove to Hammond, La., where he stayed at the Holloway Smith Hall on Spahnern Street, at the Southeastern Louisiana College, where he has a friend, Thomas Compton, who does research in narcotics addiction under a Doctor Nichols, under a Federal grant. He said he left Hammond about 1:00 p.m. on 11-25-63 and arrived New Orleans about 3:00 p.m.; that immediately upon arriving at New Orleans he contacted Attorney Gill, who accompanied him to the Orleans Parish District Attorney's office, where he was wanted for questioning in connection with the Oswald case.

During the interview with Ferrrie by SAIC/Rice and myself he stated that he had left New Orleans on 10-11-63 via Taca Air Lines for Guatemala and had returned via the same line, arriving New Orleans on 10-18-63. He stated that he again left New Orleans on 10-30-63 via Taca Air Lines for Guatemala, returning via the same route, arriving New Orleans on 11-1-63. Ferrrie indicated that he had made these trips to Guatemala for Attorney G. Wray Gill and that the trips involved some investigative work having to do with the Carlos Marcello case.

David William Ferrrie emphatically denied that he had been in Dallas for about the last eight to ten years.

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Ferrrie before the assassination. Rather than not cooperating with the government, this report shows the immediate cooperation provided by Ray Garrison. Page 2 seems like a fourth-generation copy. Interestingly, neither this nor any of the other reports not still suppressed says

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As the interview with David William Ferrie was about to end he stated that he had a very good idea who had reported him as having associated with Oswald, training him in the use of rifles with telescopic lenses, etc.; that he was firmly convinced that one Jack S. Martin, who resides at the corner of Esplanade Avenue and N. Pricour Street, had made this false report concerning him. He stated that Martin makes a practice of hanging around the offices of various attorneys, Court rooms, etc., and is well known locally for furnishing false leads to law enforcement officers, attorneys, etc.

Subsequent to our interview with Ferrie on the night of 11-25-63 he was interviewed by FBI Agents at the First District Police Station.

On 11-26-63 it was learned the FBI Agents had talked with Jack S. Martin, who admitted that he had been the informant with regard to David William Ferrie; that Martin had admitted to FBI Agents that the information which he had furnished Assistant District Attorney Kohlman was a figment of his imagination and that he had made up the story after reading the newspapers and watching television; that he remembered that Kohlman, a former newspaper reporter, had written an article or story about Ferrie a couple of years ago and that he pieced the whole thing together in his mind and had given it to Kohlman as facts.

On the night of 11-29-63 SAIC Rice and reporting agent interviewed Jack S. Martin at length in his small run-down apartment located at 1311 N. Pricour Street, New Orleans, which he shares with his wife and 6-year old son. Martin, who has every appearance of being an alcoholic, admitted during the interview that he suffers from "telephonitis" when drinking and that it was during one of his drinking spones that he telephoned Assistant District Attorney Herman S. Kohlman and told him this fantastic story about William David Ferrie being involved with Lee Harvey Oswald. He said he had heard on television that Oswald had at one time been active in the Civil Air Patrol and had later heard that Ferrie had been his Squadron Commander. Martin stated that Ferrie was well known to him; that he recalled having seen rifles in Ferrie's home and also recalled that Kohlman had written an article on Ferrie and that Ferrie had been a Marine and had been with the Civil Air Patrol. Martin stated that after turning all these thoughts over in his mind, he had telephoned Herman S. Kohlman and told his story as though it was based on facts rather than on his imagination.

In view of the above, this phase of the investigation involving William David Ferrie will be considered closed.

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Case remains open at New Orleans pending submission of several additional reports covering investigation thus far conducted, after which the case will be closed here and investigation discontinued in accordance with Chief's instructions.

that Ferrie was with the FBI attending the New Orleans court at the time of the assassination. Could this be one of the reasons so much of the Ferrie file is still suppressed? He had been investigator for Carlos Marcello, whose name is mentioned. That Carlos Marcello is Mafia is not reported. Not because it was secret, for it was public and the FBI had participated in prosecutions of him, including this one.

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ORIGIN Field	OFFICE New Orleans	FILE NO. 00-2-34,030
TITLE OF CASE Assassination of President	STATUS Continued	TITLE OR CAPTION Lee Harvey Oswald Assassination of President Kennedy
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Goldonna & Natchitoches, La.	PERIOD COVERED 11-22-63	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SAIC John W. Rice		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Discreet inquiries were made in Goldonna and Natchitoches, Louisiana, on 11/22/63 regarding possible suspect Jack Martin at request of Dallas Office, this investigation having been initiated prior to the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

At approximately 2:00 PM on 11/22/63, while at the Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, Louisiana, I received telephone call from SA Anthony E. Correts in New Orleans. He advised that he had just received telephone call from client Millian L. Rhyan, Dallas, who stated that SA Robert A. Stewart had requested that this office conduct discreet inquiries relative to Jack Martin, Route 1, Goldonna, Louisiana, who at that time was considered a possible suspect in the assassination of President Kennedy. No further information was then available to Clark Rhyan.

I immediately proceeded to Goldonna, Louisiana, arriving at approximately 5:00 PM, and interviewed Mrs. Irene McGee, Postmaster, Mr. G. C. Quarles, Rural Carrier, and Willie Frazier, Constable and Deputy Sheriff, all of whom are well acquainted with Jack W. Martin, son of Ben and Thelma Martin, Route 1, Box 4, Goldonna.

The Martin family has resided in this area for a great many years. The family is poor and Ben Martin is a worker in the logging business in this backwoods community. Jack W. Martin reportedly grew up in the community and did not finish high school. For several years the subject has been traveling around the country, and apparently has been connected with an unidentified religious cult. It has been rumored, according to Mr. Quarles, that Martin desires to become a preacher.

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Robert Richter called this report to my attention. How strange it is that neither the Commission nor those lawyers it sent to New Orleans and Dallas, nor the FBI or Secret Service, had any subsequent interest in - and that the Report and the testimony and the printed exhibits totally ignore - the immediate interest in one Jack Martin as "a possible suspect in the assassination". Aside from the remarkable similarity in names, how can it be called an investigation when there is no investigation of or Report mention of a man suspected before Oswald was arrested?

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Constable Frazier said that apparently Martin had never been in any trouble in Goldonna or vicinity, but that he did leave the area about 8 or 10 years ago and was gone for several years. He said he heard that he was either in the armed forces or possibly in prison in another State.

Martin reportedly has never married, and as far as is known he has never been gainfully employed. He has communicated with his parents by mail from various places throughout the country, and always uses a general delivery address. He reportedly has been in Massachusetts, New Jersey, California, Texas, and other states.

Constable Frazier said he last saw Martin in Goldonna approximately three or four weeks ago. Rural Carrier Quayles said that he believed that Martin's mother had been writing to him in Texas, city unrecalled, recently.

All of the persons interviewed indicated that Martin is quiet and does not have any close friends in the area. He apparently does not hunt or fish, and is not interested in sports. There was no indication that he had a gun or rifle. He is said to be neat in appearance and rather soft spoken.

Constable Frazier said that a brother, Bobbie Martin, age about 19 years, has been a problem in the community.

Jack W. Martin was described as follows: white; male; 25-30; 5-6 to 5-8; 150; dark eyes; dark hair; olive complexion; stocky build.

At Natchitoches, Louisiana, inquiries were made at the Sheriff's Office, and no record of Jack W. Martin was located.

At approximately 9:00 PM on 11/22/63 I contacted SA Robert A. Stewart, Dallas, by telephone from Natchitoches, Louisiana, furnishing him the results of the investigation. SA Stewart advised that Lee Harvey Oswald had been arrested in Dallas in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy. He said that Oswald, who was connected with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New Orleans, had filed change of address from Dallas to 4907 Magazine Street, New Orleans, on 5/15/63; that he again rented a box in Dallas on 11/2/63. SA Stewart requested further investigation in New Orleans. He also advised that Jack Martin had been previously considered a possible suspect due to suspicious remarks which he had made in Dallas following the assassination of the President.

At 9:30 PM on 11/22/63 I contacted SA Caspeys by telephone at his residence in New Orleans and requested that he and SA Vial conduct immediate investigation relative to Oswald's activities in New Orleans.

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Additional reports will be submitted by Special Agents conducting other phases of this investigation.

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