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SUMMARY

The HSCA section dealing with Ferrie is a biography relying on known facts. It notes Ferrie's experience as a pilot with both the Civil Air Patrol and Eastern Airlines and briefly touches on allegations of homosexual misconduct that got him into trouble in both positions. It also mentions Ferrie's connections with several other people involved in this case, including Guy Bannister, Carlos Marcello, and Jack Martin. Of particular interest is the concept that Ferrie and Oswald may have been acquainted; Oswald was a member of the CAP unit Ferrie commanded in the mid-1950's. There is also a rumor (to this point unsubstantiated) that Oswald was carrying Ferrie's library card at the time of his arrest in Dallas. The section concludes with a summary of Ferrie's actions during the weekend of the assassination, including many of the contradictions between what he told authorities and what the records show (hotel registrations that overlap, for example).

Elsewhere, Ferrie is referred to in the HSCA report as well; specifically, in the anti-Castro Cuban conspiracy and organized crime conspiracy sections of the report. The implications of Ferrie's connections and actions are discussed in these sections.

BACKGROUND

David Ferrie is one of the most enigmatic characters in the assassination investigation. Suspected by Garrison of being one of the masterminds of the assassination plot, he is believed by others to be a figure who, while shady and perhaps sinister, had only tangential connections to the case. There is evidence linking him to Mafia boss Carlos Marcello, Guy Bannister, Clay Shaw, and Lee Harvey Oswald. He was almost certainly involved in the anti-Castro activity of the early sixties, including possible flights in and out of Cuba. His actions around the time of the assassination raise serious questions about his possible involvement. However, there is no *direct* evidence linking him to the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

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