

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Jack Martin

ORIGIN <i>Dallas</i>	OFFICE <i>New Orleans, La.</i>	FILE NO. <i>OO-2-24,030</i>
TYPE OF CASE <i>Protective Research</i>	STATUS <i>Continued</i>	TITLE OR CAPTION <i>Lee Harvey Oswald</i>
INVESTIGATION MADE AT <i>New Orleans, Louisiana</i>	PERIOD COVERED <i>November 22, 1963 December 2, 1963</i>	<i>Assassination of President John F. Kennedy</i>
INVESTIGATION MADE BY <i>SA Anthony E. Gerrets SA Adrian C. Neal</i>		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Investigation at New Orleans disclosed that Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested by the New Orleans Police Department on 3-9-63 for having become involved in a brawl with three Cuban anti-Castroites while he was handing out literature in the 700 block of Canal Street that same date, the literature pertaining to the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE, which organization was supporting Castro.

Oswald lived in a small apartment at 4907 Magazine Street, New Orleans, from May 9, 1963, until on or about September 24, 1963. His wife reportedly left a few days prior to Oswald, allegedly going to Texas to have her second baby. A woman in a station wagon bearing a Texas license is said to have come to the Oswald apartment at 4907 Magazine Street, New Orleans, for the purpose of picking up Mrs. Oswald and driving her and her baby to Texas. Oswald remained on in the apartment but moved unexpectedly one night, owing about ten days rent.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

At 1:40 P. M. on November 22, 1963, reporting agent received a long distance telephone call from Clerk Lillian L. Rhyan, of our Dallas office, who stated that she was calling at the request of SA Robert A. Steuart, Dallas, regarding an individual named Jack Martin, Route 1, Goldonna, La., on whom SA Steuart desired discreet inquiries conducted. At that time Clerk Rhyan indicated that she did not have any information regarding the said Jack Martin and did not know what connection, if any, he might have had with the shooting of President John F. Kennedy, that same date at Dallas.

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At 2:06 P. M., November 22, 1963, Clerk Rhyan again called reporting agent, advising that at that time it was thought that possibly Jack Martin may have been the assassin of President Kennedy. She could furnish no information regarding Jack Martin's description or background, knowing only that his address was reported at Route 1, Goldonna, La., and that it was desired that discreet inquiries regarding Martin be conducted at Goldonna at once.

Reporting agent immediately telephoned SAIC John W. Rice, who happened to be on an official road trip to Shreveport and vicinity, in the northwest section of Louisiana, approximately 325 miles from New Orleans, Goldonna being located in Natchitoches Parish in the northwest section of Louisiana.

SAIC Rice was located at the Office of Special Investigations, Barksdale Air Force Base, near Shreveport, and was informed of the above-mentioned request that discreet inquiries be conducted at once at Goldonna, La., regarding Jack Martin. It was explained to SAIC Rice that it was desired that the results of the investigation at Goldonna be telephoned to our Dallas office.

At approximately 9:30 P. M. on November 22, 1963, reporting agent received a telephone call at his residence from SAIC Rice, who was calling from Natchitoches, La. SAIC Rice stated that he had conducted discreet inquiries at Goldonna, La., regarding Jack Martin and had telephoned the results to SA Robert A. Steuart, Dallas; that during this telephone conversation SA Steuart furnished the following information regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD, who had been arrested at Dallas for having fired the shots which killed President Kennedy:

Lee Harvey Oswald - White; male; date of birth 10-18-39 at New Orleans; 5'9"; 140 lbs.; Social Security No. 433-54-3739; Chairman of FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE, New Orleans. Filed change of address with Post Office Department, Dallas, on 5-15-63, to 4907 Magazine St., New Orleans, and on or about 11-2-63 rented a Post Office box in Dallas.

SAIC Rice stated that it was desired that an immediate investigation be started at New Orleans in an effort to develop as much information as possible regarding Lee Harvey Oswald.

Reporting agent immediately telephoned SA Adrian G. Vial at his residence, with request that he meet me at the office as soon as possible.

Accompanied by SA Vial, reporting agent called at the New Orleans Police Department, Bureau of Identification, on the night of 11-22-63, where we checked their records on Lee Harvey Oswald, whose address was shown as 4907 Magazine St., New Orleans. The records here showed Oswald's FBI number as 327 925 D. His FBI fingerprint return showed that his fingerprints had been contributed by the Marine Corps on 10-24-56 as LEE HARVEY OSWALD - #1653230. The records also reflected that Oswald had been arrested by the New Orleans Police Department on 8-9-63 on a charge of Disturbing the Peace by Creating a Scene. The arrest was shown to have been made by Lt. Gaillot and other officers of the New Orleans Police Department's First District Police Station. Oswald's occupation was shown as "Mechanic."

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These two reports were called to my attention by Robert Richter. Jack Martin is the name of an associate of Guy Bannister, former FBI agent who operated a New Orleans detective agency and was connected with many of the characters in the story of Oswald in New Orleans. The Jack Martin of these reports was an immediate suspect: "may have been the assassin". Once Oswald was arrested, all interest in this Jack Martin disappeared. The matter is ignored in the Report and in the testimony.

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ORIGIN Field OFFICE New Orleans FILE NO. 60-2-34,030

TYPE OF CASE <u>Assassination of President</u>	STATUS <u>Continued</u>	TITLE OR CAPTION <u>Lee Harvey Oswald Assassination of President Kennedy</u>
INVESTIGATION MADE AT <u>Goldonna & Natchitoches, La.</u>	PERIOD COVERED <u>11-22-63</u>	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY <u>SAC John W. Rice</u>		

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 B. Gervets in New Orleans. He advised that he had just received telephone call from Clerk Lillian L. Ryan, 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 Clerk Ryan.

I immediately proceeded to Goldonna, Louisiana, arriving at approximately 5:00 PM, and interviewed Mrs. Irene Hodde, Postmaster, Mr. G. C. Quarles, Rural Carrier, and Willie Krasior, 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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Barren as the official record is on why Jack Martin was an immediate suspect, it is just as disgraceful that the file documents relating to this suppressed aspect of the assassination investigation are so illegible. Neither is indicative of official desire to make everything pertinent to the assassination and its investigation publicly available. Combined, they justify suspicion of a contrary official intent.

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Constable Frazier said that apparently Martin had never been in any trouble in Galdonna 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 so 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 Galdonna approximately three or four weeks ago. Rural Carrier Charles 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. Stuart, Dallas, by telephone from Natchitoches, Louisiana, furnishing him the results of the investigation. SA Stuart 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 Stuart 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 Corjets 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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DEAN ANDREWS, Attorney at Law, Audubon Building, New Orleans, presently confined Hotel Dieu Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that he met LEE OSWALD shortly before July 4, 1963. He estimated the time of this meeting as late in the month of June, 1963. He stated that OSWALD appeared at his office with several individuals who impressed him as being homosexuals. ANDREWS stated that he could not remember the identity of the people who came to his office with OSWALD. He stated that he did not open a file on OSWALD and further that OSWALD did not pay him for any legal service. ANDREWS stated that OSWALD was concerned because he could not obtain employment and inquired of him if it would be possible to reopen his bad conduct discharge with the United States Marines. ANDREWS also stated he was interested in the immigration status of his wife and was concerned with the legal question of his citizenship status and whether he had lost his American citizenship in Russia. ANDREWS stated that he talked to OSWALD two or three times and asked OSWALD to bring his military discharge papers and his wife's passport and any other documents he might have to his office, but OSWALD never produced the papers. ANDREWS stated that it would cost \$25 or \$30 to obtain the necessary military records of OSWALD and as OSWALD did not produce the money to cover this initial expense, no action was taken by him.

ANDREWS advised that he has searched his mind in an effort to identify the persons who came to the office with OSWALD and he cannot recall them. He stated that he recalled one person whom he described as a Mexican who claimed he was born in Texas. From the appearance and demeanor of this person, ANDREWS stated he thought him to be a homosexual. ANDREWS stated that he never knew this individual's name but that he would sit outside of ANDREWS' office and wait for OSWALD.

He recalled another individual whose name he believes to be CLAY BERTRAND accompanied OSWALD to ANDREWS' office. He remembers this person as a youthful appearing person age 22 - 23, 5'7", 160 pounds, blonde hair and crew cut. ANDREWS stated that although he has associated the name CLAY BERTRAND in his mind with the individual described who appeared at ANDREWS' office with OSWALD, he cannot be sure this individual was in

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Despite the persistent and immediate attempt to deprecate Andrews' statements, the various and repetitious reports cannot avoid showing that his accounts were consistent

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fact named CLAY BERTRAND.

ANDREWS advised that he was in Hotel Dieu under sedation and asleep sometime Saturday night when the telephone rang and a person who said his name was CLAY BERTRAND asked him if he would be interested in handling the defense of LEE OSWALD in Dallas, Texas, for the murder of President KENNEDY. ANDREWS stated that he told the person that he would have to consider this matter and made no notes regarding the call. He stated that BERTRAND did not leave a telephone number but told him he would call him back.

ANDREWS stated that on Sunday he spoke with SAM "MONK" ZELDEN, a New Orleans attorney and asked him if he would be interested in assisting in the defense and while talking to ZELDEN a news report came in that OSWALD had been shot.

ANDREWS stated that it was his belief that CLAY BERTRAND was one of the individuals that had been in his office with OSWALD and the name seems to be familiar but he has no idea who CLAY BERTRAND is or how he came to contact him. ANDREWS stated that he has no file in his office on either OSWALD or CLAY BERTRAND and he has had his secretary make a thorough search of his records with negative results.

ANDREWS stated that for the past several years he has represented a number of homosexuals that have been involved in minor local violations and he feels that he is well known to most of the homosexuals in the French Quarter. He stated that he had no information that OSWALD was a homosexual. ANDREWS stated that he would continue efforts to recall any additional facts which would enable him to identify CLAY BERTRAND as a possible associate of LEE OSWALD.

ANDREWS stated that it is well known that he has been in Hotel Dieu since Thursday, November 21, 1963. He stated that he has had to continue a number of Municipal Court cases and that anyone with connections among the homosexuals in New Orleans could have known his location. He stated that BERTRAND could not have contacted his wife or his office and obtained this information.

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Date November 25, 1963

LIONEL ESTOPINAL, New Orleans Police Department, Record Division, advised that the New Orleans Police Department had no record of any person named CLAY BERTRAND.

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Although it was an immediate and obvious presumption that the man Dean Andrews identified as Clay Bertrand might have been using an alias, these FBI Reports indicate no investigation along that line. Kennedy also asked at least two people if they knew a "Clay Gould". He did not ask this of the police.

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Date: 11/27/63

R. M. DAVIS, Investigator for DEAN ANDREWS, Esq., at-law, Audubon Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised upon the instruction of his employer, DEAN ANDREWS, he has made extensive searches of the files of ANDREWS' office. He has been unable to locate any record of CLAY BERTRAND or a record of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He advised that he recalls OSWALD visiting ANDREWS' office and ANDREWS had mentioned to him that OSWALD was desirous of obtaining a hearing on his bad conduct discharge from the U. S. Marine Corps.

DAVIS advised that he could not recall or identify any of the individuals with whom OSWALD came to the office

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Although it is the official pretense that Davis did not confirm what Andrews said, from this skimpy report it is apparent he did. Kennedy also interviewed him December 5 (Exhibit 2900). What this report does not reveal is that the office had been burglarized of those files in which any Oswald papers would have been kept. The burglars wanted nothing of intrinsic value, only files dealing with Andrews' last remunerative cases. This strange burglary excited no official interest.

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JUNIOR O'ROURKE, United Taxi Cab driver, who operates on the corner of Bourbon and Conti Streets, New Orleans, Louisiana, a former New Orleans police officer, retired, who has extensive contacts in the New Orleans French Quarter, particularly among the homosexual element, advised that CLAY BERTRAND was known to him and that inquiry among sources known to him familiar with the French Quarter had been negative to identify this person.

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BETTY PARENT, 935 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised she has numerous acquaintances among sex deviates of the New Orleans French Quarter and she advised that she has been unable to determine any information which would identify an individual by the name of CLAY BERTRAND.

She advised that the only individual she could associate with either name was an individual named CLAY GOULD who associates with the sex deviates in the New Orleans French Quarter. She advised that she had no reason to believe that CLAY GOULD is identical to CLAY BERTRAND other than the similarity of the first name.

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For all his "extensive contacts...particularly among the homosexual element", Junior O'Rourke was not asked if he knew or knew of Clay Gould. Does the Betty Parent report indicate she was asked if she could identify a name other than that of Clay Bertrand?

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RAYMOND COMSTOCK, Investigator, District Attorney's Office, advised that DEAN ANDREWS, attorney-at-law, had contacted him, attempting to identify CLAY BERTRAND. COMSTOCK advised he was familiar with a number of homosexuals in the New Orleans French Quarter but has been unable to identify

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