

Martens

JFK assassination records appeals Harold Weisberg 12/3/79
withholding of
that the Warren Commission records hold
The FBI disclosed
The reasonably segregable

62-109000-4669 includes an FBI memo of 3/3/67 and a letter to the White House of 3/2/67, not attached.

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all but one line of the/former record is withheld. That line reads, "This information concerning Martens was furnished to the Warren Commission."

In addition to the information being in the Commission's files at the archives some is disclosed in the second record, the letter to the White House. It refers to this memo and states that allegedly Martens "was the 'trigger man' in a plot to assassinate President Kennedy."

No such record has been provided to me, so no basis for the withheld HQ memo has been provided from either HQ or H.O. files, to the best of my recollection.

In
the memo, which was sent to the White House, Martens is quoted as describing David Ferris as "a great admirer of President Kennedy." This is the opposite of the truth, regardless of the merit or lack of it in the Garrison fiasco. A meeting of an ultra conservative group broke up when Ferris addressed it and said JFK should be killed.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Jansen
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Brach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. Goble

March 8, 1967

**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS**

110. Tim Layton

probably identical with

Layton Patrick Martens, born February 19, 1943, was interviewed on November 25, 1963, by Special Agents of this Bureau. At that time he was living at the home of David William Ferrie, who died on February 22, 1967. (News media have indicated New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison has named Ferrie as being one of the major figures in his assassination investigation.)

Martens advised on November 25, 1963, that he had moved in with Ferrie on November 17, 1963, at Ferrie's suggestion, after he, Martens, had been "kicked out" of his mother's home. Martens stated he had known Ferrie since 1958, when Martens was a student in the Civil Air Patrol in New Orleans and Ferrie was an instructor.

Martens related that Ferrie was working in November, 1963, for a New Orleans attorney, G. Wray Gill, as a research librarian and about 1 p.m. on November 24, 1963, Gill stopped at Ferrie's residence and said he was looking for Ferrie. Martens was home alone and Gill told him he understood Lee Oswald, when arrested, had been carrying a library card with Ferrie's name on it. (This was not true.) Gill also told Martens that Jack S. Martin had told authorities that Ferrie had planned the assassination of the President. Gill told Martens to have Ferrie contact him and he, Gill, would represent Ferrie. Martens advised that several hours later on the same day, November 24, 1963, Ferrie telephoned. Martens said he relayed Gill's message to Ferrie and Ferrie stated he had already talked with Gill. Martens said Ferrie told him during the conversation that the name "Oswald" meant nothing to him and that he did not know Oswald. Martens, during the interview, said Ferrie had been a great admirer of President Kennedy. Martens stated Oswald was unknown to him. He added that to his knowledge there had been no association between Ferrie and Oswald.

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- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Bishop
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

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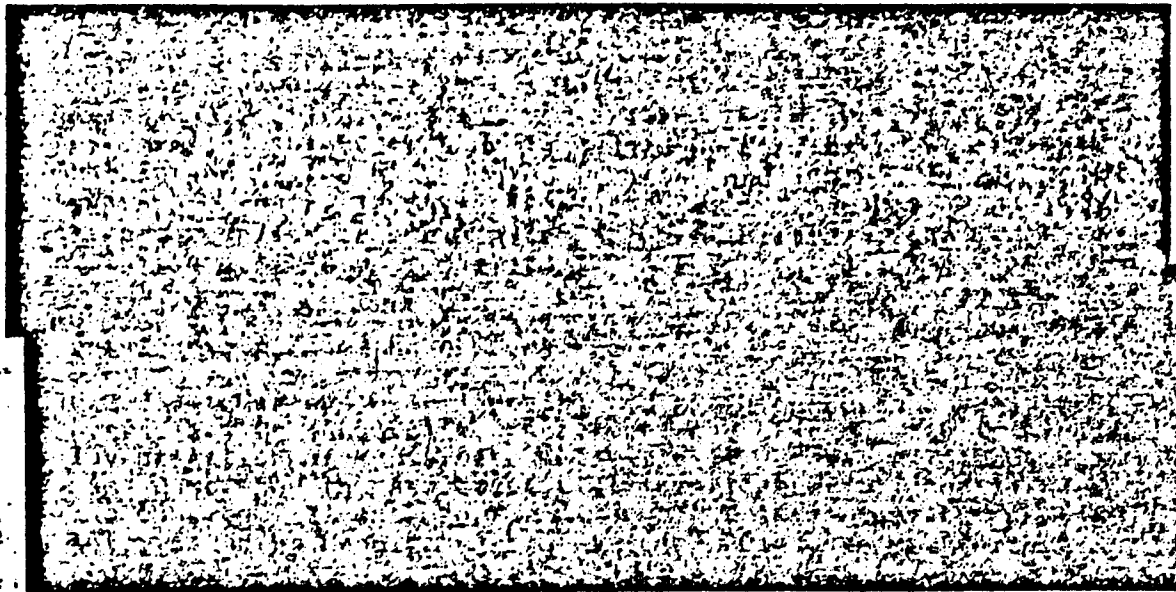
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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY



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- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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- 1 - Mr. Raupach
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March 8, 1967

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
 Special Assistant to the President
 The White House
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

I have previously furnished you information received concerning the investigation being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison concerning the assassination of the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. In the memorandum on this matter dated March 3, 1967, which was enclosed with my letter to you of the same date, mention was made of a Martin Layton (phonetic) who, allegedly, was the "trigger man" in a plot to assassinate President Kennedy.

Although our files contain no information identifiable with this individual, Special Agents of this Bureau interviewed a Layton Patrick Martens in the course of the assassination investigation and our files do contain some information about him. Because of the similarity of names, especially when "Martin Layton" is reversed, there is attached a memorandum which sets forth information on Layton Patrick Martens.

I thought this information would be of interest to the President. This data is also being furnished to the Attorney General and to the Director of the Secret Service.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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Honorable Marvin Watson

NOTE:

See memorandum Branigan to Sullivan dated 3-7-67,
prepared by THG:gow, captioned "Assassination of President
John Fitzgerald Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas.