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Jack Martin

ORIGIN Dallas	OFFICE New Orleans, La.	FILE NO. CO-2-34,030
TYPE OF CASE Protective Research	STATUS Continued	TITLE OR CAPTION Lee Harvey Oswald
INVESTIGATION MADE AT New Orleans, Louisiana	PERIOD COVERED November 22, 1963 December 2, 1963	Assassination of President John F. Kennedy
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SA Anthony E. Cerrets SA Adrian C. Fial		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Investigation at New Orleans disclosed that Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested by the New Orleans Police Department on 8-9-63 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. Gaillet 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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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 E. Correts in New Orleans. He advised that he had just received telephone call from Clerk Millian L. Rhyon, Dallas, who stated that SA Robert A. Steuart 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 Rhyon.

I immediately proceeded to Goldonna, Louisiana, arriving at approximately 5:00 PM, and interviewed Mrs. Irene HoSee, 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 Ethelna 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.

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 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 Goldonna 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 Gorrots 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.