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Professor G. Robert Blakey

Dear Bob:

I am enclosing some records responsive to your requests. As you know -- no doubt better than most -- there are significant difficulties involved in attempting to gather all relevant documents on any particular issue related to the Kennedy assassination. I hope that these will be of use to you.

In conjunction with your request for information on Layton Martens and Alvin Beauboeuf, we have located the following documents that are cited in footnotes 82 and 186-189 in HSCA Vol. X, Chapter XII ("David Ferrie"):

- HSCA OCR of 11/25/78 on Martens
- HSCA OCR of 5/16/78 on Martens
- FBI 302 report of 11/25/63 on Martens
- FBI 302 report of 11/25/63 on Beauboeuf

In addition to these records, we searched several databases and identified several other documents that may be of some use to you. Please do not hesitate to ask if you identify other documents that may be of assistance.

In his deposition, Frank Ragano appeared to be forthcoming and had reasonably plausible explanations for the dating of his last meeting with Santo Trafficante. He brought to the deposition many handwritten notes that recorded the substance of his conversations with Hoffa, Marcello, and Trafficante. He was unable to remember with certainty whether the notes were created contemporaneously in the 1960s, or whether he re-wrote them at the time he was writing his book. We will be conducting forensic tests to try to date the notes.

At lunch I asked him what he thought of *Fatal Hour* and some other books, including Ron Goldfarb's. He rated yours the highest.

I hope this helps.  
Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn  
General Counsel and  
Director of Research and Analysis

Enclosures