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Dear Mary Ellen:

Thank you for sending the news clippings on political developments in New Orleans. Although I had heard that Buras was running for a judgeship, I hadn't known against whom until I received your packet. The articles were very amusing.

Pursuant to our discussion this morning, I am enclosing a few documents that may interest you related to Layton Martens and David Ferrie. The first set consists of portions of the final report of the House Select Committee on Assassinations as well as portions of a staff report.

The second set consists of a few dozen National Archives "RIFs" (Records Identification Forms) that identify records by Agency (where the record originally was found) and by Originator (the entity that created the record). The RIFs, which were created by the agencies that had the documents, contain numerous errors. I found these records by conducting an electronic search for "Layton" in our internal database, which is drawn from information supplied by the agencies. Presumably, additional records related to Layton Martens would be found by searching alternate spellings such as "Marten," "Martins," and "Martin." If you are going to follow up with the Archives, please let me know and I will conduct some additional searches for you. All of the records identified in the RIFs are now available at "Archives II," the National Archives facility in College Park, Maryland. There is a free bus service from the downtown D.C. Archives to the College Park facility.

I hope this information helps.

Best wishes,

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