

NO 89-69

Source: LAYTON PATRICK MARTENS
Date: March 27, 1967
To Whom: The New Orleans FBI Office

LAYTON PATRICK MARTENS, a student at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, residence address 404 South Wakefield Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana, whose New Orleans address is 3622 Constance Street, advised he had been subpoenaed to testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury on Wednesday, March 29, 1967, in connection with District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

MARTENS stated that from information in his possession it appears that District Attorney GARRISON is going to attempt to embarrass President JOHNSON and also to bring Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's name into his investigation. MARTENS stated that GARRISON has no cause to go in the direction in which he has gone with his investigation in regard to CLAY SHAW, DAVID FERRIE, and PERRY RUSSO.

MARTENS said that the inference is that District Attorney GARRISON is going to involve ARCACHA SMITH into the assassination of President KENNEDY as the second trigger man. MARTENS advised that GARRISON was attempting to identify ARCACHA SMITH with the assassination plot through ARCACHA SMITH's association with FERRIE, through the Cuban Revolutionary Front (FRD), and through him (MARTENS). MARTENS related that he was an authorized representative of the Provisional Government of Cuba in New Orleans in 1961 and in this capacity had solicited funds for the organization from various citizens and businessmen. He stated that he had carried an identification card showing his affiliation with the organization for identification purposes. He stated that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had approved this activity and he feels GARRISON may bring Senator KENNEDY's name into the assassination investigation in this manner.

110

62-109060-20135

MARTENS informed he was interviewed by GARRISON shortly before Christmas, 1966, and was told that at the time of the assassination the District Attorney's office had developed information concerning FERRIE, but that the FBI had stepped in and conducted investigation and the state file had never been closed. MARTENS said he was informed the District Attorney's office desired statements from everyone so that the state file could be closed. MARTENS stated he was questioned about DAVID FERRIE, the Cuban Revolutionary Front, about himself, the identities of any additional individuals who accompanied FERRIE to Texas on the day of the assassination of President KENNEDY, and the reason for FERRIE's trip to Texas. MARTENS stated he took a polygraph examination while at District Attorney GARRISON's office, which was positive in his favor.

MARTENS advised that approximately two weeks ago an unrecalled representative of GARRISON's office telephonically contacted him in Lafayette, Louisiana, asking him to report to the District Attorney's office for further questioning. MARTENS said he appeared at District Attorney GARRISON's office with his attorney, MILTON BRENER. MARTENS stated that Assistant District Attorneys ALCOCK and OSER went over practically the same ground covered on his prior interview but at this time also included questions concerning CLAY SHAW. MARTENS said he knows CLAY SHAW, whom he considers as an acquaintance. MARTENS stated that he has played chess with SHAW on several occasions. MARTENS said he told the representatives of GARRISON's office that CLAY SHAW and DAVID FERRIE were not associates and he doubts seriously if they knew one another.

MARTENS also commented that District Attorney GARRISON considers him to be the fourth ranking man in the Provisional Government of Cuba under ARCACHA SMITH. He also said that from information from various news representatives GARRISON is "pushing" to get the Central Intelligence Agency involved in the conspiracy to assassinate President KENNEDY.