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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

1-Mr. Rosen
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This is to brief a wild and unsupported article in the 5-17-64 issue of the "National Enquirer" claiming that the Department of Justice at the request of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) blocked the arrest of Oswald and Ruby by the Dallas Police in April, 1963. The article cites no specifics as to the basis for the imaginative charge and is loaded with filler material consisting of numerous hoaxes and false reports which have been discredited. It is recommended that the article not be brought to the attention of the President's Commission or the Department as it is patently false and unworthy of consideration. The "National Enquirer" is a well-known sex-type of newspaper, is totally unreliable and is known to feature wild sensational stories.

The story in question was written by John Henshaw, described as Washington Bureau Chief of the "National Enquirer," weekly published in New York City. The article alleges that Dallas Police knew in April, 1963, that Oswald and Ruby were linked in the assassination attempt against General Walker; Oswald as the assassin and Ruby as the paymaster. It alleges that CIA was using Ruby to recruit commandos for raids on Cuba and to prevent Dallas Police from arresting Ruby as well as Oswald, they petitioned the Department to step in. It alleges that a high Bureau official received a signed directive from the Department as a result of which he contacted the Dallas Police in April, 1963, and urged them to arrest Ruby and Oswald. As the Dallas Police desired a signed communication, a "Top Secret" letter was signed by a high official of Justice and was sent to Dallas Police Chief Curry requesting them not to arrest Ruby and Oswald. The article thereafter attempts to establish that Ruby and Oswald knew each other long before the assassination and as filler information it repeats the allegation that Oswald was a double agent for CIA and Bureau, the false claims of Mark Lane, the New York attorney, and the wild speculations that have appeared in the foreign press. This article is pure sensational trash and there is no substance to it.

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Bureau and Dallas are referred to pages 16-18 of this weekly, which contains an article by JOHN HENSHAW alleging an association between JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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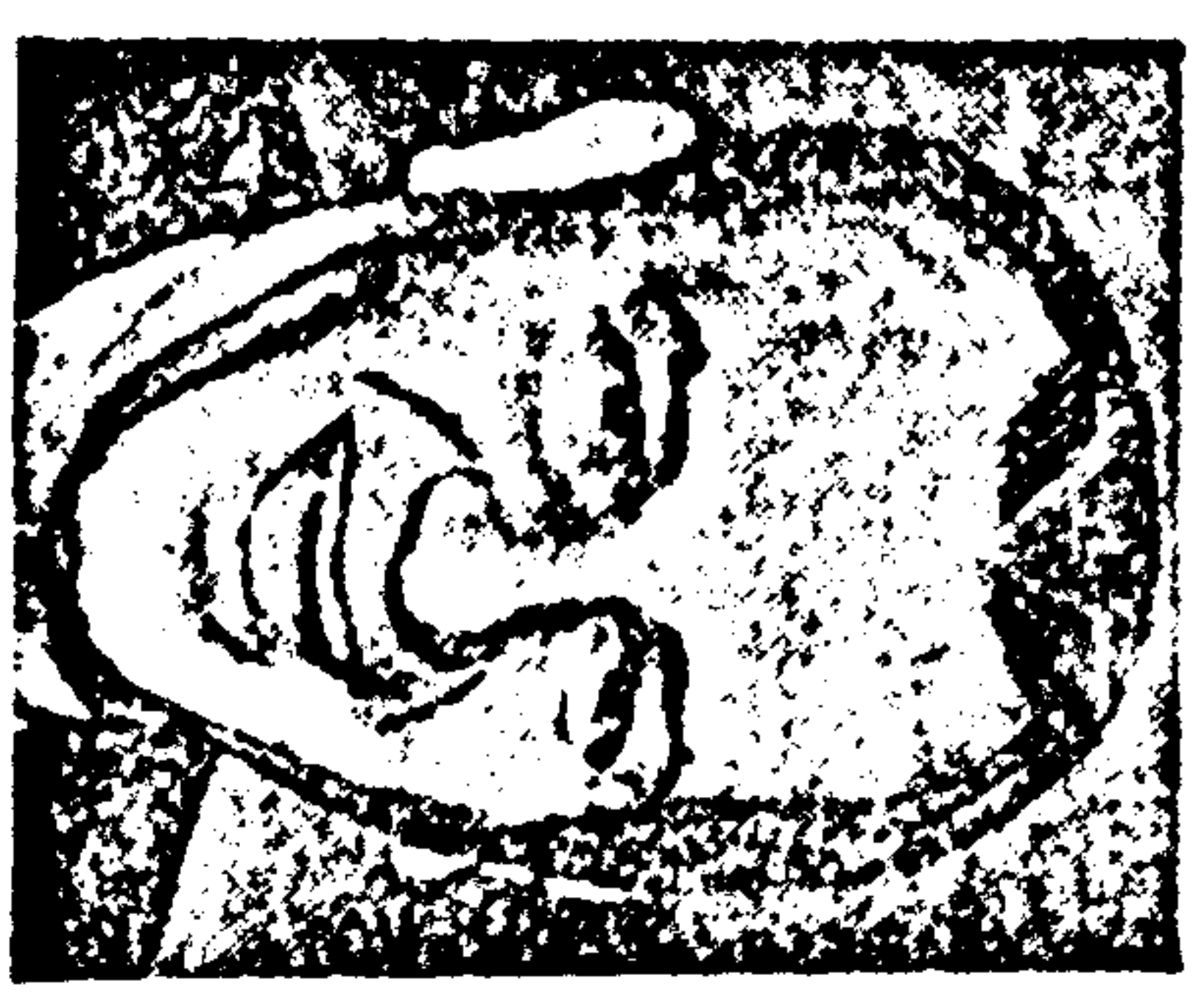
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SHOCKED OFFICIALS HEAR:

**U.S. Justice Dept. Letter
Blocked Their Arrest Seven
Months Before JFK Slaying**

A Vicious Stranger Hurls Acid And Blinds a Blind Man's Dog

By THOMAS KNOWLES

Police are hunting for one of the cruelest of all people — someone who blinded the guide dog of a blind man by throwing acid into the animal's eyes.

And because the dog's owner, Luigi Molteni, 33, a telephone operator, cannot see, the police have no clue as to who might have done it.

It wasn't until a month after the dog, Prima, had been blinded that anyone noticed anything was wrong with her.

Molteni entered Prima, a 7-year-old German shepherd, in an international dog show at Turin, Italy, last October 27.

Instead of behaving in her usual well-trained manner, Prima didn't obey commands, nearly bumped into obstacles and barely saved her master from being run down by cars driven along a mock road.

A spectator joked loudly:

"That guide dog looks as if it needs a guide dog for itself!"

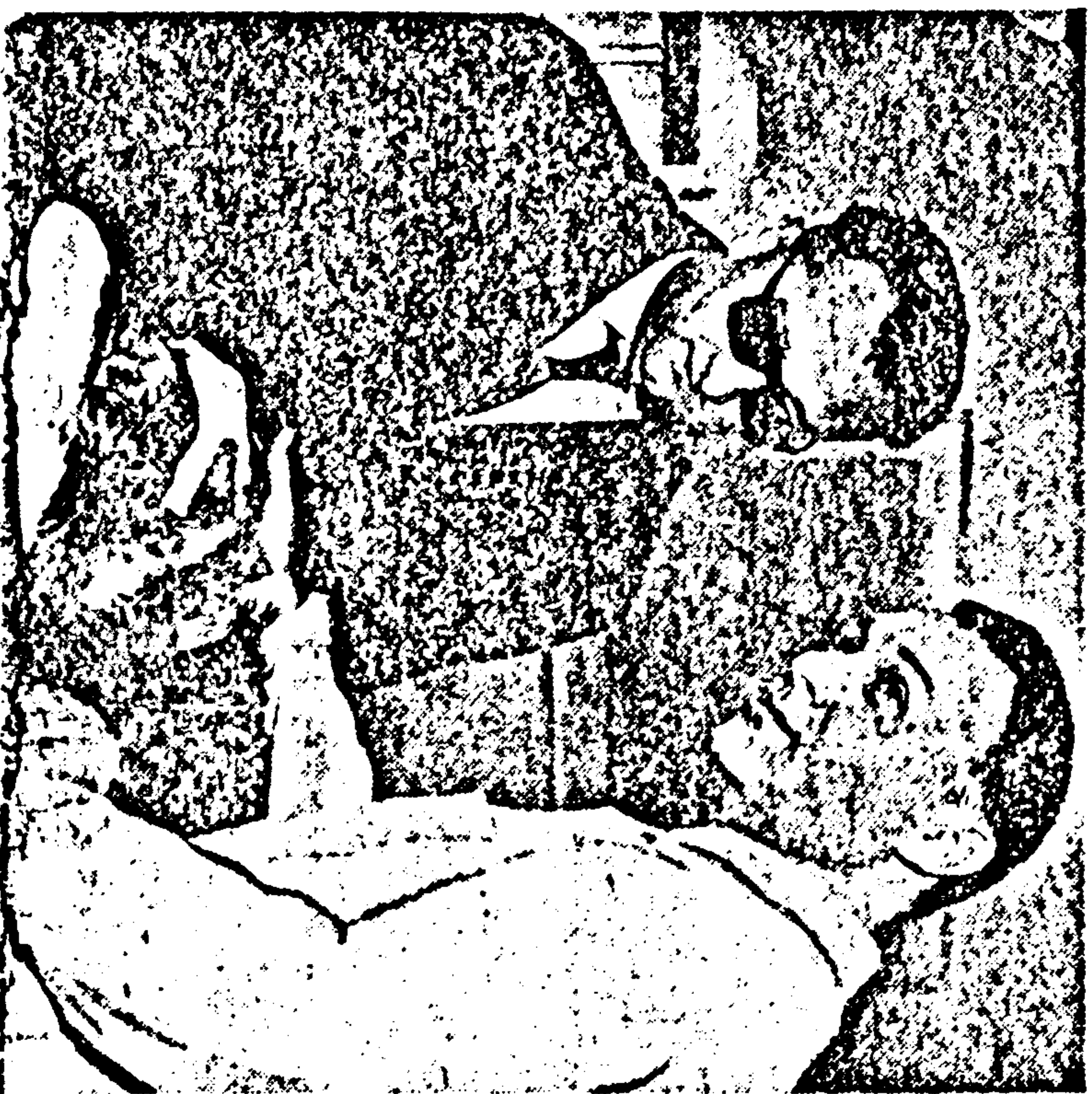
Officials of the show didn't think it was a laughing matter, however.

A veterinarian took one look at Prima, passed his hand in front of her eyes and said: "This dog is blind."

Molteni, who has been blind for six years, wept behind his dark glasses.

"She's been like this for a month," he said. "She's frightened and uncertain every time we come to the edge of a sidewalk, a busy street or some unexpected obstacle."

"But she's still managed to



BLIND COMPANIONS: Blind man Luigi Molteni and his blind guide dog, Prima, together just before the dog was operated on. The dog's sight in her left eye was restored after an operation which took 5 1/2 hours.

Prima had cataracts on both things through her left eye. Within two days, wearing a special muzzle to prevent her from scratching the eye, she

and then back again.
"We walk together through crowded streets, travel together on buses and trains in the rush hour."
"How can she be blind?"

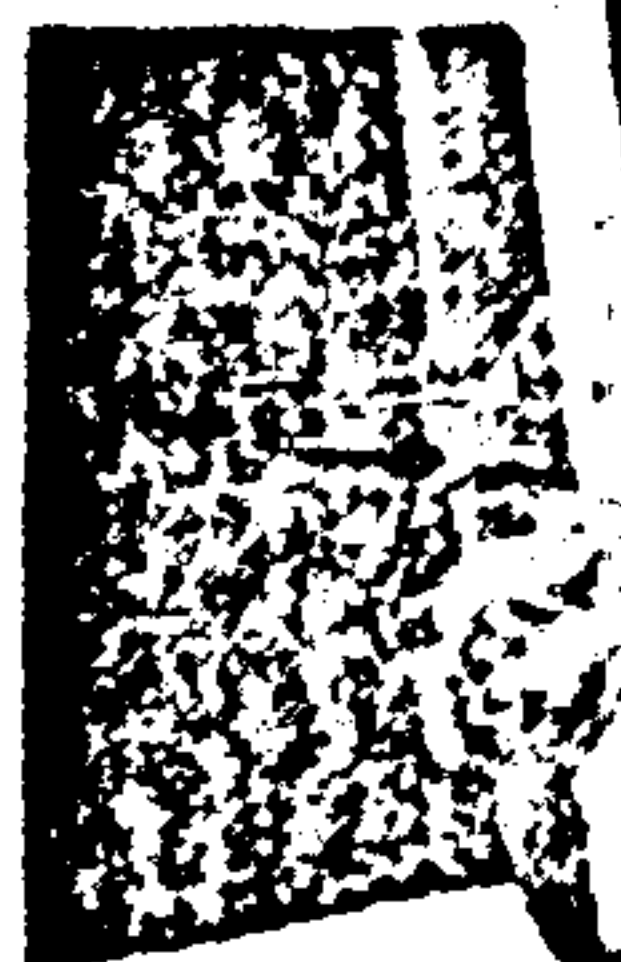
The surgeon told Molleni that Prima had been guiding him all that time from memory.

"She's been making her way from your home to work and back again for so long that she is able to make the trip from



AFTER SURGERY: Luigi stands by as eye specialist's assistant pots Prima after dog's left eye was operated on. A special muzzle kept her from scratching the eye.

memory," he said.
"She's also aided by familiar sounds and smells and by recollection of danger spots she knew when she could see."
At first, it was thought that



Last January 15, the specialist operated on Prima free of charge.

With the dog under anesthetic for 5½ hours, he removed the upper layer of the left eyeball, uncovering healthy tissue underneath.

When the operation was over and the effects of the anesthetic had worn off, Prima scrambled to her feet and staggered around the operating room peering at

her master to and from work. An operation on Prima's right eye is planned for later this summer.

Said Molleni: "I'd like to meet the person who threw the acid at Prima.

"He must hate either dogs or blind people.

"I would offer him my hand in friendship, because a person with that kind of twisted soul needs a friend."

Gripes to City About His Taxes — Should Be Higher, He Says

By STAN HAYES

LeRoy Neal argued bitterly when the tax on his home was increased.

But Neal's complaint shocked the tax board — because he insisted his tax was too low.

"My increase was only \$21 while my neighbors had to pay from \$53 to \$95 more a year," said Neal, 55.

"It isn't fair, because we're taxed according to the value of our homes. Since my house is worth as much as theirs, I should be taxed just as much.

"It's a matter of pride."
Last March 20 Neal appeared before the tax board of review in Lansing, Mich., and waited his turn to speak while dozens of angry citizens complained that their tax increases were too high.

When Neal stood up to speak, officials expected him to argue about the \$21 increase over his previous year's tax of \$160.

But Neal gave them the surprise of their lives.

"I've got a nice, six-room house I've just improved with a recreation room with a sound-proof ceiling," he said.

"As a result, my home is worth at least as much as my neighbors' homes — and I ought to get a much bigger tax increase."

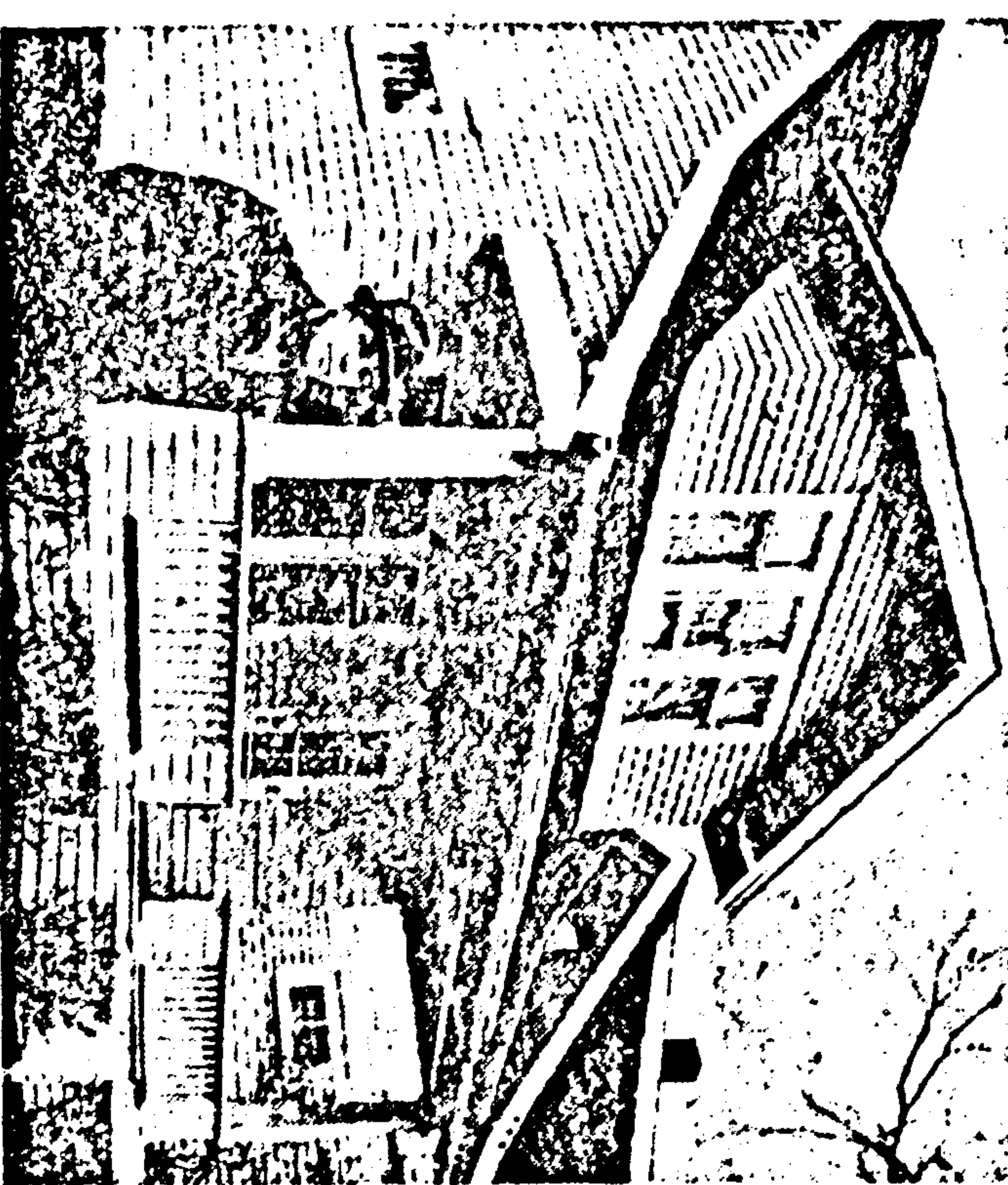
Board officials were shocked. "We just didn't know what to do," said County Tax Assessor Gerald Ernst.

"It was the first time any of us had ever heard a citizen complain his taxes were too low."

Neal was asked to think the matter over and come back a few days later, but he insisted that his mind was already made up.

"I'm being taxed at the rate of owning a home worth \$8,000, and that's an insult," Neal complained.

"Because my home is now worth at least \$12,000."



PROUD: LeRoy Neal, standing in front of his house, says it was a matter of pride for him to have his taxes as high as those of his neighbors. So he had his raised.

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He Takes Nap & Is Trapped 8 Days in a Shaft

By MANUEL HERRERA
Evaristo Maldonado was
found out. All he wanted was
to find a place where he could
take a long, uninterrupted
nap.

And he found just the spot —
an unused brick shaft in a hos-
pital basement. So the 60-year-
old laborer crawled through the
opening and settled down for the
nap.

Nobody interrupted him be-
cause nobody knew he was there.
Not even the two men who
came along early the next morn-
ing and bricked up the only
opening to Evaristo's makeshift
bedroom in the Juarez, Mexico,
hospital.

It was too dark inside for them
to see clearly and Evaristo had
crawled well inside the narrow
shaft to avoid being seen.

Evaristo slumbered on. There
was plenty of air coming through
a ventilation grille and Evaristo
had no problem with breathing.

But when he woke up, he soon
found he had a more urgent
problem. He couldn't get out.

He screamed but nobody heard
him even though the hospital's
doctors and nurses were work-
ing only 10 feet above him.

By the fourth day, the starving
Evaristo was eating the dirt he
managed to scratch out from
the walls. When that gave out, he
ate his own clothes.

For water, he sucked the sweat

from his hands and face.

He lost track of time in the
endless silence and the pitch
black made him go blind from
the effort of straining his eyes.

Evaristo might still have been
in the shaft if, on the eighth day,
Emilio Gomez and Julia Gua-
hadn't gone into the cellar to
check the heating and ventila-
tion.

They found that one of the
shafts had been blocked by mis-
take. It took only a few minutes
to knock out the bricks.

Gomez shined a flashlight in-
side and its beam fell on the face
of Evaristo.

"It's a ghost," he screamed.
Their cries were heard by
hospital workers who ran down
to the basement and found Eva-
risto, now a 90-lb. bag of skin
and bones, crouching on all
fours.

"I was tired," he moaned. "I

just wanted to rest."

Carefully the living skeleton
was carried upstairs and put to
bed after being given stimulants
and injections of liquid food.

Within a few days of his res-
cue — last November 1 — his
sight returned and he was on the
way to recovery.



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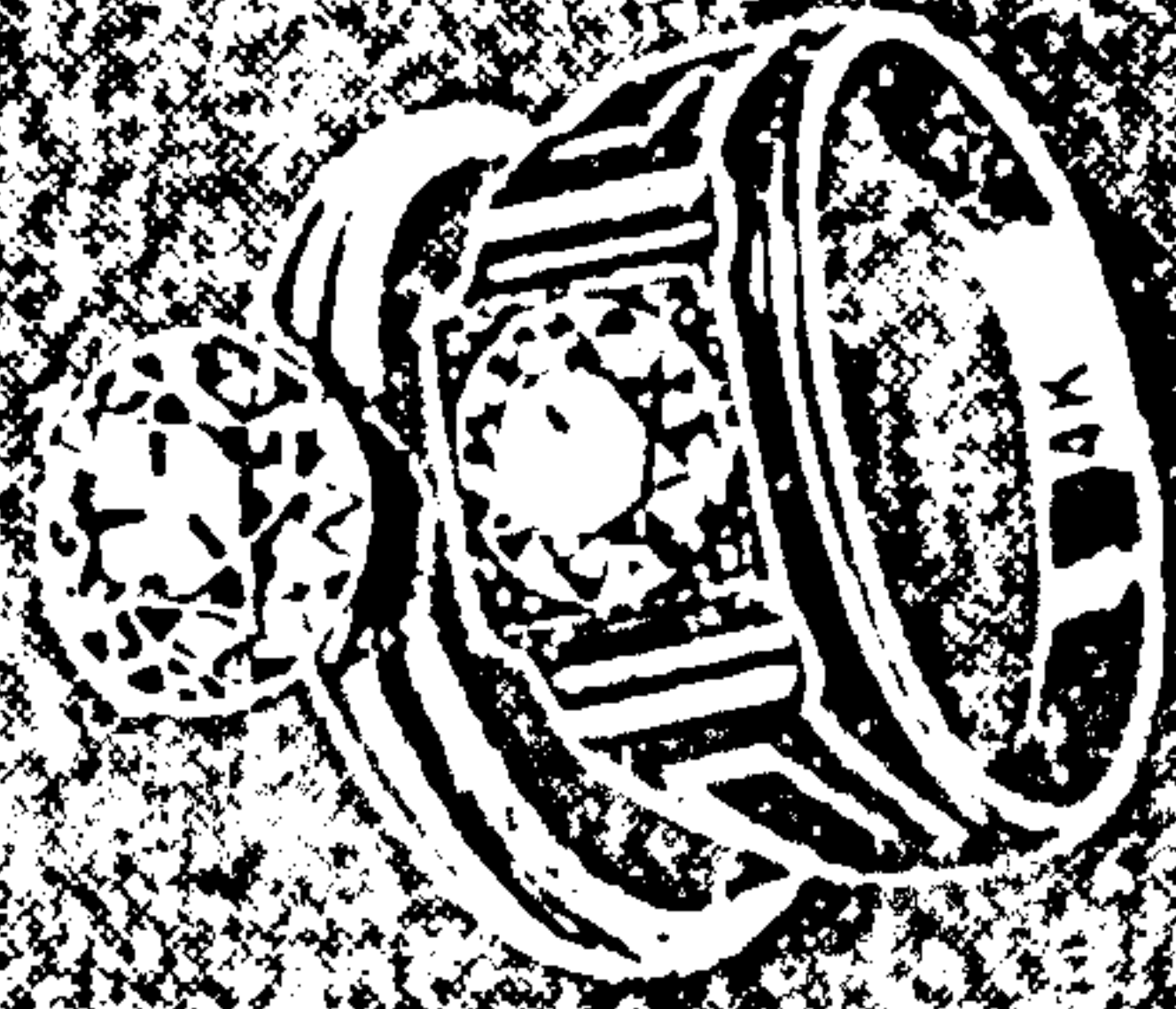
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Washington Insiders Are Talking

By JOHN HENSHAW — ENQUIRER Washington Bureau Chief
WASHINGTON — The hottest story making the rounds here is that the U.S. Justice Department prevented the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby BEFORE the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Oswald and the man who killed him, Ruby, were suspected of being partners in crime seven months before the President's death.

The incredible details of the story are so explosive that officials won't even answer "no comment" when queried about it. But the story being discussed by top-level government officials reveals:

1. That the Justice Department deliberately kept Oswald and Ruby out of jail before the assassination.
2. That Dallas cops suspected Oswald of being the gunman and Ruby the paymaster in a plot to murder former

EXCLUSIVE

There is a suspicion among the American public that there is more to the story behind the assassination of President Kennedy and his slayer, Lee Oswald, than has been disclosed.

The ENQUIRER prints this article in the hope it will lead to the solution of the mystery surrounding these tragic events.

SHOCKED OFFICIALS

- Dallas Cops Linked
- Murder Try in April
- U.S. Justice Dept. L
- Blocked Their Arrest

Ruby, Oswald

A top-secret document — a letter signed by a high official of the Justice Dept. — was sent in April 1963 from the Justice Dept. to Dallas Chief of Police Jesse E. Curry requesting the

Dallas police NOT to arrest Oswald and Ruby in connection with the attempted slaying of General Walker.

After a sniper shot at but missed General Walker in Dallas, April 10, 1963, Dallas police suspected that Oswald was the sniper and Ruby the payoff man.

The cops were set to arrest the pair. But they never got the chance because of the heavy pressure brought to bear by the Justice Dept. And so Oswald and Ruby were allowed to remain free. And seven months later, on last November 22 in Dallas, Oswald was able to kill the President of the United States.

The top-secret document — a copy of it is reportedly in the hands of the Presidential commission investigating the assassination — bares a web of intrigue that involves the Federal Bureau of Investigation, along with the Justice Dept. and the Central Intelligence Agency.

It is so politically explosive that the Presidential commission, headed by Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren, has even withheld it from one of its own members, Senator Richard Russell (D., Ga.).

It is feared that Senator Russell, who leads the South in the fight against the civil rights bill, might use the document as a weapon against the Justice Dept. and its chief, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, a leader in the fight for civil rights.



LEE OSWALD



JACK RUBY

The document — requesting the cops not to arrest Ruby and Oswald — contradicts the FBI report on the assassination and the subsequent murder of Oswald.

According to the New York Times, the FBI report, which was turned over to the Justice Dept. on December 4 and then to the Presidential commission five days later, concludes "that there was no link between Oswald and Jack Ruby."

The Times added, in its issue of December 10: "Speculation that Oswald and Ruby knew each other, or in some way were part of a prior vendetta or association, is completely discounted in the report."

The ENQUIRER learned, however, that on the day Ruby killed Oswald, a man named Bill DeMar told reporters he saw Oswald in Ruby's Carousel night club.

DeMar, under the stage name of Bill Crowe, was then master of ceremonies at the club.

WALKERS BEFORE DEPT. JURY

The ENQUIRER traced DeMar to an Evansville, Ind., night club and questioned him on April 11. He told our reporter that he had seen Oswald sitting in the Carousel on the night of November 21 — the night before Oswald assassinated President Kennedy.

DeMar said: "I gave the FBI a statement about seeing Oswald in the club and that was it. I told them the same thing I'm telling you. "I signed it and have heard nothing more about the incident to this day." And, on March 17, just three days after a jury voted the death penalty for Ruby, the Associated Press reported from Dallas: "District Attorney Henry Wade has disclosed how prosecutors made the 'big decision' of the Jack Ruby murder trial. "The decision: They would not call witnesses who swore they saw Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald together before a sniper assassinated President Kennedy here. "Testimony from these witnesses would have made worldwide headlines. And, if jurors had believed the testimony, it would have provided a motive for the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald. "Wade said FBI agents and other investigators provided him with a list of witnesses who insisted they had seen Ruby and Oswald together at various times. "The district attorney said he decided not to call these witnesses, because he had doubts

about the accuracy of their statements." And the New York Times, in an article from Dallas dated March 15, reported: "Some law enforcement officials in Dallas continued to believe that a connection (between Ruby and Oswald) was possible but, if so, that it was personal and did not necessarily involve the assassination."

The FBI became involved in the undercover maneuverings to stop the arrest of Oswald and Ruby shortly after the attempt to snuff out the life of Gen. Walker, who had been preaching ultraconservatism since he was relieved of his command in Germany. Walker then resigned from the Army.

The FBI official then received a signed directive. He contacted Dallas police and urged the not to arrest Oswald and Ruby. But the Dallas police wanted an official signed communication.

Thereupon the Justice Dept. sent the communication to Dallas Police Chief Curry asking that Oswald and Ruby be strictly alone. The department explained didn't want Oswald and Ruby arrested because of "reasons state."

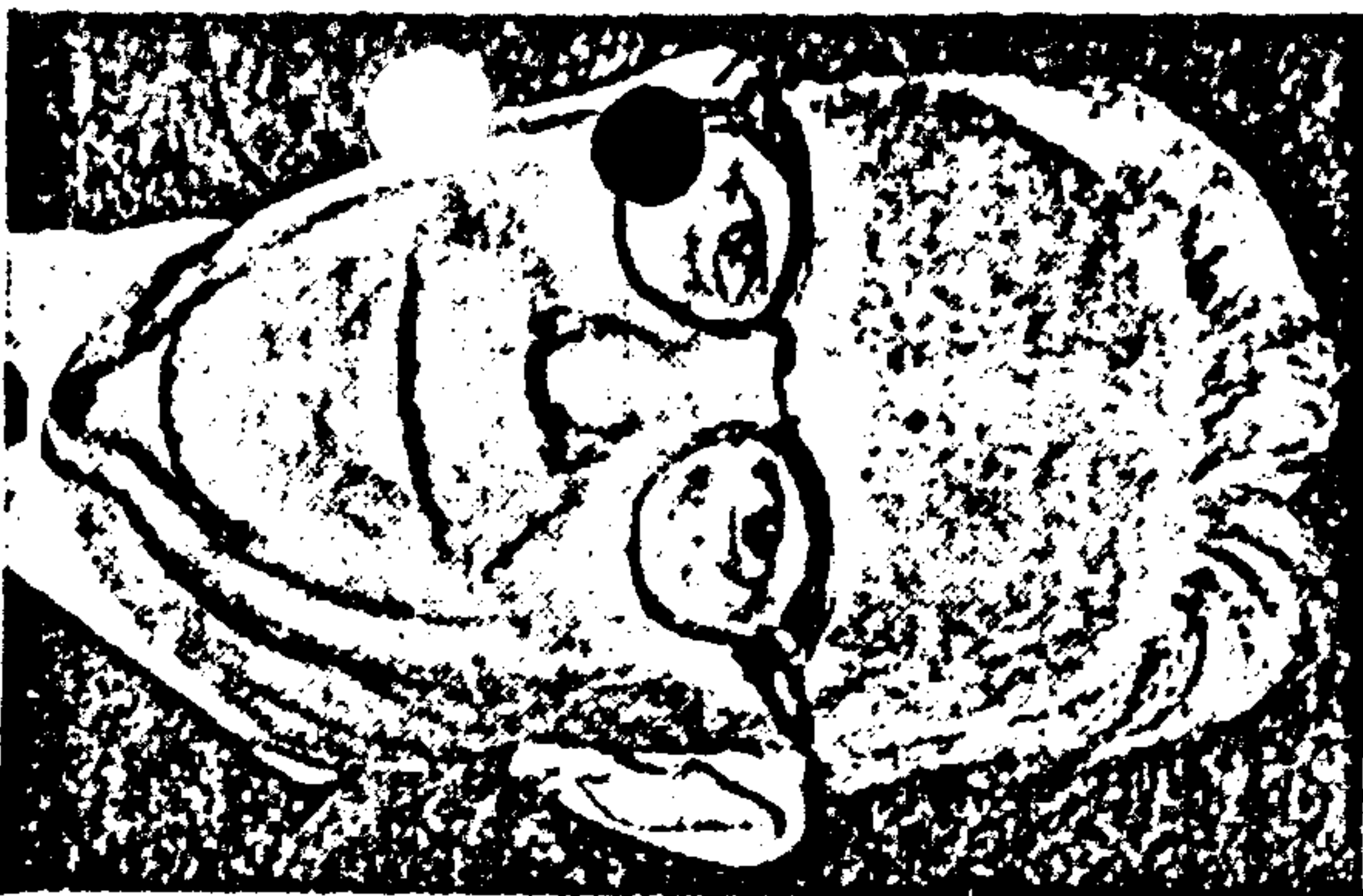
The Justice Dept. was the request on behalf of the Because the CIA was deeply involved with Ruby — and probably Oswald, too! CIA agents had been using Ruby to recruit men in the Dallas area to serve as command against Castro's government Cuba.

And they didn't care let Ruby be arrested and chance such information getting out. There were also indications that Oswald himself might be



GEN. EDWIN A. WALKER

PLAYING



EARL WARREN

been working both sides of the fence — as a double agent for both the Communists and the CIA.

So both Oswald and Ruby were left at liberty.

For the next few months Oswald took part in demonstrations in support of Castro, then went to Mexico City and tried to get a visa to visit Russia by way of Cuba.

His application for a visa was turned down.

Last October 3 he arrived back in Dallas. A week earlier it had been announced that President Kennedy would visit Dallas on November 22.

On October 14 Oswald got a room in a rooming house near the Texas School Book Depository in Dallas. The next day he

were really found, except that evidence was overwhelming that the President had been killed by Oswald.

The same Oswald who had gone to Russia in 1959, pledged allegiance to the Soviet Union and tried to become a Russian citizen.

The Russians supposedly, for whatever reason, turned him down and he finally came back to America with his Russian-born wife, Marina, and their baby daughter in June 1962.

From then on he tried to get mixed up in left-wing activities, ordering all kinds of Communist literature and eventually becoming a loud supporter for Castro's Cuba.

He and his family lived first in Fort Worth, Tex., and then moved to Dallas.

In addition to the apartment he had with his wife and child he rented a room under the name of "A. Hidell."

On March 20, 1963, he received a rifle under that name from a mail-order firm located in Chicago.

On April 10 a sniper fired a rifle bullet through a window of the Dallas home of Gen. Walker.

Gen. Walker was working at his desk on his income tax returns.

The bullet missed his head by scant inches, went through a 9-inch wall and came out in another room.

Dallas police investigation showed that the sniper shot from an alley 150 feet from the Walker home, using a fence to steady the rifle.

Dallas police also had the report of a witness who was near

by after the attempt on Walker's life that he saw two men, not one, run to an auto and make their getaway.

And within a few days after the shot was fired Dallas police felt they had a complete case. Then came the fantastic series of maneuvers cloaked in secrecy which kept Oswald — the man who was to assassinate President Kennedy — a free man.

After the slaying, President Johnson appointed a seven-member commission, headed by Justice Warren, to inquire into the assassination.

Then, just after the commission began work, it was reported by United Press International on December 6 that Oswald's wife, Marina, had informed the FBI that her husband told her excitedly in April 1963 that he tried to kill Gen. Walker. The FBI declined to comment



OFFICER J.D. TIPPITT

ed, in a story datelined from Dallas on December 7, that "evidence developed this week showed that it (the rifle used to kill President Kennedy) was first used April 10 to fire into the home here of Edwin A. Walker."

On February 4, the day after Marina Oswald's first appearance before the Warren commission, Chief Justice Warren told reporters that Marina's testimony "may not be released in your lifetime."

The Chief Justice said that the testimony would be preserved for the public but that it may be suppressed for decades. He finished his statement to the press with: "I say this seriously."

J. Lee Rankin, general counsel to the Warren commission, also talked to reporters on that day. He said that Mrs. Oswald's testimony dealt with her husband's activities in the U.S. after he returned from Russia. Rankin also said that Mrs. Oswald offered the commission some "new evidence."

Later that same day Warren refused to confirm Rankin's reference to "new evidence."

Two fantastic turns in the Oswald-Ruby mystery were front-paged in the New York Journal-American of Sunday, February 23.

First, the paper revealed that one of the men who put the finger on accused assassin Oswald also had been shot.

The man, Warren Reynolds, said he saw Oswald running away, putting new shells into a pistol as he did, after officer Tippitt was shot to death. Then, in January, Reynolds was closing up his office when

Times of Thursday, March 7, Lane gave sensational evidence in Washington to the Warren commission.

The Times said that Lane, who has frequently challenged the view that Oswald was guilty of shooting Kennedy, had told the commission he'd heard of a secret meeting in a Dallas night club eight days before the President was killed.

Lane told the commission that at the secret meeting November 14 were J.D. Tippitt, the Dallas patrolman who was slain while trying to arrest Oswald; Bernard Weissman, a New York resident who had placed an anti-Kennedy advertisement in a Dallas newspaper the day the President was shot, and a third person.

The mystery deepened even further when Lane would not state publicly who this third person was.

But the commission knows the identity of the Mystery Man because Lane told it to them after the hearing room was cleared of newsmen and spectators.

Lane had said that the secret November 14 meeting was held in Ruby's Carousel Club, and when the public hearing of the commission resumed, Justice Warren asked a question loaded with dynamite: "Mr. Lane, what was the PURPOSE of this meeting in Dallas?"

But the purpose remains a secret, because Lane answered that his information did not indicate what they were talking about.

But, Lane said, Tippitt, Weissman and the Mystery Man. (Continued on next page)

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Pair in

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got a job at the depository as an order filler.

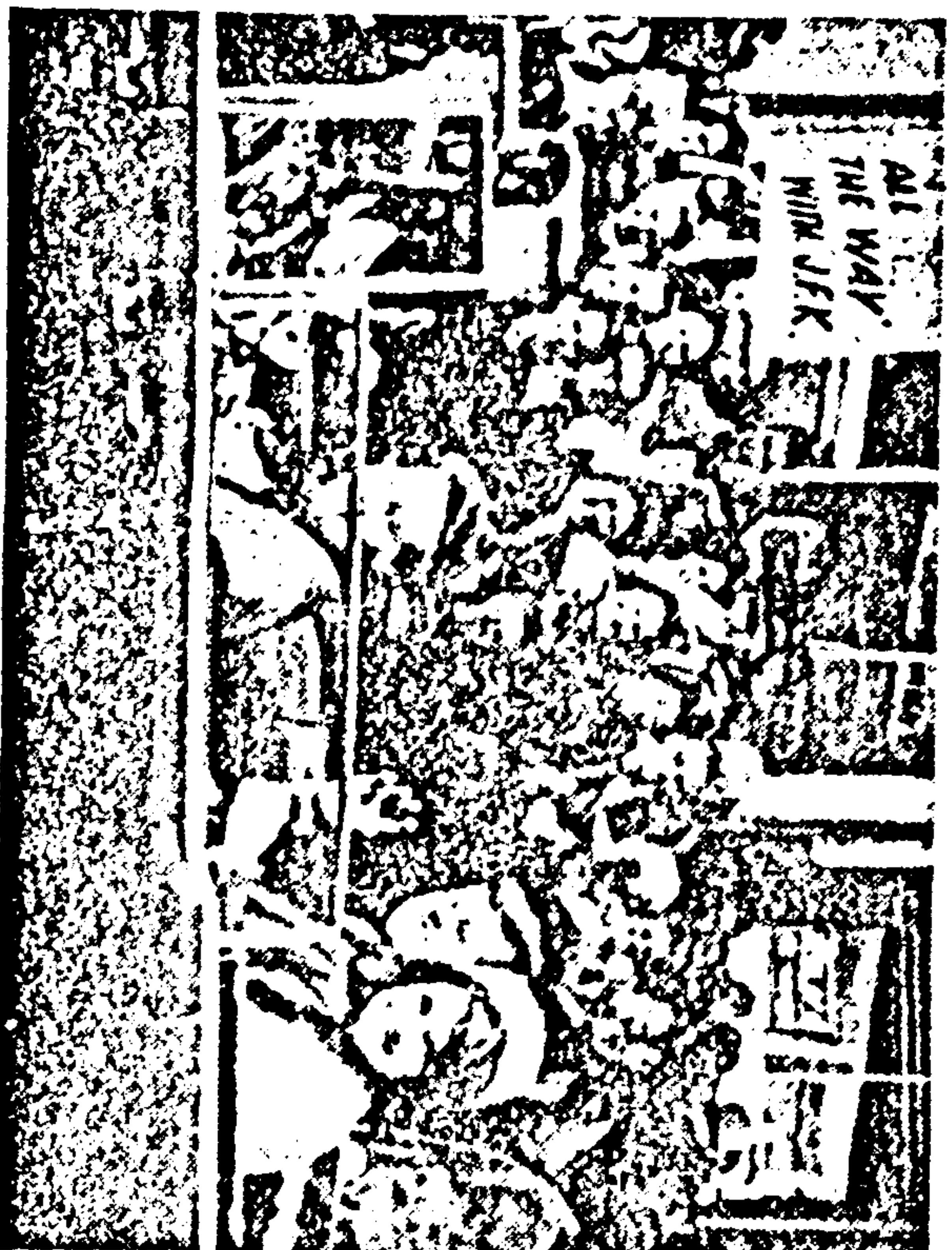
And it was from a sixth-floor window of that depository that Oswald, last November 22, fired the shots that killed President Kennedy and wounded Texas Governor John Connally.

Oswald escaped and was captured an hour and a half later, but not before he had shot Dallas policeman J.D. Tippitt to death.

Two days later, as a stunned world watched on television, Jack Ruby dashed up and shot Oswald to death as police were leading the handcuffed Oswald through a basement corridor of City Hall.

Ruby, the Dallas night club owner, went on trial for that killing on March 4. He was convicted of "murder with malice" on March 14.

But after the assassination of President Kennedy and the killing of Oswald the investigations came.



JFK'S LAST RIDE: President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy ride in the rear seat of an open limousine in Dallas last November 22, just before the Chief Executive was assassinated. The Walker home at the time of the slaying. on this news but said its investigation was continuing.

he was shot in the temple with a bullet fired from a .22-caliber rifle.

The Journal-American said that "a local desperado named Garner was picked up by the police after the shooting but was cleared."

And this resulted in the second startling revelation: Garner's girl, Betty (Mooney) McDonald, took a lie detector test that helped to clear him. And this same Betty McDonald had worked as a stripper in Jack Ruby's Carousel.

In early February, Betty was arrested for engaging in a public brawl with a roommate — and a week later she hanged herself in her cell.

Another person who has added to the deepening mystery of the Ruby-Oswald link is Mark Lane, a former New York Assemblyman, who claims to represent Oswald.

According to the New York

Teenager Wants Cops to Kill Him, So He Murders

By LOUIS MANSON

Sixteen-year-old Charles Morris stood at a window of his home with a rifle and looked out.

The first person he saw was Kenneth Beebe, 18, who was digging a ditch nearby. Morris had never seen Beebe before in his life. But he aimed a rifle at him — and shot him to death.

And when police came for Morris he told them: "I killed him because I wanted to die."

"I knew if I killed someone the police would have to come and get me — and I wanted to be killed myself."

Police asked him: "If you wanted to die why didn't you just shoot yourself?"

Morris replied: "I knew I'd never have the nerve. "This was easier. I just wanted the police to kill me." And that's why he murdered a stranger.

It was a broken teenage romance that led to Morris' murder and suicide scheme in Wall-Lake, Mich.

He had been going with a 15-year-old girl and last October they ran off to Kentucky to try to get married.

But authorities caught up with them and brought them back. The girl's parents then refused to let their daughter see Morris anymore.

Him, So He Murders

A Stranger

I Did It Because

I Didn't Have the

Nerve to Shoot

Myself, He Says



KILLER: Charles Morris, 16, killed a youth he had never seen before.

He took a .32 caliber deer rifle his stepfather had recently bought, loaded it and went to a window on the second-floor landing of the home. He later explained:

"Rather than cause anyone any trouble I decided I'd get myself taken care of."

"I was going to shoot somebody — anybody passing by on the road."

Morris didn't explain just how he thought no trouble would be caused by shooting an innocent



VICTIM: Kenneth Beebe, 18, tried to run away after the first bullet hit him. The third shot killed him.

desperately tried to run away. Said Morris: "I could see I had hit him but then he started to run."

"So I shot again, and then again. And he fell." The second shot missed but the third broke Beebe's spine.

ment and upstairs. They found Morris sitting in the kitchen — smoking a cigarette and drinking a glass of milk.

Morris then told police all about his weird reason for shooting Beebe and finally said: "I did it because I didn't have

for a gas installation.

Beebe's father had gone for some extra equipment, while the other men had just gone for lunch. Young Beebe had eaten earlier and was all alone at the ditch.

Morris later said: "I could

Morris brooded about it for

"She's the only one who cared about me. There's no reason for me to live anymore."
Last November 6, while his stepfather was at work and his mother was out shopping, Morris turned from brooding to deadly action.

In any event, as he looked out the window of his home, he spotted Beebe.

Beebe was shoveling dirt from a shallow trench across the way. He was one of an eight-man crew, of which his father was foreman, digging a pipe trench

"But when I looked out the window and saw him over there, I just aimed the rifle and fired."

The shot hit Beebe in the left shoulder, knocking him down.

Terrified and unaware of where the shot had come from, Beebe staggered to his feet and

Neighbors heard the shot and called police.

A dozen police raced to the scene and surrounded the Morris home.

They called to the boy to come out but he refused. So police crept through the base-

"I just wanted to get out of the way, that's all."
Last February 12 Morris pleaded guilty to second-degree murder.

And on March 18 Judge Pratt put him out of the way but with a life sentence.

Washington Insiders Are Talking About Story Calling . . .

Jack Ruby and Lee Oswald Pals

(Continued from preceding page) spent more than two hours conferring.

According to the Times, Weissman had been asked by one reporter to comment on Lane's statement.

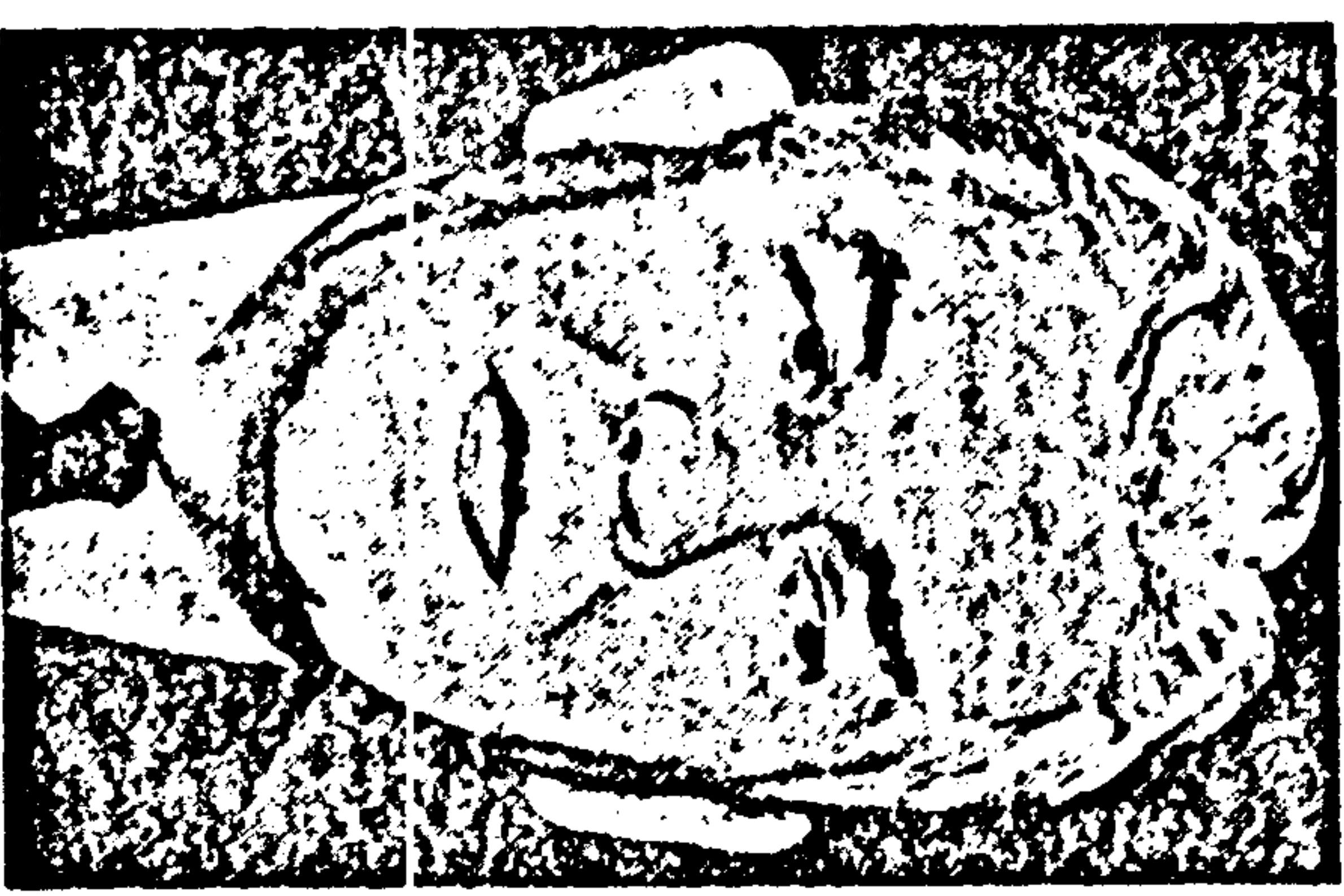
Weissman said that he had never met Tippitt or Ruby or Oswald.

And Weissman also said he had never been in Ruby's Carousel Club.

Then columnist Dorothy Kiltgallen raised this "important question" in her nationally syndicated column on April 14:

"Why did Lee Harvey Oswald, presumably fleeing from the police after the assassination, approach Patrolman J.D. Tippitt's car — in broad daylight, with witnesses standing by — and shoot the policeman three times, although Officer Tippitt had not said a word to Oswald?"

"A man who knows he is



HENRY WADE

wanted by the authorities after a spectacular crime does not seek out a policeman, usually, unless he has decided to give himself up, and certainly Oswald was not doing that.

"By shooting Officer Tippitt, instead of trying to make himself inconspicuous, Oswald put himself in double jeopardy. His act almost guaranteed his arrest."

"Why?"

"A whodunit fan would infer that the policeman knew something about Oswald that was so dangerous he had to be silenced at any cost, even Oswald's chance of escape and freedom."

Oswald's mother, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, pointed to still another possible explanation for the murder of Tippitt.

When Mrs. Oswald was asked, "Who killed Tippitt?" by Bob Considine of the Journal-American, she replied in his column of March 13:

"Nobody seems interested in how Lee got out of the Book Depository the day of the assassination. The place was surrounded by police, absolutely surrounded. Yet Lee walked right by them."

"You know how?"

"Because Tippitt took him out."

"Then the higher-ups in the conspiracy ordered somebody to kill Tippitt. Part of the master plan, the way I figure it. Marina's (Oswald's widow) part of it, too. CIA or one of those agencies."

Speculation that Oswald was not working alone was also voiced in a United Press International dispatch from London which was printed in the Newark, N.J., Star-Ledger on April 19.

"Millions of Europeans refuse to believe that the assassination of John F. Kennedy was not part of a larger conspiracy that has still not been exposed," the dispatch said.

"The most respectable newspapers and radio and television stations in western Europe feed this viewpoint by giving prominence to reports that insist that the late President was slain as part of a left-wing or a right-wing plot."

"On both sides of the Iron Curtain, the belief is widespread that Lee Harvey Oswald was not a psychopath who acted alone."

Many think he was the age a ring which most definitely included Jack Ruby as one of the conspirators."

The UPI report also noted that Serge Grussard, "one of France's best known journalists," wrote from Dallas:

"Very probably Ruby helped him to shut his mouth for Oswald could not have done it alone."

In the United States, the ren commission continues to listen to testimony from many people concerned in the case.

But the most fantastic revelation to come to the commission was the communication to the Justice Dept. to the I Police Department.

If this document exists, ENQUIRER feels it is the of the American public to of it.

Is the Warren commission and all other interested agencies and officials — keeping this shocking secret? Only time will tell.

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Date: 5.9.64

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO DIRECTOR FBI (105-82555)
FROM SAC DALLAS (100-10461)
SUBJECT LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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Rerep SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/23/63, Dallas,

Pages 195 and 196 of rerep reflect information as to the obtaining of \$13 in currency and 87 cents in silver recovered from the Dallas Police Department belonging to LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

This money is now maintained in the safe deposit box of the Dallas office at the Republic National Bank.

It is suggested that the Bureau consider ascertaining from the President's Commission what disposition should be made of this money.

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To: SAC, Dallas (100-10461)

From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD EX-105

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ReDLairtel 5/9/64 which suggested that consideration be given to contacting the President's Commission concerning disposition of certain money which belonged to subject.

Pending completion of the President's Commission's report, Bureau does not desire to contact the Commission with respect to disposition of only this particular evidence. You should forward this money to the Bureau, attention FBI Laboratory, so that all evidence being held in this case will be in the Bureau's possession and, when consideration is given to disposing of evidence in this case, appropriate disposition of this money will be made.

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NOTE:

Field offices were previously instructed to furnish to the Bureau all property being held in connection with this case. On 12/10/63 the Dallas PD released to the Dallas Office \$13 in currency and 87 cents in silver which had been taken from subject by the Dallas PD at the time of his arrest. The Laboratory is maintaining all evidence relating to this case and this money should be furnished to the Bureau for appropriate retention and future disposition.

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FROM: SAC, BOSTON (105-10911)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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Rebuairtel, 4/21/64, and Legat, Bonn airtel to Director,
dated 4/23/64, captioned [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (conceal), advised on 5/4/64, that he has known [REDACTED] for about 15 years as a part-time resident of neighboring Hartsville, Mass. He stated that rural area is covered by the Great Barrington Post Office and he has personally observed [REDACTED] in the post office within recent months. He observed further that [REDACTED] had posted mail from there, although he has no recollection of the specific nature or the amount of mail deposited.

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] owns property in an isolated section of Hartsville and makes frequent and periodic visits there from a residence in New York, which is listed [REDACTED] New York City.

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BS 105-10911

Attention of the Bureau is directed to the report of SA WALTER F. BRADY, dated 5/9/55, captioned [REDACTED] which verified the residence of [REDACTED] at Hartsville, Mass., at that time. No derogatory information was available concerning him.

[REDACTED] Mass., on 5/4/64, advised that he also is acquainted with [REDACTED] and with his residence at Hartsville. He stated the home is an isolated refuge and [REDACTED] is not known to local residents, except as an author who shows up from time to time, and has nothing in common with them.

In view of the above, it would appear [REDACTED] himself, is the source of the mailings referred to in reairtel and no further investigation is contemplated by this office.

Walt
Management
5/14/64
[Signature]

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

1 - J. C. Stokes

TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-3702)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

REURCAB MAY NINE LAST, NUMBER SIX ZERO EIGHT, AND BUCAB
MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

IN ABSENCE OF SPECIFICS CONCERNING EXTENT OF INVESTIGATION
MEXICO RE PASSENGERS ON DEL NORTE BUS FROM MEXICO CITY TO LAREDO
OCTOBER TWO - THREE, ONE NINE SIX THREE AND AS TO EXTENT OF INQUIRY
WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY TO LOCATE PASSENGERS ON RED ARROW BUS FROM
CITY
NUEVO LAREDO TO MEXICO SEPTEMBER TWENTY-SIX - TWENTY-SEVEN, ONE NINE
SIX THREE IN THE EVENT MANIFEST FOR THAT BUS IS LOCATED, BUREAU IS
UNABLE TO ACCURATELY ASSESS PERSONNEL NEEDS OF YOUR OFFICE IN
CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION. NOTE THAT COMMISSION HAS
INDICATED DESIRE TO MAKE ITS REPORT IN JUNE AND, THEREFORE, ADVISABLE
THAT ALL REMAINING INQUIRY ~~GIVEN~~ BE COMPLETED EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

REVIEW PENDING WORK THIS CASE INCLUDING LEADS TO LOCATE PASSENGERS
ON BUSES IN QUESTION AND THEREAFTER ASSESS YOUR NEEDS AND SUBMIT
YOUR RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SPECIAL SQUAD WORKING THIS
CASE BE DISCONTINUED. SUCAB. ONE COPY TO DALLAS BY MAIL.

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.

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Cablegram to Legat, Mexico City
Re: Lee Harvey Oswald
105-82555

BUREAU NOTE:

Legat has three SA's on special assignment handling phases of Oswald case. It was originally contemplated they would complete investigation by first of May. However, additional investigation requested by Commission and any leads which may develop if Legat finds manifest of Red Arrow Bus may necessitate holding men on special assignment in Mexico City for additional period. We cannot assess Legat's needs here.

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Via AIRTEL _____ AIRMAIL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)
 FROM: SAC SAN FRANCISCO (89-58)
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RE: ARNOLD LOUIS KESLER

Re Washington field airtel 4-10-64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth a contact with the original source regarding "ARNOLD" in Mexico City and showing that this source positively identified ARNOLD LOUIS KESLER as the "ARNOLD" who allegedly had dinner with LEE HARVEY OSWALD while the latter was in Mexico City. (See San Francisco airtel 3-20-64.)

Enclosed for Dallas are 25 copies of an insert setting forth the full details and background regarding this incident as well as certain data regarding KESLER from the files of the Passport Office of the United States Department of State and from the records of the University of California at Berkeley, California. Instant insert is being furnished to Dallas for incorporation in an investigative report on OSWALD.

The source who furnished the data set forth in both the letterhead memorandum and the enclosed insert is _____ who furnished the information on 3-20-64 and 4-14-64 to SA FRANK S. PERRONE.

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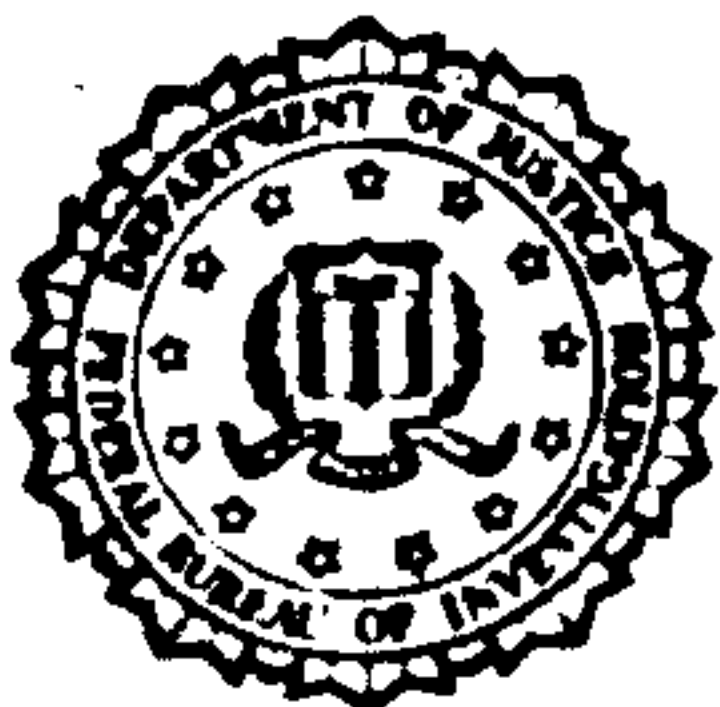
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Francisco, California
April 14, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On March 20, 1964, an individual, who has requested his identity not be divulged but who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that while recently in Mexico City he met one Arnold (last name unknown) in the Casa de los Amigos operated by the American Friends Service Committee in Mexico City.

Arnold related on the occasion of the above-mentioned meeting that he had had dinner with Lee Harvey Oswald during the time that Oswald visited Mexico City prior to the assassination of President Kennedy. Arnold furnished no other details to this source regarding this dinner but source stated that Arnold claimed to be from Berkeley, California.

On April 14, 1964, a photograph of Arnold Louis Kessler dated September 10, 1963, which was obtained from the Passport Office of the United States Department of State by Investigative Clerk David L. De Weese on April 7, 1964, was exhibited to the above-mentioned source who immediately positively identified the photograph of Kessler as being a photograph of the individual named Arnold that he met at the Casa de los Amigos, Mexico City. Passport records of the United States Department of State reflect that Arnold Louis Kessler was born September 23, 1942, Detroit, Michigan, and was issued a passport at San Francisco, California, on September 10, 1963, at which time he indicated he intended to travel to Brazil, Peru and Argentina, staying abroad approximately six months.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS	DATE 5/5/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/25 -4/29/64
TITLE OF CASE LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka		REPORT MADE BY HARRY H. WHIDBEE	TYPED BY AY
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS-R- CUBA	

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REFERENCES: Los Angeles letter to Director, 4/17/64, captioned "Proposed Picture On Life of MARIE OSWALD , IS -R". Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, 4/23/64.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Los Angeles teletype to Dallas dated 4/2/64, captioned "JACK LEON RUBY; LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM, CR", reflects a lead for the Dallas Office to locate and interview CHARLES A. LASATER at the Cabana Hotel in Dallas, Texas. It is, therefore, possible that Dallas has had previous contact with CHARLES A. LASATER and may know his current whereabouts.

Los Angeles is of the opinion that the rumor regarding plans to film a motion picture regarding the life of MARINA OSWALD may be without foundation. It would seem that prior to filming such a production this firm would have obtained rights to MARINA OSWALD's life from her and would have, therefore, been

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in touch with her. Los Angeles, therefore, suggests that if deemed advisable by the Dallas Office, a discreet contact with MARINA OSWALD and inquiry regarding any propositions made to her relating to a motion picture regarding her life would resolve this issue.

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DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS: Will, if deemed advisable, discreetly contact and interview MARINA OSWALD to determine whether or not she has been approached by Cinema International Pictures or any other motion picture firm regarding rights to the story of her life for the purpose of making a motion picture.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will, as leads are received, handle immediately and submit report within three days.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: HARRY H. WHIDBEE
Date: 5/5 64

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File #: 105-15823

Bureau File #: 105-82555

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

Synopsis:

Allegation received that Cinema International Productions (CIP), also known as Tex-Italia Productions (TIP) is planning to produce film on life of Mrs. MARINA OSWALD. This firm represented by CHARLES A. LASATER, GEORGE W. DOUGLAS and reported financed by WESLEY E. BLANKENSHIP, rented office space at Samuel Goldwyn Studios, Hollywood, California, February, 1963, until February, 1964, when ousted for non-payment of rent. Sources advised no knowledge of any filming activity by this firm or specific interest in producing film regarding life of MARINA OSWALD.

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DETAILS:

2/27/64

Date

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BUCK HARRIS, Publicity Director for the Screen Actors Guild, Hollywood, California, advised that Cinema International Productions (CIP) also known as Tex-Italia Productions (TIP) with offices in Rome, Italy, is rumored to be planning a film on the life of Mrs. MARINA OSWALD, widow of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

CIP has, until recently, maintained offices at the Samuel Goldwyn Studios but according to HARRIS, now, merely operates out of an unidentified address, using telephone number HO 4-5161.

The corporation is reported to have offices in Rome, as well as in Hollywood, is headed by CHARLES LASATER and GEORGE DOUGLAS is reported to be the Vice President. HARRIS has no information concerning the background on previous film activities of either of these individuals.

On 2/27/64 at Hollywood, California File # Los Angeles 105-15823
by SA JOHN M. CASHEL/AY Date dictated 2/27/64

4/16/64

Date

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BUCK HARRIS, Publicity Director, Screen Actors Guild, Hollywood, California, advised that a report alleging that Cinema International Productions (CIP) also known as Tex-Italia Productions (TIP) was planning to film a picture on the life of Mrs. OSWALD first came to him in February, 1964, from LARRY GLEN, Los Angeles correspondent for the New York Times newspaper.

HARRIS advised that this reporter had picked up the tip from an undisclosed news source and was requesting confirmation from HARRIS. According to this reporter, HARRIS stated this production company is headed by two men named CHARLES LASATER and GEORGE DOUGLAS, who in February had office space at the Samuel Goldwyn Studios.

HARRIS stated that since February, 1964, he has learned that LASATER and DOUGLAS were asked to leave the Samuel Goldwyn Studios lot for unknown reasons without having produced a motion picture. HARRIS has not been able to identify this company or the men heading it with any previous credits in the motion picture industry.

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On 4/14/64 at Hollywood, California File # Los Angeles 105-15823
by SA RICHARD G. DOUCE/AY Date dictated 4/16/64

4/24/64

Date

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EARL S. DIETSCH, Comptroller, Samuel Goldwyn Studios, 1041 North Formosa Avenue, Hollywood, California, advised as follows:

On February 8, 1963, Onajet Productions, also known as Cinema International Pictures rented office space at the Samuel Goldwyn Studios in Hollywood, California and were ousted on February 21, 1964, for non-payment of rent. Principals of this firm were CHARLES A. LASATER, who claimed to be representing unnamed financial interest in Texas, GEORGE V. DOUGLAS, a writer, and WESLEY B. BLANKENSHIP reported to be the principal financier. BLANKENSHIP drew a check in payment for rent, drawn on the City National Bank of Lubbock, Texas Account #7675328, which reflected his address as 330 College Avenue, Lubbock, Texas, telephone No. PO 2-5221.

On February 17, 1964, CHARLES A. LASATER was notified by letter that the rental of this office was being closed out. This letter was sent to LASATER in care of the Cabana Motel, Dallas, Texas.

LASATER replied to the above letter on April 14, 1964, stating he would take care of the overdue rent. This letter revealed LASATER is associated with Tejano Productions, Inc. and Tex-Italia Films, 54250 Burnett Road, Austin, Texas, GL 2-5678.

GEORGE V. DOUGLAS sent a postal card to Mr. DIETSCH dated February 22, 1964, regarding past due rent which showed a return address of c/o Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. DIETSCH said that none of the above persons had produced any films while at Goldwyn Studios and had not made any requests for facilities or technical crews since they departed Hollywood. DIETSCH said they did not appear to be doing any filming while in Hollywood, however, there were reports that women were being entertained in their offices on the studio lot from time to time.

DIETSCH said the only one of this group whom he had personally observed was GEORGE V. DOUGLAS and described him as male, white, age about 35 years, 5' 7", weight 160 -165 pounds, full head of dark hair, dark complexion and dark eyes. DOUGLAS

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On 4/24/64 at Hollywood, California File # Los Angeles 105-15823
by SA LESLIE F. WARREN/AY Date dictated 4/24/64

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claimed to be writing a story which he hoped would be produced into a film. DIETSCH knew no details as to the theme of this story.

DIETSCH stated he had no knowledge of any plans that this firm may have had to produce a film regarding MARINA OSWALD. DIETSCH stated that JACK FOREMAN, Samuel Goldwyn Studios Manager, had handled the original deal and may be able to furnish any additional details.

Date 4/24/64

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JACK FOREMAN, General Manager of the Samuel Goldwyn Studios, Hollywood, California, was aware that CHARLES LASATER and GEORGE V. DOUGLAS, representing Cinema International Pictures had rented office space at Samuel Goldwyn Studios. FOREMAN stated that LASATER and DOUGLAS first came to his attention a little over a year ago when they came to the Samuel Goldwyn Studios with the actor HORST BUCHHOLZ. They discussed a plan involving a circus film which had been made in Germany and on which BUCHHOLZ had obtained an option on the distribution rights. They planned to edit and distribute this film in the United States. FOREMAN stated this deal did not materialize and LASATER, DOUGLAS and a financial backer, WESLEY B. BLANKENSHIP, retained office space at the Goldwyn Studios for the stated intention of producing a film if the story property could be obtained. DOUGLAS was to have developed a story. Neither was, however, developed and no film was produced and when they failed to pay their rent they were closed out at the Samuel Goldwyn Studios.

FOREMAN stated that LASATER appeared to be the promoter of the above scheme. He described LASATER as follows:

Age	30's or early 40's
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5' 10"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Build	Thin
Characteristics	Well dressed, and wore glasses.

FOREMAN described DOUGLAS as male white, about 40 years, stocky build, dark hair and eyes, dark complexion, full head of hair which grew low on his forehead.

BLANKENSHIP was described by FOREMAN as:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6'
Weight	170-180 pounds

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Age	40's
Hair	Brown, wavy
Complexion	Ruddy
Characteristics	Well dressed, wore glasses.

FOREMAN stated that at no time did any of these three persons mention interest in, or filming, a picture concerning the life of MARINA OSWALD. FOREMAN said he had no knowledge of anyone else in the motion picture industry planning such a film.

FOREMAN stated he had no knowledge of the present activities of the above three men and had made no inquiry regarding obtaining technical crews for filming since they left the Hollywood area.

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MAURICE OUELLET, Police Chief, Samuel Goldwyn Studios, Hollywood, California, advised as follows:

He recalls CHARLES LASATER and GEORGE DOUGLAS, who had an office at Samuel Goldwyn Studios lot for about a year. CHARLES LASATER who was associated with DOUGLAS merely came and went, staying only a short time. LASATER spoke of being from Texas and representing financial interest in Texas interested in making motion picture films. LASATER claimed to be travelling back and forth between Hollywood and Texas and usually arrived at the Samuel Goldwyn Studios in a cab or with some other person, name not recalled, in what appeared to be rented automobiles. OUELLET advised that GEORGE DOUGLAS also appeared to drive rented automobiles except when he first came to the Studio when he drove an old white Cadillac convertible.

OUELLET advised that frequently DOUGLAS appeared at the Goldwyn lot with an entourage of young men who were for the most part, flashily dressed. He described these young men as "Hollywood characters," who hang around the studios and do not appear to be working in the industry, moreover, their identities were unknown to OUELLET. He stated that DOUGLAS usually dressed in a "flashy" manner and wore high-top, pointed shoes. On numerous occasions DOUGLAS was observed bringing onto the Goldwyn Studios lot, "flashily dressed women, and, in the opinion of OUELLET, DOUGLAS was using the studio as a place to hold parties. LASATER was also observed at the studio during some of the times that these parties were thought to be in progress. The identities of these women were not known to OUELLET.

OUELLET was aware that there was another man from Texas who reportedly was financing DOUGLAS and LASATER, however, he could neither describe him or furnish his identity.

OUELLET advised he had no knowledge of any of the above men or anyone else at the Sam Goldwyn Studios or elsewhere who was planning to produce a film regarding the life of MARINA OSWALD.

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Indices of the Los Angeles Office as of April, 1954, reflect no other pertinent information that could be identified with names CHARLES A. LASATER, GEORGE V. DOUGLAS or WESLEY B. BLANKENSHIP.

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REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS	DATE 5/6/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/4 - 6/64
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REFERENCES: San Antonio airtel to Omaha dated 4/17/64.
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

By airtel Los Angeles advised Seattle on 5/6/64, to discontinue efforts to locate SCHMIDT through his sister at Seattle, in that SCHMIDT had been located and interviewed by the Los Angeles Office.

Information copies of this report are being sent to the Minneapolis, Omaha and San Antonio Offices in view of their previous interest in the investigation to locate CHARLES SCHMIDT as SCHMIDT has either resided or traveled in their area.

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Report of:

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Title:

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

Synopsis:

CHARLES ALDEN SCHMIDT located at La Puente, California and interviewed May 5, 1964. SCHMIDT states that he and associate, JOHN O'BRIEN, drove his automobile from Omaha, Nebraska to Monterrey, Mexico during latter part of September, 1963, and returned to the U. S. at Nuevo Laredo on October 3, 1963. SCHMIDT accompanied by owner of cafe at Encinal, Texas named "JATO", who acted as guide during trip to Monterrey, Mexico. Purpose of trip to Mexico was to have a "lark" with friend O'BRIEN. SCHMIDT denies that he met or was associated with either OSWALD or RUBY during above trip. SCHMIDT is certain he did not observe OSWALD nor was he in contact with OSWALD at Mexican Border Crossing Station, Nuevo Laredo on October 3, 1963. JOHN O'BRIEN now living in motel and employed Fullerton, California.

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DETAILS:

LA T-1 advised that LEE HARVEY OSWALD crossed into the U. S. from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico on October 3, 1963. The same source advised that one CHARLES SCHMEDZ and a JOHN O'BRIEN also entered the U. S. from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on October 3, 1963.

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[Sheriff RUSSELL BROOBERG,] Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, advised on April 29, 1964, that CHARLES SCHMIDT is the son of HERMAN SCHMIDT, who resides at 1102 East Vasa Street, Fergus Falls, Minnesota. [BROOBERG] advised that CHARLES SCHMIDT has not been in the Fergus Falls area for a considerable period of time and the last he heard, SCHMIDT was reportedly operating a liquor store in Omaha, Nebraska. SCHMIDT, when in the Fergus Falls area, was somewhat of a problem to his parents and is a somewhat irresponsible individual. The records of the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office reflect CHARLES SCHMIDT was arrested on August 2, 1950, and charged with Reckless Driving, four Stop-sign violations, and three Speeding violations. He was arrested by the Minnesota Highway Patrol at Fergus Falls, appeared in court subsequent to his arrest, where he received a fine in the amount of \$370, court costs of \$40, and a 90-day jail sentence was suspended, with SCHMIDT being placed on probation for a period of one year.

Mrs. HERMAN SCHMIDT, 1102 East Vasa Street, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, advised April 29, 1964, that her son, CHARLES, formerly operated a liquor store in Omaha, and subsequent to this, a Tastee Freeze, also in Omaha. When these two business ventures failed, he was engaged in the construction of houses, with an unknown partner, at Papillion, Nebraska. She said the last actual contact she had with her son was when she and her husband, HERMAN, visited him at Papillion, Nebraska, which was in the latter part of October, 1963. She advised that at this time CHARLES was having marital difficulty and was living alone at Papillion. She was aware her son, CHARLES, had departed from Papillion approximately the latter part of November, 1963, and she had been informed by her daughter, Mrs. CLIFFORD STENERSON, 13611 1st Avenue South, Seattle 88, Washington, that CHARLES had spent Christmas with the STENERSONS at Seattle. She stated that last correspondence she had received from CHARLES was during Easter, 1964, when she received a postcard from him from Baldwin, California. She commented that she was unable to locate this card and was unable to remember the exact address in Baldwin.

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Mrs. SCHMIDT stated that she was in receipt of a telephone call from CHARLES April 25, 1964. She advised that she assumed CHARLES and his wife were again living together, as when she had conversed with him, she had inquired relative to the health and welfare of his wife, PATRICIA, and CHARLES had replied that she was home. Mrs. SCHMIDT stated her son's parents-in-law, the HARM MEISTERS, reside at Baldwin, California. She stated that she did not know their residence address in Baldwin, California.

Mrs. SCHMIDT stated that although she was not certain, she would assume her son would be engaged in construction work in Baldwin. She had no knowledge that he had been in Mexico and stated that she did not know any individual by the name of JACK O'BRIEN.

AT BALDWIN PARK, CALIFORNIA

On May 5, 1964, Mrs. RACHEL MEESTER, of the Baldwin Park Hotel, 14211 East Morgan Street, as follows:

She and her husband, HARM MEESTER, manage this small hotel. CHARLES SCHMIDT is their son-in-law, having married their daughter, PATRICIA. CHARLES SCHMIDT resided at this hotel with his wife from January, 1964, to the first week in April, 1964, when they moved to a residence in La Puente, California. Mrs. MEESTER advised that she does not know the correct residence address or the name of the street where CHARLES SCHMIDT and his wife reside and they have no telephone. She stated that she is currently caring for her granddaughter, DAWN SCHMIDT, and was planning to drive to the SCHMIDT residence on the afternoon of May 5, 1964. She stated she would personally contact CHARLES SCHMIDT and his wife and arrange for them to telephonically contact the Los Angeles Office of the FBI.

During the evening of May 5, 1964, CHARLES SCHMIDT telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office of the FBI and

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furnished his residence address as 18653 Bellarita Street,
La Puente, California, and agreed to an interview by a
Special Agent of the FBI.

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CHARLES ALDEN SCHMIDT, 18653 Bellarita, La Puente, California, advised he was born December 5, 1933, at Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He is currently employed as a carpenter for Transa Structures, Inc., 130 North Magnolia, Fullerton, California. He is married and has three children.

In 1963, he resided at 721 Jane's View, Papillion, Nebraska, a suburb of Omaha, Nebraska. He came to California from Nebraska on January 2, 1964, and lived with his wife, PATRICIA, at the Baldwin Park Hotel, 14211 East Morgan Street, Baldwin Park, California. His mother-in-law, Mrs. HARM MEESTER, manages this small hotel. In early April, 1964, he moved to his current address.

SCHMIDT stated that during, 1963, he suffered several financial business losses at Omaha, Nebraska, where he was a building contractor. He also was having serious marital difficulty which culminated in a temporary separation from his wife and family during late September, 1963. At the time of this separation, he and a close friend, JOHN O'BRIEN, decided to travel to Mexico on a "lark". He and O'BRIEN departed Omaha during the last week in September, 1963, driving his 1960 Ford station wagon bearing Nebraska license plates.

He recalls that enroute to Mexico, they spent one night at a cheap hotel in downtown Dallas, Texas and got drunk at a beer tavern located next door to this hotel. He does not remember the name of either the hotel or the bar. At Encinal, Texas not far from the Mexican border, a front wheel bearing on his car had to be replaced. It was repaired at a garage and near this garage was a cafe and "beer joint". He and O'BRIEN drank beer while the auto was being repaired and they became acquainted with the owner of this cafe, a man of Mexican descent named "JATO". He does not know this man's correct name. This man was rather fat. They discussed their plans to drive down to Monterrey, Mexico for several days and "JATO" agreed to come with them

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and act as their guide since he was familiar with the Spanish language and knew his way around Monterrey.

SCHMIDT and O'BRIEN obtained a Border Crossing Permit and drove into Nuevo Laredo, Mexico that same evening, about September 30, 1963, and spent the night at a motel. "JATO" had to remain at his cafe, but joined them the following morning in Nuevo Laredo. SCHMIDT, O'BRIEN and "JATO" then drove in SCHMIDT's auto to Monterrey, Mexico, a distance of about 150 miles.

The three of them registered and stayed at a hotel in Monterrey, Mexico, the name of which SCHMIDT could not remember. SCHMIDT recalls that the day of their arrival at Monterrey was the first day of the World Series Games. He recalls they spent about five days at Monterrey, during which time they watched the World Series on television, drank beer at several Mexican clubs and generally cavorted around Monterrey.

SCHMIDT stated he did not meet nor was he associated with any other Americans at Monterrey. They did most of their drinking at "The Monterrey Bar". After the first two games of the World Series, they drove back to Nuevo Laredo and spent the night on the Mexican side, having registered at a motel. He recalled getting drunk at a Mexican bar in Nuevo Laredo not far from the motel, but fails to recall the name of the motel or bar.

The following morning SCHMIDT and O'BRIEN departed Nuevo Laredo in their auto and entered the U. S. across the border station. He said this was about 10:00 a.m. "JATO" had his own auto in Nuevo Laredo and returned to Encinal separately. He said this would have been about October 3, 1963. He recalled that just after crossing the border, he stopped at a Phillips 66 gasoline station and bought a new tire for his auto.

From Laredo he and O'BRIEN drove back to Omaha,

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Nebraska, arriving at his home on the following Sunday. He recalled they drove through Dallas, Texas enroute to Nebraska, but did not stop or stay overnight at Dallas.

SCHMIDT stated that he is certain that at no time during this trip did he meet or was he associated with either LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK LEON RUBY. He observed photographs of OSWALD and RUBY and stated he is certain he has never met or been associated with either of these men. SCHMIDT said that during this trip there were no other riders in his auto except himself, O'BRIEN and "JATO".

SCHMIDT stated he knows nothing more regarding the assassination of President KENNEDY than what he saw on television and read in the newspapers. He also has no personal knowledge regarding either OSWALD or JACK LEON RUBY. SCHMIDT stated he has never been associated with the Communist Party or any other subversive organization in any manner.

SCHMIDT stated that JOHN O'BRIEN now resides in a motel in Fullerton, California and works at the Transa Structures, Inc. in Fullerton. He has known and associated with O'BRIEN for many years and states he is certain that O'BRIEN has no personal knowledge of OSWALD or RUBY.

SCHMIDT advised he has been arrested for minor offenses such as drunkenness, speeding and fighting with his wife in Minnesota during 1958, but denies that he has been arrested for any serious crime.

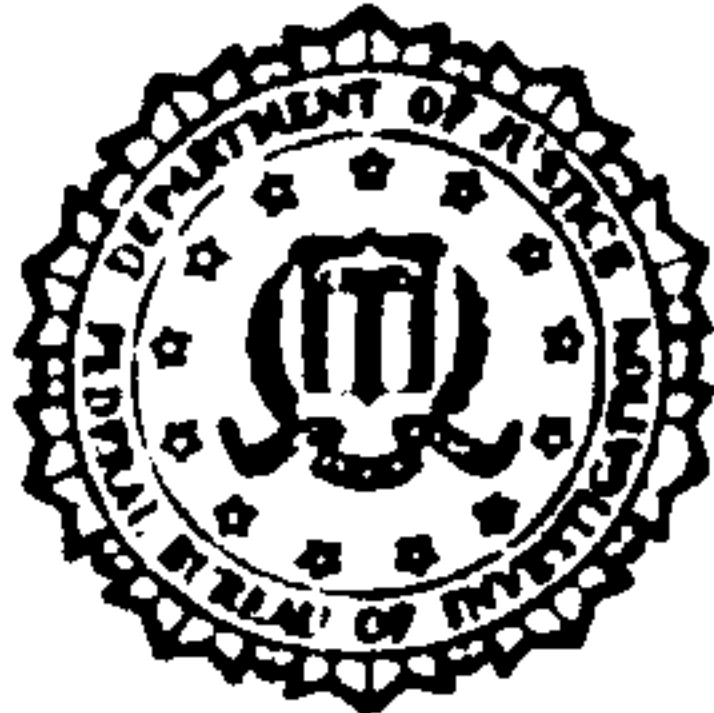
The following description of SCHMIDT was obtained by observation and interview:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	December 5, 1933 at Fergus Falls, Minnesota
Age:	30
Height:	5'9"

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Weight:	150 pounds
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Brown; wears glasses
Complexion:	Ruddy
Build:	Medium
Scars and marks:	None



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Los Angeles, California
May 6, 1964

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TO : Director, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: 5/4/64

FROM : Legat, Rio de Janeiro (62-42) (RUC)

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Enclosed to the Bureau are 39 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCES:

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Interview of ARNOLD LOUIS KESSLER was conducted at São Paulo Brazil, 4/30/64 by Legal Attache EDWARD S. SANDERS.

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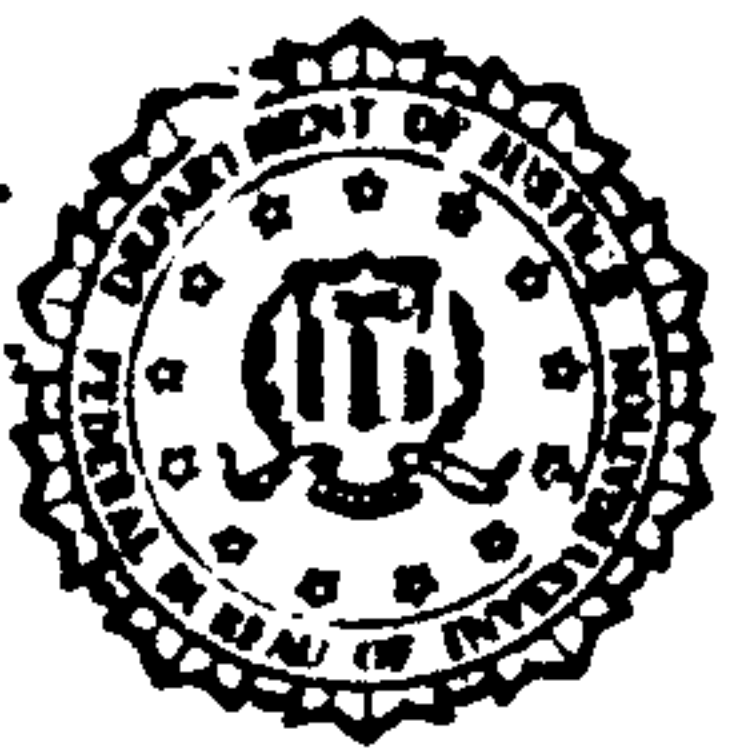
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STATUS:

The case is considered RUC at Rio de Janeiro.



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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

A confidential source abroad has advised as follows:

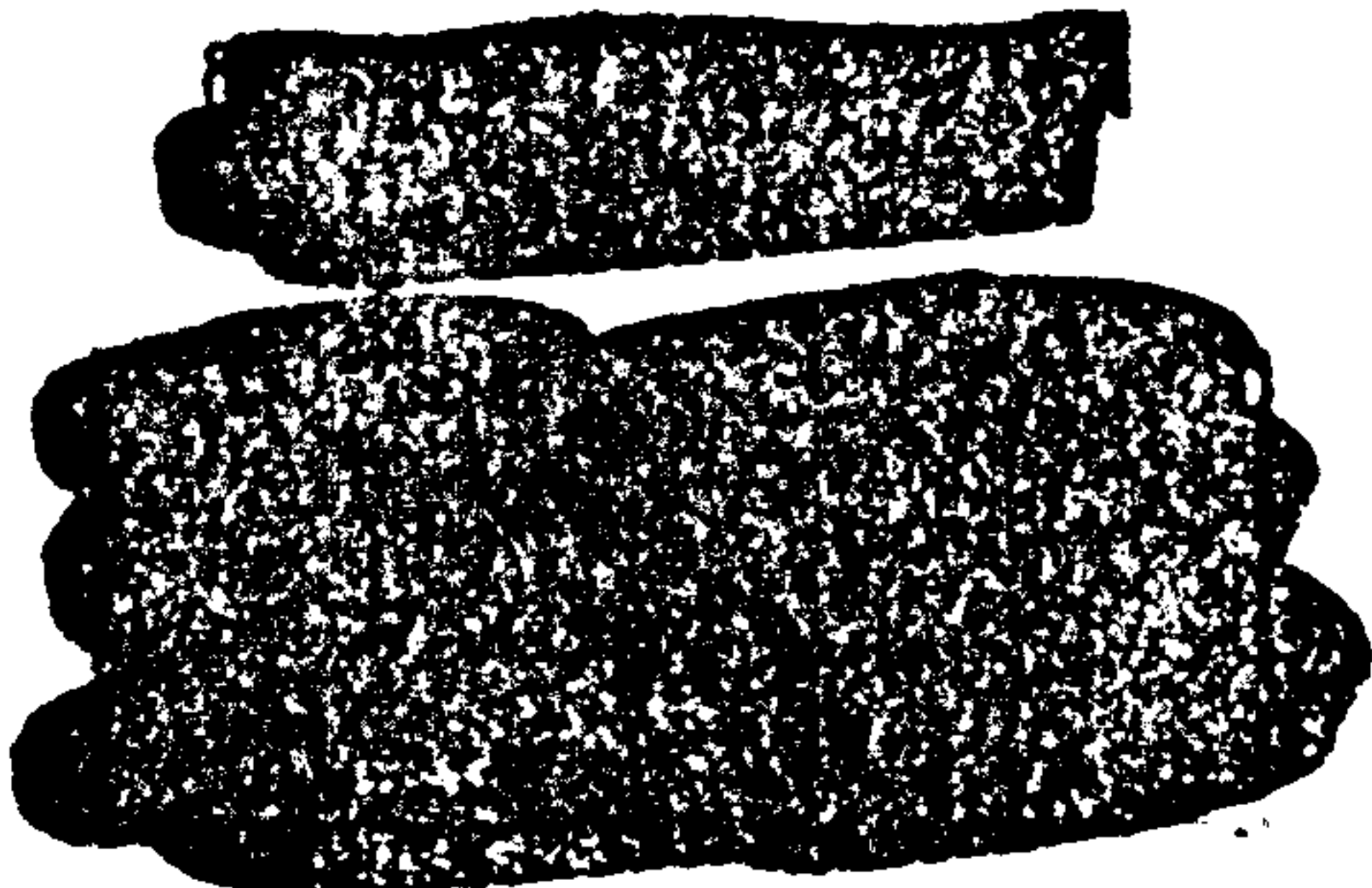
Arnold Louis Kessler, whose permanent residence is 18266 Pinehurst, Detroit 21, Michigan, on April 30, 1964, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, advised that he at no time, at any place, had been in contact with Lee Harvey Oswald and advised he had made no statement to anyone that he had had such a contact in Mexico, D. F. Kessler stated that he may have made the remark to someone that a friend of his, Homobono Alcaraz Aragon, had once remarked that he had met Oswald in Mexico City. Kessler advised that approximately the middle of February, 1964, Aragon had told him, Kessler, that he had been contacted by representatives of the U. S. Embassy in Mexico City concerning his contact with Oswald and that he had told the Embassy representatives that he had, on one occasion, been introduced to Oswald. Kessler stated he had no details of the meeting between Aragon and Oswald but that his recollection is that Aragon had stated he had been introduced to Oswald sometime in the fall of 1963 and that it is his, Kessler's, recollection that Aragon had stated that Oswald and the person who introduced them had had coffee with him at that time at an unidentified place in Mexico City. Kessler stated he could recall no other details of Aragon's statements and that he has no other details concerning such a meeting between Aragon and Oswald. Kessler noted that he does not know whether Aragon actually met Oswald or not. He advised that Aragon had been worried in mid-February, 1964, during the reported conversation, as he was at that time attempting to obtain a temporary U. S. visa and feared that he would not obtain the visa as a result of his reported contact with Oswald.

Kessler stated he had gone to Detroit from California approximately September 17, 1963, and that he was in Detroit, Michigan, on September 28, 1963, his birthday. He stated he departed Detroit during the first week of October, 1963, spent one day in Chicago, two days in St. Louis, and approximately one week in Guanajuato, State of Guanajuato, Mexico, after which he had taken a bus to Mexico City. He advised that upon arriving in Mexico City he had checked into the Casa de Los Amigos and that as near as he could recollect this was approximately the middle of October, 1963.

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Kessler stated he had worked for the "Mexico City Times," a Mexico City newspaper, from November, 1963, to the first part of February, 1964, at which time he had gone to Veracruz, Mexico, for approximately one week during Carnival. He stated he returned to Mexico City about the middle of February, 1964, and it was at this time that Aragon had made the statements concerning his having met Oswald. Kessler stated he had made a hitchhiking and commercial travel trip through Central America, arriving in Sao Paulo, Brazil, approximately March 17, 1964. He further advised that since he has been instructed to report for his Selective Service physical examination in Detroit on May 22, 1964, he plans to depart Sao Paulo on May 5, 1964, for Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he will spend approximately one week, after which he will return to Detroit by air via Lima, Peru.

Kessler reiterated that he has at no time met Lee Harvey Oswald and knows of no other person who met Oswald, other than possibly Aragon. He stated he could furnish no information as to other persons who might have information concerning a possible contact between Aragon and Oswald.

