

1-28-64

Mr. Ruby

According to a recent edition of an Austin, Texas newspaper, you recently expressed yourself on the subject of mail received by you in protest for killing Mr. Oswald. You stated you had received none.

Let this be my letter of protest. You murdered a man. Whether or not you were insane at the time is another point. The fact remains: You murdered your fellow human being.

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You expect a fair trial. So did

Mr. Oswald. It would not be

a happy situation if the assassin

of the assassin were himself

assassinated.

You piled one crime upon another.

That merits protest.
crime.

A citizen of the United States

A citizen of Texas

IN GOD WE TRUST

8118 Superior
Center Line, Mich.
January 27, 1969

Dear Rudy:

This may be the first letter criticizing you, or it may not be. You have gone through an unmeasurable, and unshared mystery which was unrecalled for 400 in front of the law into your very own hands, name the land, that millions of Americans hate would me true me church.

And for one man, just because he is full of pain in hell, just because he is well, some named that hell into the jail was unrecalled a mystery of any man in order to do for and Ireland he that country to do this. You had to be some people that is going to try and to be some this and you to try and to be some to be some thing, income. As far as in far and that people were some to do an very defense, we don't take the law into name am hands, that is the reason into

8118 Superior
Center Line, Michigan 48015

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IN GOD WE TRUST
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have police. They are almighty have
mercy on your cruel soul, to take another
man's life before justice was served.

Do you really think Mrs Kennedy
would have wanted you to do a thing like
this? I and many more know better and
the answer is no. Rudy you have brought
a big shame on Dallas, as we added
shame, to kill the man Lee Oswald who
might have solved a mystery. I drive a
Coke, and in a truck saw Cliff, I talk
to hundreds of people in my truck, and
your name and the shame of Dallas
which will never be forgotten are talked
about.

Is this the Dallas where our beloved
President was killed, and then a man by
the name of Jack Ruby killed the man
who could have solved the missing
link for our beloved Law Enforcement
and the minds of millions of people.
Is this the Southern state, where a tremendous
amount of hate, and injustice prevails. A
mystery which may never be solved.
If more people had faith and fear
of our Government, the world would

3 That Oswald was

never tell anyone that Oswald was doing
being transferred it should have been done
in top secrets. But publishing destroyed the
history. If you really loved our beloved
President, you would have loved the commu-
nism into your own hands, or offer more
love into your hands, I and my should
see Oswald's regular name, I and my should
see Oswald's holy name, I and my should

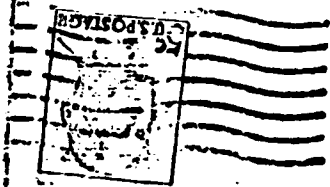
In God's holy name, justice for all
pray that you receive some good health
come to you. If you were some good health
these years and a very holy and good health
man, you just could not kill Oswald
to be innocent and in all follow you through

May your conscience follow you through
the dark days of our Centuries.
Once again Jack may the saints
and we he watches our you in the most
room, have mercy on your soul, and start living
side of hate and revenge, and start living
our fellow man or suffer the hell pit of
fire.

~~Jeffery~~

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Mr. Jack Ruby
Dallas Texas



TO

January 27-1964
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Ruby,

After reading an outline of your life history in my Sunday newspaper, The Indianapolis Star, I have decided to write to you, since I see you are getting some mail.

First of all, let me say that you truly have my sympathy as to your worries as to the outcome of your fate. I am a sympathetic person to all persons, good or bad, for the bible says "The greatest gift is 'Charity', meaning sympathy in the writings of Paul and surely as a child your story reads that you were no stranger to the teachings of God. Also I was in sympathy with Lee Oswald before you struck him down. So think that perhaps the police had the wrong man and that he was guilty, perhaps he wasn't responsible for the crime mentally as you know sane and just folks just do not go around killing Jesus' taught us to love our fellow man. When he was born, didn't the angels sing - Peace on Earth, good will toward men? We are to love our brethren and we are all that. That was the whole idea

is no respecter of persons — you will see that
 he will and does punish people who break his
 laws. I have been a convicted sinner for
 now thirteen years, and I read the Bible and let
 other books on this theme you see in all
 men, (that is) and he will punish us here
 and also after death for our sins. But it is
 hard to get forgiveness for murder. So some will
 the scripture that I have it says murder will
 not be forgiven in this life or the next to come,
 As Mr Peabody says if you do get free from it in
 the earthly courts, you do still have the righteous
 the earth's courts, it would seem the only way to
 to receive grace and bring you some measure
 justify your crime and be free from the
 of forgiveness, would be for you to pay for your
 crime with your own life. with the old Hebrew
 law — one eye for one eye and a tooth for a tooth.
 But even grace was against that law.
 It is in a sin to be angry and sin not.
 very, "Be ye angry, down on your
 knees, let not the sun go down on your
 anger. — Let not the sun go down on your
 anger, but I will deal with us as we
 will upon us and another, but I will
 "forgive".

about it is that you delist Prayers of the war
 actually guilty is not and you strip me, in the
place the avenger when God glorify speech in
scripture "Vengeance is mine, said the Lord of Hosts
I will repay." Romans 12:19

Class - Jan 35:4

Jan - 51:6

Speaking of Class the Western nations live
 in climax as they are atypical. In our country,
 we are usually called sets or a class can cover
 millions such as the working class of people.
Social class, but it usually has nothing in
remporary and business to distinguish the diff.
ance. We are also listed as brackets. We often
child and immature to think of your daily
association in class. We are all God's children
 and the lower we all - but He will punish us. We
 must face him to gain his favor - and keep his
commandments.

I can't understand why you'd be so concerned
 about the president. The Lord justice on his side. This
 way you have lost yourself and a lot of people are
 afraid, that if you are not free you will do it again.
 We would be getting away with some smart trick -
 putting something over on justice. The folks who live
 without paying, you did the country a favor, are,

Darnell, didn't have a chance. You alerted him. I have always been of the opinion that you knew him before this as to the way he came down that corridor straight forward face ahead - until he got even with you - then he turned his head and looked at you and you then went over to him and shot an unarmed defender boy. Why did he look at you? Why didn't he keep his face straight ahead, or look to the other side? Or come to me that you alert him up, it couldn't wait you had to do it then. God knows the secret and you may be able to find justice, but you can't find that.

If I were you, I'd get a billie and read it through and get on my knees and try to get a new night with God as He will forgive you and - take my medicine with a smile and a changed heart. If it alone at the most, and there living in sin will wake up to late you we must live a good life. This point to ask the to save us when we die, and death is sure and final.

We will all go through it, just the same as we come through birth, but we are told by Jesus, that we will live again in youth and good health - if we are worthy. I am a 56 year old and I want to live in Detroit and had a good time during the days - night sitting - sitting, but I tried to

and everyone and support allige with all troubles
persons, good or bad. My prayers are for you and
well in the Oswald family, The Kennedys and all
the other. Lets live God the credit of straightening
out this men.

I advise you, that if you have been lying, God
knows that too, and no liar will find himself in
Heaven. Tell the truth. Be a man. Admit everything
"Here he was man enough. If you die, we can all say,
again". The pleasure of the Earth goes away and when
we come down to die it's all then just between two,
you and your maker.

Mr. Keely, again my sympathy is with you
and my feelings. I trust that you will not shun
this message off. That you will get peace of mind by
leaning on the Higher Power who can dry our tears
at all times in any situation, and lift our hearts
when we know we have done right - the burden is
lifted, then we are afraid no longer.

If you are mentally ill or was at the moment,
then you need aid - not freedom. Usually it is done on
the spur of the moment, an act of manslaughter. You
crime proves to me that it was planned with malice
afar thought to live on it, brood on it, etc.

of the consequences afterwards — unless you figured the police were such good friends that they'd say you did the nation a favor and let you go on your way. But justice doesn't work that way. Right then, you were no better than David, you too had to be locked up. You were just as meek, my son he was to shoot someone unaware. I've wrongs never make a right. Mr. Euby. We are living in a civilized country today, where the old west wild its wild guns and savages are gone, the raising of power through murder and the gaining of publicity at all cost taking vengeance into their own hands. Even if the law takes your life and it is a sin to kill according to the commandment (Thou shalt not kill) God will take vengeance upon the law but its hardly probable that He will, since man started our laws by the authority of the great Supreme Almighty God.

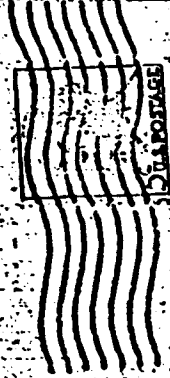
Mrs. C. C. Hankins

Presented himself to death and I will
like to have the book "The Fall
of Texas" which tells about our life

of our country - of our past and of our
future - of our life and of our death

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future - of our life and of our death

227 Hazel Street.
H. F. Jennings - Librarian



Hot Springs, Ark. Jan 28-64

Mr Jack Ruby -

I am truly sorry things
happened, to they did on
Nov. 22-63. I sincerely
hope your life is spared
and your time to come.
Life for days your life be
if they take your maker.

Yours Truly,
Mrs Ola Lambert,
Hot Springs, Ark.

Hammond, Ind., Jan. 26th 1964

Mr. Jack Ruby,

Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Ruby:

I have just been reading about you in the paper again. Of course I read about it all the time and even saw it all happen on T. V. I want to tell you that I think you are a fine, brave man. There is no question about you doing the right thing, and no question that Oswald was guilty and deserved to die; but now what about you? Is it fair that you should sacrifice yourself for someone else, if you are, and you are just the kind of fine man who would do it (and not for money) for a friend. But there is also another angle to it, Mr. Ruby. We have an innocent party to consider, Mr. Lyndon Johnson. He is in a very critical position and may lose the election on account of it. A lot of people think it a little peculiar that he was not hurt in any way, because we know the man was an excellent shot. It was no accident believe me. The man was probably a crackpot or either had a personal grievance against Mr. Kennedy, but the fact remains that he did not want to get Mr. Johnson or he would have. So Mr. Ruby if you know anything that would help him I think it would be a fine thing for you to do so.

I hope everything comes out fine for you.

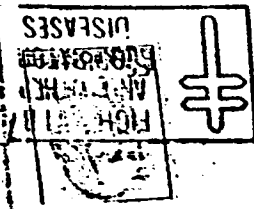
Yours very Sincerely,

Mrs. John Richter
4704 H. Highway
Hammond, Ind.



Pallo County Jail
Pallo, Japan

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1-25-64

Mr. Jack Ruby,

After reading Ph. 1 of your story in the I.P.T. News paper of Long Beach, Calif. I have a much better opinion of you than

I did before. The paper had ^{the} you looking very bad before this article. (7% account blb.)

I really hate to see you in this position your in, but you knew you would have to pay for your crime before you committed it.

You said in the story you would answer all questions. Now that you have had time to think over what

you have done since Oswald

killings do you ^{feel} free in your heart

that you did the American people a

great injustice by killing Oswald

because sure the people will never

really know just what caused

this man to do such a terrible

thing (killing Pres. Kennedy) and what

people that at the time of this Kennedy
death thought of doing what you did,
not thinking of the things we might
gain by having Camell stand trial,
but I agree with you that the people
who believe you should be given a

Mitch, gain to only. There's no foolish
promise to me you must be a sweetie
man and not afraid to have taken
another life and expect to be rewarded,
instead of stand in answer of this crime.

'How do you feel toward Mr
Camell his wife do you believe she
might have known of his fate for our
president & could have tried to
prevent his thinking that way?
(?)

Could this prove happening or do you
doubt this from happening or do you
think he kept it all to himself?
I also wonder if she told any
one.

I also wonder if she told any
one of your and if it became
known to her husband from her to know
what she meant.

Jack & Ruby I hope nothing I have said
in this letter has offended you for I
surely did not intend it to.

I do wish you the best and much
strength to help you through the rest of
your life so mother and the medical
id. life will be harder to live at
times because of Nov 21, 1963. Life
has not been easy for you all the
way so I do think you can stand
up under this as well.

Very Sincerely Yours

~~Mr. Mrs. S. Locke~~
~~246 E 68th St.~~

Long Beach 5, Calif.

P.S. Did you ever hear of or know of these
late groups in Dallas, that we have
heard of and about since Dr. Kennedy

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Wm. F. Weller, Ky

Hypocrite

Mr. Jack Ruby, just pen a line

Dear Mr. Ruby, just pen a line
Over our 10 o'clock news, you were
watching our interesting picture and

saw you being interviewed. You were
a very pathetic picture for you, you always
tears and a prayer for you. You need

seemingly an intelligent person. You need a
nicely dressed, I hope you
Gods help now, I hope you will help those
Christian minister who will help those

to find God. He is waiting to help those
who need him, I wish I knew more
so I could visit; I'll write you in
person. I feel that you have a mental

illness that should be treated immediately
I sincerely hope & pray that you are not
confined to a penal institution, as a place

that kind you would not get proper
treatment for your illness. I shall continue
my prayers for you & also your sister & brother.

May God bless and keep you.

Prayerfully

Mrs. F. W. Strickland

513 Stewart Ln.



GIVE TO THE
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
MEMORIAL

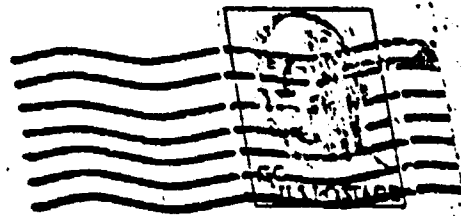
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28 JAN

Dear Mr. Ruby,

I know how you must feel over the happenings of the past months. Its awful but when a native of the same land takes the life of our great leader. There were many millions of people throughout the world who felt as you did.

On Nov 15, 1963, I seen Pres Kennedy in New York City - he seemed to be such a wonderful person.

Mr. Ruby, I am only a sophomore in high school. never thought of going to college, but now since the tragedy, I given college a great deal of thought. I know its a dream of every young boy to be president of U.S. but this dream keeps dwelling within me. I feel that I could be a friend of all the people just as Mr. Kennedy was.



Mr
comes up
luck, &
at your
down

By
I feel that
courage
one's cor

P.S. I know
please

January 2, 1944

Dear Jack

I am very glad to hear you are well and hope you are enjoying the winter weather.

I am sorry to hear that you are having trouble with your eyes.

I hope you will be able to see the same things you did. Such a beautiful day in Canada.

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Government to credit it. I am sure
to meet you by the commission,
but I will not be able to see you
and I will expect it to be
of great value to you. I will
be in the city.

Alan C. L.
7412 Pine Ave.
Baltimore, Maryland
21215

1947 7/12



CONTENTS: ~~literature~~ literature
POSTMASTER: THIS PARCEL
MAY BE OPENED FOR POSTAL
INSPECTION IF NECESSARY.
RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED.

TO Mr. Jack Ruby
c/o Mr. Dist. Atty Henry Wade's Office
Records Building
Dallas, Texas

replied

Mr. Jack Ruby

Dear Sir... - I take this OPPORTUNITY to write you this
letter.

Mr RUBY, you may NOT know and understand me in this
letter.

I would like to tell you about JESUS christ, and what he is able
to do for you. Read Ps. 105 = 3 to 16.

Mr RUBY, please get you a Bible and read
it, - PUT your TRUST in the LORD, HE IS ATTY. for you and he
IS LICENSE all over the world. To HELP you.

Please do NOT LOOK for the KINGDOME the world know of
you. Read 2nd Joel 2 = 12, 13, and Read Ps. 23. ~~1~~ 1-7.

Reading Acts 18 = 9. Then speak the Lord to PAUL in the
NIGHT BY VISION or not of said. BUT speak and hold not thy
peace. Read Acts 10 to 17.

Read John 3 = 16 to 21 and Romans 10 = 9, 10.

Thank you
Hammitt
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TO MR JACK RUBY

4. CO - JAIL



Paul Boltes
3726 Edgewood Rd.
Toledo, Ohio

OHIO
JUN 23
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DUPLICATE
BILL DECKER, Sheriff
DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

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PRISONER'S CASH FUND RECEIPT

DATE 1-28-64 AMOUNT \$ 1.00

RECEIVED Paul DOLLARS

FROM Paul Holman Toledo Ohio

CREDIT TO CASH FUND

NAME Jack Ruby

CASH MONEY ORDER CHECK 1/01

Amount as shown Received in I D

BY _____ DEPUTY

POSTED AND DEPOSITED

BY _____ DEPUTY

BILL DECKER, SHERIFF

1-1 BY [Signature]

Dallas County, Dallas, Texas 33190-2

Dear Mr. Rieves,

I have enclosed some

money in this envelope to aid
in your defense. Had I been
in Dallas at the time you were

there I think I would have paid
you quite as I would have
had first credit at Cassel's. Miss

I have enclosed some, but I

feel though you were not right you are

also not wrong.

Paul G. Holman
5728 Edgewood Rd.
Toledo, Ohio

January 23, 1964

Dear Sir:

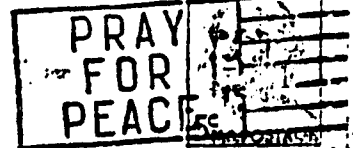
Have you begun to read The Bible
yet? You have seen sudden deaths
and you have not turned to God.
Read and believe God's Word. There is
not salvation for anyone outside it.

It is not too late to accept Jesus
as your personal Saviour. I do not
write to you as a perfect person,
I write as a "sinner saved by
grace".

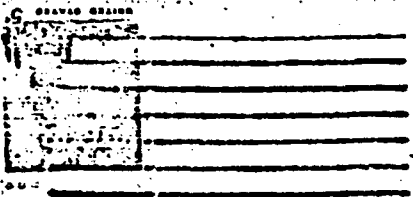
Forgive your sins and He will
be faithful and just to forgive you.
God loves you. Jesus died on a cross
cross for my sins and yours. Accept
Jesus and He loves you.

Your Truly
Wm. Francis Brown

105 Cassyton
44030



Mr. Jack Ruby
Kodak County Jail
Kodak, Texas



The Houston Press

THE SHOW CASE



Eddie Skeptical
About Our Clime,
Brings Own 'Sun'

By PAUL HOCHULI
Press Amusements Editor

'Bottom's Up' is Tops

For four years Tony Zoppi of the Dallas News has been touting me to catch a helping of "Bottom's Up" in the Adolphus Hotel.

Personally, I thought Tony was touting a local show, and, Allah knows, you don't have to leave town to see a local show. My apologies to Mr. Z.

"Bottom's Up" came to Houston last night, when the Continental Houston's French Quarter changed format, furnished a revue-type show for a full house. That also surprised me. The full house. Better get your reservations in early.

Anyway, "Bottom's Up" can be a hit in any town. I don't know when I have laughed as much. At least on a sustained basis.

The show is a series of black-outs, featuring most of all a rotund lady named Nancy Austin. She's about 90 per cent of the revue's potential. A ribald, happy-go-lucky comedienne, whose humor is sex of one kind, and so is the other half dozen.

She's in and out of the skits, aided and abetted by the rest of the cast: her partner, Kenny Jerome, plus Breck Wall, responsible for the entire deal, Bill Fanning, Suzanne Malone, Jan Sutton, Carl Tressler and Ryna Hradecky. Backed excellently by Don Cannon and his orchestra.

The hour-or-so revue is a quick-moving show, with no skits lasting too long.

You'll see everything from a mixed-up "Adam" who can't decide which "Eve" to select, to a beatnik duo reciting "Carl Sandbox poems."

TV Commercials are kidded unmercifully, plane pilots are taken over the humorous jumps, and the movies you see on Saturday night will never seem the same from here on out. Elvis and "Bye-Bye Birdie" aren't forgotten, either.

All in all, this is the best presentation the French Quarter has had since Shucky Grease broke up the joint.

Go see it—and you'll thank me for a humorous night out. As a matter of fact, it's so fast-movin', I might have missed something myself, so I'm going back for a second helping.

THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE

Night and Day

'Bottoms Up' Rings the Bell

BY CHARLIE EVANS

BOTTOMS UP breezed into the French Quarter Club Monday night ringing a bell with an opening night crowd that packed the room and howled its delight.

From the opening segment of the fast-paced show, the cast knew they had the audience with 'em and their comedy

and song parodies grew better as the show moved along.

If you try to put your finger on just what "Bottoms Up" is all about, you might say it's a potpourri of song, dance, comedy and something called show biz put together in no significant order. Order or no, each disjointed segment provides its share of entertainment.

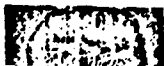
The talented cast of light keeps that stage so busy that it's hard to believe there are not twice that many running through the production.

Quick little scenes that are funny, fast and done well—such as those having to do with TV commercials—are artistically spotted through the production of Breck Wall and Joe Peterson.

Hefty Nancy Austin, Wall, Kenny Jerome and Bill Fanning should be singled out for their comedy routines, though the entire cast is credited with this hit—Carl Tressler, Jan Sutton, Ryna Hradecky and Suzanne Malone.

Don Cannon and his musicians give the show great backing and play for the dance sessions.

Bottoms Up is booked in at the club indefinitely. The show just finished a run of almost four years at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas. Don't be surprised if it sets a record for a floor show stay here.



the French Quarter

MAIN AT FRANKLIN • HOUSTON 2, TEXAS

*Hi Jack -
Our show has been
going great and business
is also going well -
Breck
Joe*

Capitol 5-1781

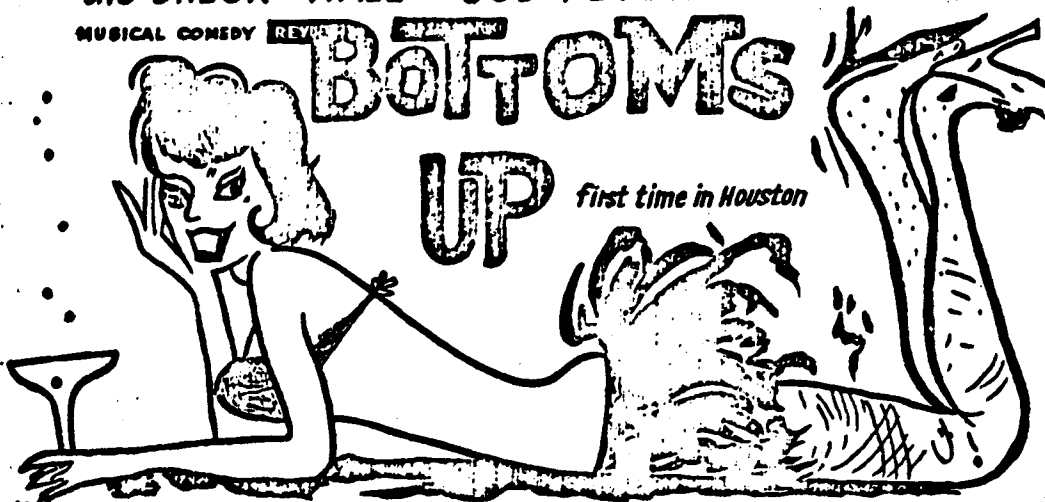
Starting JAN. 20th
for INDEFINITE RUN....

the BRECK WALL JOE PETERSON
MUSICAL COMEDY REVUE

BOTTOMS

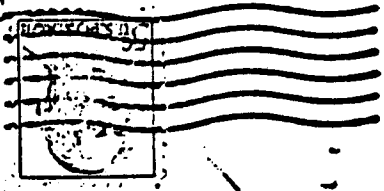
UP

first time in Houston



with the DON CANNON ORCHESTRA : FOR RESERVATIONS CA. 5-1781

THIS IS BOTTOMS UP 5th YEAR



Pagey Abbott
Route 5
Paris, Texas

Sincerely,
Pagey Abbott

Dear Jack:

Something finally motivated me to write the book I have intended to write for so long. I really don't know what I want to say to you, except maybe "good-bye". You seem to be a really wonderful person, but I haven't forgotten you and Cippi.

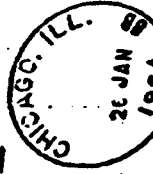
I worked in the Williams King Store next to Red Veger in 1959. I was very young then, and impressed by your good manners and gentlemanly behavior. Since 1959 I have finished high school, have a little job, and am married. She are living with my parents in Paris now. It's about a hundred miles from Paris. Last week and I drove through Dallas and over the spot where the President was killed. Everyone said I'm so much, didn't they? It must be hard to keep from being depressed while you are confined, but remember that you have a lot of friends out there pulling for you and wishing you the best. I am always there.

Monday, January 26, 1964

Chicago Ill
Jan 26-1964

Dear Jack,
We had the urge
to write you for some
time. As you know I
am a friend of Rhymie's
and used to visit in
your home on the
West side when the
family was all living
at home most of the
time and a good
happy ambitious
family it was too.

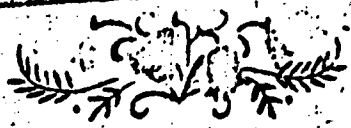
You came from a
darned good family
so keep your chin up
and don't loose hope.



The weather here is
cold + snowing + miserable!
but you have nice warm
climate there. Haven't seen
him for quite a while but heard
from him not long ago.

Remember me to Eva
also the rest of the family
when you see them
and I shall pray for
you + try to look on
the brighter side of life.

Sincerely,
Your friend,



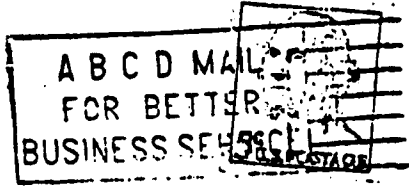
Mr.
Jack Ruby

From

Ann F. Spech

IF THINGS GO WRONG
AND SKIES ARE GRAY,
REMEMBER - THERES
ANOTHER DAY!
IF PATHS ARE STEEP
AND HARD TO CLIMB,
REMEMBER - SOMETIMES
THINGS TAKE TIME!
DONT GIVE UP HOPE
AND DONT DESPAIR -
REMEMBER - GOD HEARS
EVERY PRAYER!

MRS. ANN F. SPECH
8357 118 St. (Ap. 6-9)
Kew Gardens 15, New York





FROM Mrs. A. W. Brech
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TO MR. JACK RUBY
COUNTY JAIL
DALLAS, TEXAS.
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Hail From
Jackson, Miss.
Jan. 30, 1964

Dear Jack Ruby

I am only a sixteen year old high school student. Like most teen agers I have watched and read all about the death of President Kennedy. Also I have talked to many of the adults about it.

Today in our home news paper I read a story about you. It complimented you and also said you since never gotten a letter saying you did anything. In that case why it be expected to do it. Like millions of other people I was you that Oswald. I have always felt you did a very stupid thing.

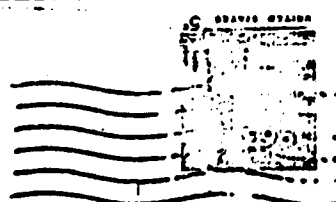
I can only recall one person on this world. That Jack Ruby killed was there a man. We killed a man. "I hope I see you again."

So can Oswald have had a witness only? Why did you do it? Why would not the authorities taken care of Oswald.

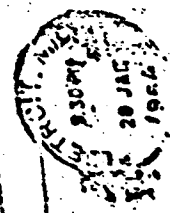
I have just to tell the man who killed you right. Also every one knows you would get away with this murder. I don't want to be a fool but I think you should say like you said in a man. You have a great nation of thinking and why I think you should be a man. I think you should be a man. I think you should be a man. I think you should be a man.

Thank you
[Signature]

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1311 Brewster St.
Detroit 7, Mich
Jan 28, 1964

to

My dear Friends,

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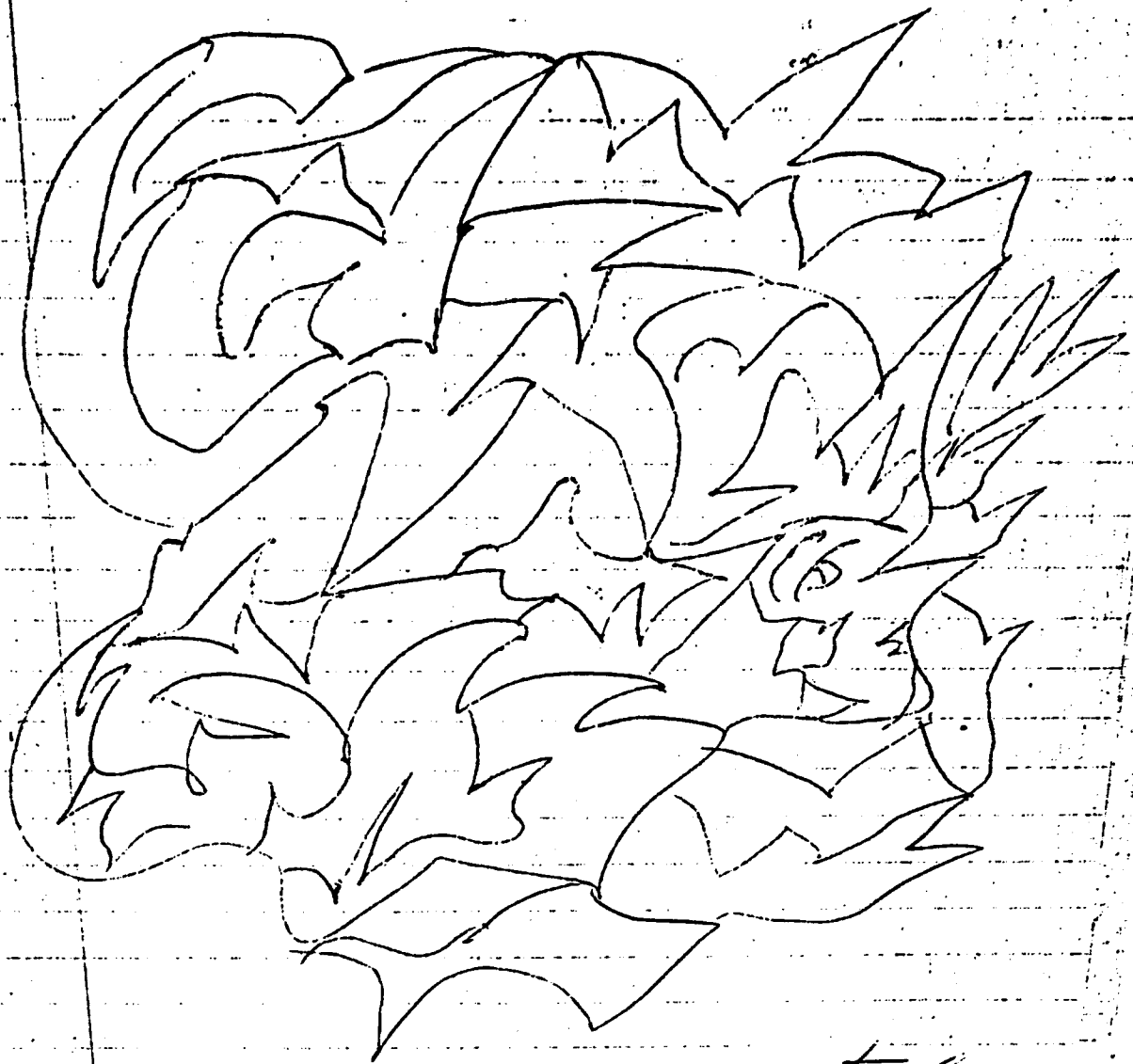
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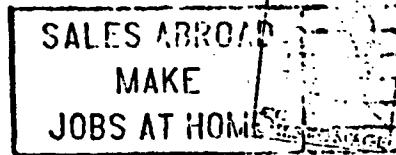
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Your very truly
Mrs. [Name] & Family



Mr. Jack Ruby

%Dallas County Jail

Dallas, Texas

January 26, 1963

Mr. Jack Ruby,
%Dallas County Jail,
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Ruby:

In this morning's paper I read that you have stated that you have not received any mail which was critical of you. Although I cannot quite believe this, it would seem that the average American has neglected to express to you his feelings. Less you construe silence to mean approval, I am writing to you to explain why I, and I believe most other concerned citizens, have remained silent up to this time. I hold no great hope that you will understand my feelings, but I will try anyway.

The reality of President Kennedy's assassination was a deep and personal tragedy to all Americans, Mr. Ruby --not just to you. But it was an act which was done, and there was little most of us could do except grieve and attempt to understand why this terrible crime had been committed. As you are aware, the President, a great and good American, was killed by one of his fellow Americans in an American city. Of all the countries in the world ours was the one where such an event was least likely to happen. Most of us, I repeat, wanted to try to understand what had happened, and if possible, why it happened.

When you assassinated the suspected murderer of the President, you did much more than just strike down a helpless fellow human being in cold blood. You also cheated 200 million of your fellow countrymen of ever having the possibility of understanding why the assassination ever happened. Further, you struck a terrible blow against justice: justice in the tradition which contemplates that every man is innocent until proven guilty; justice that would have demonstrated to the rest of the world that in America every man is treated fairly no matter what the magnitude of his crime; justice such as you are now availing yourself of in full measure. In short, Mr. Ruby, you have done an immense disservice to your fellow Americans.

Yes, Mr. Ruby, we have been silent. What can be said to a man who has committed one of the most colossal blunders in history? What can be said to a man who has decreased the sum total of human knowledge and understanding by eliminating a paragraph of history which most certainly would have been written? We do not know your motives, Mr. Ruby, but in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, it must be said that you have committed an act of unequalled stupidity. You are truly an "Ugly American."

Sincerely,

~~Handwritten notes:~~
FBI
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My city my-

Jack Ruby.

This picture, in my
paper, isn't the one,
I first saw. The one
that he's seen, cut out
of the original. Where
he saw you, first, and
a look of horror, came
over his face. He knows
you alright, and I'm



GRAND CENTRAL
STATION

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Sure, you knew him
too. In fact I think
you look, enough, like
each other, to be brothers.
And the big Policemen
with the Texas ^{hat} knew
what was going to
happen, to. Maybe you
thought he would in-
volve you in it. Maybe
you were with him -
you look just like him
but older that's all.

why a paper, would ~~you~~
give you money, to write
your story, beats me -
I've bought my last
Journal - American.