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First lead Nixon-Oswald

Washington, Feb. 27 (AP) - James Martin denied today he has evidence that the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy planned to kill former vice president Richard M. Nixon. But the commission investigating the assassination said a published story quoting him as making that claim is before the panel.

Martin, <sup>A</sup> Dallas, Tex., businessman who has been business agent for Mrs. Lee Harvey <sup>U</sup>swald, widow of the accused killed, entered his denial in talking with newsmen just before a three and a half hour session as a commission witness.

After that Martin would not talk at all, on that subject or any other.

And Allen W. Dulles, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency and member of the presidential commission, would only say:

"The commission has that before it -- I don't want to make any other comment."

That was as close as Dulles would come to answering when asked whether the story had been discussed with Martin.

Martin and another man stepped off the elevator at the start of the noon recess at 12:40 p.m. and walked briskly through waiting reporters, ignoring their questions.

"Mr. Martin has no comment, and that's final," said the man who was with the tall, black-haired Texan. The speaker said nothing when asked his name.

Dulles told reporters he didn't think there was anything to say -- "the testimony is in the middle."

He said he hoped to finish with Martin at an afternoon session.

Asked if Martin is still representing Mrs. Oswald, Dulles replied "That's a legal question, I don't think I should get into it."

Asked if they discussed financial arrangements between Martin and Mrs. <sup>U</sup>swald, Dulles replied, "that and any other matters pertinent."

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Washington, Feb. 27 (AP)- James Martin, who has been business agent for Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald, widow of the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, denied today he has any evidence that Oswald planned to shoot former vice president Richard M. Nixon.

At the same time the Dallas, Tex., businessman took issue, in some degree, with Texas reports that he has been dismissed as Mrs. Oswald's representative.

"I am her business agent, as of now," Martin said in a brief exchange with reporters just before he was called in to testify before the presidential commission investigating the Kennedy slaying.

Martin was asked about a story in the Houston Post quoting him as saying he had evidence Oswald planned to shoot Nixon and had presented it to the investigating commission.

He said he only heard about the Nixon story yesterday, had no evidence to back it, and had not given any information about it to the commission.

Chief Justice Earl Warren, chairman of the commission, said Martin was called because of his close association with members of Oswald's family immediately after Kennedy was shot in Dallas last Nov. 22.

Martin has been quoted as saying Mrs. Oswald and her two children lived in his home for about two months.

As today's proceedings got under way, Warren announced that Washington attorneys Charles B. Murray and Charles S. Rhyne will be associated with Walter E. Craig, president of the American Bar Association, as guardians of Oswald's interests before the investigating panel.

The commission enlisted Craig, a Phoenix, Ariz., lawyer, for that assignment Tuesday with the aim of seeing that justice is done. It pointed out that Oswald was himself slain by Jack Ruby before he had a chance to present his own defense in court.

Rhyme is a former president of the Barx Association. Murray is a former assistant attorney general and now director of the legal aid agency here.

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HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 27 (AP)—The Houston Post has quoted the former business representative of Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald as saying Oswald planned to assassinate former Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

The newspaper quoted James Martin last night as saying he had evidence to this effect and had presented it to the Warren Commission which is investigating the death of President Kennedy.

Mrs. Marina Oswald dismissed Martin as her business representative a few days ago.

Nixon was in Dallas the day before President Kennedy was assassinated. Oswald was charged with the slaying.

The Post said at the time Nixon urged Texans to provide a courteous reception for President Kennedy saying "over-enthusiastic opponents really harm their own cause and help their opponents by showing discourtesy."

*See below* Nixon was in Minneapolis last night and not immediately available for comment. There whereabouts of Mrs. Marina Oswald in Dallas were not immediately known.

Martin was scheduled to testify before the Warren Commission in Washington today.

The Post said Martin would not say how he had learned of Oswald's alleged intent to assassinate Nixon.

"It's part of the testimony," the newspaper quoted Martin as saying. "I can't comment on it."

The Post said Martin also declined to comment on why he suddenly had been dismissed by Mrs. Oswald a few days ago.

Reports at the time said he was dismissed on the advice of Robert Oswald, brother of the accused assassin of President Kennedy.

Martin has said he will testify about contracts Mrs. Oswald has made since her husband was shot and killed in the Dallas police station Nov. 24.

However, the Post said other sources indicated he may testify about certain documents and papers that passed through his hands.

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The Post quoted Martin as saying Oswald's widow left his home Feb. 11, the day after she returned from testifying before the Warren Commission.

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Nixon, in Minneapolis today, was asked for comment. He shrugged his shoulders and said, "What can you say?"

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