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O. H. REIERSON, JR. AND ATTEMPTED PHONE
CALL FROM DALLAS, TEXAS TO MADISON,
WISCONSIN ON NOVEMBER 18, 1963

A report of the Madison, Wisconsin Police Department, made available by the Chief of Police, disclosed that on November 22, 1963 OWEN HOWARD REIERSON, JR., age 24, of 50 Koster Street, Madison, was arrested for disorderly conduct when found celebrating the assassination of President KENNEDY in the State Capitol Building, Madison, Wisconsin.

On November 26, 1963 ROBERT OLSON, State Parole officer, Madison, Wisconsin, advised SA ALEXANDER D. MANSON that REIERSON had been committed to Central State Hospital for the criminally insane for sixty days mental observation. This commitment grew out of the disorderly conduct charge referred to above. OLSON also said that Mrs. RAE RYAN had been a close friend of REIERSON until the incident of November 22, 1963. He said that Mrs. RYAN recalled that on the evening of November 18, 1963, upon returning home, she received information that there had been a long distance call for her from Dallas, Texas. No further information was given and the call was not repeated. Mrs. RYAN said that she knew no one in Dallas and she suggested to OLSON that the call might have concerned REIERSON.

On December 4, 1963 Mrs. RAE RYAN, 1409 Reetz Road, Madison, Wisconsin advised SA ALEXANDER D. MANSON that on November 26, 1963 she received a letter from GEORGE DE HAVEN of Empire Produce Company, Dallas, Texas which stated that he had tried to call her on the phone on the 18th. Mrs. RYAN said that DE HAVEN was her former employer who had been in Los Angeles and had moved to Dallas without her knowledge. Mrs. RYAN also said that REIERSON had no Dallas connections of any kind to her knowledge.

PERSONS RESEMBLING RUBY AND OSWALD
SEEN IN MILWAUKEE DURING THE PAST YEAR

On December 3, 1963 Mrs. MARGARITA REYES, 713A South 6th Street, Milwaukee, advised SA EDWARD F. FARRINGTON that she had observed a number of men in the alley behind her house about a year ago

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and three of these resembled RUBY and OSWALD. She placed the time shortly before the murder of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT, Kenosha, Wisconsin, a jukebox operator who was killed in gangland style in early January, 1963. She said the men were at a garage which was located next to the alley behind her house and which bore certain markings which she claimed resembled a clock on which the time read 20 minutes to 11. She said she saw these men again after the BIERNAT murder and she associates them with the murder. Two of the men who resembled RUBY and OSWALD were seen again, according to Mrs. REYES, on several occasions - the last time on September 14, 1963.

Mrs. REYES said that she was receiving treatment at the Milwaukee County Hospital and was receiving a prescription for pills that would make her "feel happy." An examination of the markings on the garage in question, made by SA FARRINGTON, disclosed that they did not resemble in any respect the clock described by Mrs. REYES.

MILITARY SERVICE

Date December 11, 1963

WALTER JAMES CARLSON, Jr., 2103 North 24th Street, advised that he was a technical sergeant in the U.S. Army from November, 1939 to September, 1945, under the Army Serial Number, ASN 693 7723, but was on duty with the U.S. Air Force during the latter part of his service time. He stated after he came back from overseas duty, he was assigned in about September, 1943 to the Alachua Air Force Base at Gainesville, Florida with the 521st Fighter-Bomber Group, in the Communications Section. He stated he does not recall the Squadron number. He stated he was then transferred with his unit to the Kissimmee Air Force Base, Kissimmee, Florida arriving there about December, 1943 and probably in about February, 1944 he was transferred with his unit to the Pinecastle Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida, where he stayed until about September, 1945. In his Communications Section, probably beginning at Kissimmee Air Force Base, was a man named RUBY, whose first name may have been JACK. He stated this man may have been at Gainesville, too, but he does not specifically recall it. He stated the man named RUBY was an enlisted man, possibly a sergeant or a staff sergeant in the Communications Section, purporting to have knowledge of radio and/or telephones. He stated some of the photographs of JACK RUBY, the man who shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD, appear to him to resemble the man named RUBY in the 521st Fighter-Bomber Group at the bases named above. He stated the man in his unit was short, stocky build, dark hair with bald spot on top and the man gambled a lot, having talked about betting on sulky races in Detroit, Michigan, on his furlough. He stated the man was from Chicago, Illinois as he recalls. He stated the man smoked cigars a lot. He stated the man had not been overseas, and appeared to be in a clique at the 521st Fighter-Bomber Group, along with a Master Sergeant BUMPAS (first name not recalled), and a Technical Sergeant CALLAHAN (first name not recalled), and they seemed to have their own way in the Communications Section. He stated the man called RUBY was rumored to be associated with a Colonel ROGERS, base commander of Pinecastle Air Force Base, who he heard had tried to solicit Communist Party Memberships from officers at the Officer's Club there. He stated he has no specific knowledge of this but he had heard rumors about this matter. He stated that in September, 1945, he recalls the footlockers of the men at the Communications Section were searched by men who he heard were from the intelligence branch.

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by SA CLIFFORD E. HUHTA/imp Date dictated 12/9/63

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of the service, and they were supposed to be looking for
subversive material. He recalls vividly that the man called
RUBY protested vigorously the search of his locker. He stated
he inferred from such activities that perhaps the man named
RUBY was associated with subversive elements at the base.

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TITLE OF CASE JACK LEON RUBY, Aka.; LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM		Report made by SA DAVID J. REID	Typed By: shd
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	

Synopsis:

REFERENCES

Report of SA ARNOLD C. DOLDE at San Diego dated 12/10/63, case captioned "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R";

El Paso teletype to Bureau dated 12/13/63.

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LEADS

SAN DIEGO DIVISION (INFORMATION)

An information copy of this report is being designated for the San Diego Office in view of the investigation conducted by that Office re EDWARD TUBACH, LLOYD HORAL, and JACK HOLFORD, who are referred to in the body of this report.

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Copy to

Report of: SA DAVID J. REID
Date: December 13 1963

Office: EL PASO

Field Office File No.: EP 44-274

Bureau File No.: 44-24016

Title: JACK LEON RUBY;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

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Synopsis: JACK ^{INFT} HOLFORD, ~~El Paso, Texas~~, advised as follows: HOLFORD has known EDWARD TUBACH and LLOYD HORAL of Brawley, Calif., for many years. Neither are known to have any friends or associates in Texas or to be acquainted with JACK RUBY of Dallas, Texas. HOLFORD met a friend of TUBACH and HORAL, namely MARIA (LNU), in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico, several years ago, has had no subsequent contact with her or with any other friends or associates of TUBACH and HORAL in Mexicali.

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DETAILS:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS:

Date December 13, 1963

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Mr. JACK HOLFORD, 4835 Vista Del Monte, El Paso, furnished the following information:

HOLFORD has been acquainted with EDWARD TUBACH and LLOYD HORAL of Brawley, California, for many years. HOLFORD grew up in California and knew both TUBACH and HORAL during his early lifetime in California. HOLFORD has maintained contact with TUBACH and HORAL throughout the years. HOLFORD left California about five years ago and has seen TUBACH and HORAL on about a yearly basis since that time. Mexico

Neither TUBACH nor HORAL are known to have any friends or associates in Texas. Neither of these individuals are known to be acquainted with JACK RUBY of Dallas, Texas. HOLFORD has had contact with TUBACH in Texas on previous occasions and TUBACH never indicated to HOLFORD that he had any friends or acquaintances in any part of Texas.

Several years ago, HOLFORD visited TUBACH and HORAL in Brawley, California. On that occasion, TUBACH learned that a woman with whom he was acquainted in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico, had been injured in an accident and was in a hospital in Mexicali. HOLFORD went with TUBACH to the hospital in Mexicali on that occasion and met MARIA (LNU). HOLFORD did not recall MARIA's last name. He had no subsequent contact with MARIA. MARIA was a friend of both TUBACH and HORAL.

HOLFORD has not visited Mexicali with TUBACH or HORAL since the above mentioned occasion. He has had no subsequent contact with MARIA or with any of the associates or friends of TUBACH or HORAL in Mexicali.

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REPORTING OFFICE BUFFALO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS	DATE 12/4/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/1-3/63
TITLE OF CASE JACK LEON RUBY, aka Jack Rubenstein, Jack L. Ruby; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka Alek J. Hidell, O. H. Lee - VICTIM - DECEASED		REPORT MADE BY FRANCIS D. CONNERS	TYPED BY jml
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCES: Tampa teletype to Bureau dated 12/1/63.
Buffalo teletype to Bureau dated 12/2/63.

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LEADS (Previously set out in retel of Buffalo)

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Will attempt to ascertain if RUBY ever owned or operated a place of business in the State of Florida and whether RUBY ever present in Miami Beach, Florida, area from October 1961 to April 1963.

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LEADS (CONT'D)

MIAMI

AT MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

1. Will contact Miami Beach PD regarding issuance of identification card number 311314 10/17/61 to FRANK ANTHONY CORTELLI, JR.

2. Will make inquiry to determine if JACK RUBY owned or operated any business establishment in the Miami Beach area. If so, ascertain if CORTELLI ever employed by RUBY.

3. Will verify CORTELLI's residence at 223½ 23rd Street and attempt to identify the associates of CORTELLI.

4. Will verify employment and determine identity of associates if any at the following places:

Piccullo's Restaurant
3rd and Washington Streets

Pacini's Restaurant
79th Street Causeway NW and
10th Avenue

Fountainbleau Hotel

Lighthouse Restaurant
Bal Harbor

5. Will conduct investigation at Tahiti Bar, 23rd Street and Liberty Avenue, to determine identity of CHARLOTTE (LNU), barmaid, and "CHEESY," a male employee at above bar, and interview relative to CORTELLI's activities and associations.

TAMPA

AT LAKE LAND, FLORIDA

1. Will recontact MARY J. WALKER at Florida Southern College concerning any knowledge she may have of FRANK CORTELLI

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LEADS (CONT'D)

TAMPA (CONT'D)

AT LAKELAND, FLORIDA (CONT'D)

during his stay in Miami Beach, Florida, from October 1961 to April 1963.

2. Will determine whereabouts of BETTY MC BEE, former roommate of SALLY KRUCKEBERG, girl friend of CORTELLI.

3. Will interview MC BEE about her knowledge regarding CORTELLI's activities and associates in Miami Beach area and also in Buffalo, New York.

BUFFALO

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Upon receipt of any positive information resulting from above leads, will re-interview CORTELLI to determine if he actually has knowledge of JACK RUBY.

ADMINISTRATIVE

A third copy is being submitted to Dallas in the event it becomes necessary or desirable to furnish a copy to the USA in that city.

No record identifiable with FRANK ANTHONY CORTELLI, JR. was located in the indices of the Buffalo Office.

With reference to interview of performer JOHN GIACCIO, any interview of Dallas newspaperman TONY ZOPPI is being left to the discretion of Dallas. This interview could develop additional background concerning RUBY's club operations in Dallas, Texas.

Additional copies are being furnished Bureau if needed for dissemination.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: FRANCIS D. CONNERS
Date: 12/4/63

Office: Buffalo, New York

Field Office File #: 44-214

Bureau File #: 44-24016

Title: JACK LEON RUBY;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD -
VICTIM - DECEASED

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

MARY J. WALKER, student, Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida, advised FBI Tampa on 12/1/63 she was in receipt of information that FRANK CORTELLI, Buffalo, New York, had told SALLY KRUCKEBERG, his girlfriend, allegedly that JACK RUBY was known to him and at one time made a statement that something should be done about Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY, who is putting so much pressure on the "rackets" as he was closing down a lot of the "rackets' businesses." CORTELLI located at Buffalo, New York, and interviewed; denies knowing JACK RUBY. Also denies making statements alleging comments made by JACK RUBY concerning Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY. CORTELLI also stated he is presently unemployed. Investigation reveals current employment at Park Lane Restaurant, Buffalo, New York. Pertinent information set forth. SALLY KRUCKEBERG, girlfriend of CORTELLI, interviewed and states CORTELLI told her he had met JACK RUBY and had made a reference to ROBERT KENNEDY, but stated this appeared to be a theory of CORTELLI's and not a statement of RUBY. BETTY FRIES, roommate of KRUCKEBERG, confirms information furnished by KRUCKEBERG. Details included. Physical description of CORTELLI set out. Information received telephonically indicating an entertainer currently appearing in Buffalo has had previous dealings with RUBY. JOHN GIACCIO, night club entertainer, identified and interviewed. Results set out. Information received from one JAMES LOUIS LA BELLE, Jamestown, New York, also set out.

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DETAILS:

On December 1, 1963 FBI Tampa advised that MARY J. WALKER, student, Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida, contacted SA CLYDE B. GENTRY, JR. and furnished the following information:

A friend, whom WALKER refused to identify, advised that she, the friend, had telephonically contacted SALLY KRUCKFBERG in Buffalo, New York. KRUCKEBERG related that FRANK CORTELLI, her boyfriend, had told her he had talked with JACK RUBY in Miami, Florida, some time ago and CORTELLI said he had heard JACK RUBY make a statement to the effect that something should be done about Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY putting so much pressure on the "rackets" as he was closing a lot of the "rackets' businesses." It was also indicated that WALKER was of the opinion the information was unreliable as CORTELLI, who is known to WALKER, had attempted to impress KRUCKEBERG in the past, claiming he knew persons who were "gangsters" in the Buffalo, New York, area. CORTELLI was last known to be employed at Chin's Chinese Restaurant in Buffalo according to WALKER.

On December 2, 1963, DANNY WONG, 188 Grape Street, Buffalo, New York, owner of Chin's Chow Mein, 888 Main Street, Buffalo, advised that FRANK CORTELLI had been employed by him as a bartender about two years ago. He said CORTELLI left his job and departed for Florida. His records indicated that CORTELLI at that time resided at 257 Whitney Place, Buffalo, New York, and Mr. WONG was of the opinion that CORTELLI is presently employed at the Park Lane Restaurant, Buffalo, New York.

On December 2, 1963, Mrs. EDNA RICHARDSON, Personnel Office, Park Lane Restaurant, Delaware Avenue and Gates Circle, Buffalo, New York, advised her records indicate that FRANK ANTHONY CORTELLI, JR. is employed as a waiter and has been employed in that capacity since October 9, 1963. His Social Security Number was listed as 122-05-0277 and his residence was listed as 474 Busti Avenue, Buffalo.

On December 2, 1963, JERRY PRIORE, Identification Division, Buffalo Police Department, advised there was no record identifiable with FRANK ANTHONY CORTELLI, JR.

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FRANK ANTHONY CORTELLI, JR. was interviewed at his residence, 474 Busti Avenue, and in the presence of his wife, JOSEPHINE. Mr. CORTELLI said that he had traveled from Buffalo, New York, to Miami, Florida, in October 1961 and worked and resided in the Miami Beach, Florida, area until about April 1963 when he returned to Buffalo. He volunteered that the reason he departed Buffalo was domestic difficulties and said he had returned home in an effort to effect a family reconciliation and for that reason was desirous of having his wife present.

Mr. CORTELLI stated that he resided at 223½ 23rd Street in Miami Beach during the entire period of his stay. He said he was initially employed at Piccuilo's Italian Restaurant, Washington and 3rd Streets, for about two weeks. He subsequently worked at Pacini's, 79th Street Causeway at 10th Avenue, and at the Lighthouse Restaurant at Bal Harbor, Florida. He said that each employment was for a short period of time and late in 1961 he obtained a job as a waiter at the Fountainbleau Hotel, where he remained employed until about April 1963. He said he was suffering from sun poisoning at this time and he returned to Buffalo.

CORTELLI stated that during his stay in the Miami Beach area he had no associations and referred to himself as a "loner." He said on occasion he patronized the Tahiti Bar at 23rd Street and Liberty Avenue and was acquainted with a barmaid by the name of CHARLOTTE and a male employee called "CHEESY." He said he had no associates and very little conversation other than the above two individuals. He also advised that he did not have a car while he was in Miami, admitted that on occasion he would attend the dog races, and volunteered that he spent a good deal of his free time on the beach at 22nd Street.

In response to inquiry CORTELLI stated emphatically that he is not at all acquainted with JACK RUBY, has never met the man in Florida or anywhere else, and further denied that he had ever made any statement to anyone to the effect that RUBY had told him that something would have to be done

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about Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY because he was cracking down on the rackets.

In response to further inquiry concerning personal background, CORTELLI said he has not been gainfully employed since his return to Buffalo as he had been sick during part of this time and presently his family and he are receiving welfare aid. At this time CORTELLI was asked whether or not he actually was employed as a waiter at the Park Lane Restaurant in Buffalo. He admitted having worked there "on occasion" serving "banquets." He said this was only part time. CORTELLI said he has no information concerning JACK RUBY or any of RUBY's associates and further stated he has no personal acquaintance with hoodlums either in the Buffalo or Miami Beach areas.

The following physical description of CORTELLI was obtained from interview and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	44
Birth	February 23, 1919, at Buffalo, New York
Height	5' 6½"
Weight	175 pounds
Build	Medium
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Wears glasses all the time
Hair	Brown, sparse, balding
Scars and Marks	Hernia operation scar - left side
Military Service	None
Marital Status	Married - January 9, 1943; Wife - JOSEPHINE CORTELLI, nee Francoforte
Children	Daughter - DONNA, age 18; Son - FRANK ANTHONY CORTELLI III, age 13

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Parents

Mother -
FRANCES CORTELLI, nee
Coviello (deceased);
FRANK ANTHONY CORTELLI, SR.,
last known address
31-42 103rd Street,
New York City, New York

Brother

JOE CORTELLI,
age 49,
Whereabouts unknown

CORTELLI produced a Miami Beach Police Department
Identification Card Number 311314 issued October 17, 1961.

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SALLY KRUCKEBERG, 32 Janet Street, Buffalo, was interviewed at her place of employment, the Buffalo General Hospital, where she is employed as an x-ray technician. She advised that she has known FRANK CORTELLI for about three years. She said she dated CORTELLI once a week for a period of about six months during that time and has had infrequent contact with him since his return to Buffalo.

Miss KRUCKEBERG stated CORTELLI had left Buffalo and went to Miami Beach, Florida, where he remained for more than a year, however she said she did not know where he may have worked other than the Fountainbleau Hotel. She stated that during the entire period of time of their acquaintanceship, their association had been friendly but never has been intimate and she said to her knowledge he is not married and she considered him only as a friend.

Miss KRUCKEBERG stated on those occasions when she dated CORTELLI he took her to dinner, patronizing the better restaurants in the Buffalo area. She said he always seemed to know a lot of people in these places and always bought drinks for his friends. She estimated that an evening out would cost from approximately \$30 to \$50. She described him as a very moderate drinker. She said she could not remember the identity of any specific individual and although she was introduced to many of CORTELLI's friends it was always a fleeting introduction. She stated that since CORTELLI returned to Buffalo she has only seen him on three or four occasions and said that he presently is working at the Park Lane Restaurant as a waiter. She said he also had worked for a short period of time as a waiter at Augustine's Restaurant, Buffalo.

SALLY KRUCKEBERG was questioned concerning the telephonic conversation she had with FRANK CORTELLI on the night of November 24, 1963, the date of the shooting of LEE OSWALD by JACK RUBY. She related that CORTELLI telephoned her and in the conversation asked "What do you think of that meatball?" She asked which one CORTELLI meant and he said "RUBY." She related that CORTELLI advised that it was his

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opinion that something was wrong with the setup and that OSWALD was shot to "shut him up." She said that she asked CORTELLI if he knew anything about JACK RUBY and CORTELLI told her he met RUBY in Miami Beach and referred to RUBY as being a "bum." She said she asked him if RUBY might be involved in the assassination of President KENNEDY and she said he said he did not know but at one time he heard RUBY say that something had to be done about ROBERT KENNEDY as he was cracking down too hard on the "rackets." She stated it was her opinion that CORTELLI was expressing a theory, however he did tell her he was acquainted with JACK RUBY. She said she also had discussed this conversation with her roommate, BETTY FRIES.

Miss KRUCKEBERG said that she has not been to Miami, Florida, and has no knowledge of any associates or acquaintances of CORTELLI who may be a part of the hoodlum element either in Buffalo, New York, or Miami, Florida.

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Miss BETTY ARLENE FRIES, 32 Janet Street, Buffalo, was interviewed at her place of employment, Roswell Park Memorial Institute, where she is employed as a psychologist. She stated that on the night of the day that LEE OSWALD was shot by JACK RUBY both SALLY KRUCKEBERG and she were at home and they had been discussing the terrible events of the weekend. She related that during this time FRANK CORTELLI telephoned the apartment and had a conversation with SALLY KRUCKEBERG. Miss FRIES said that after SALLY completed her conversation with CORTELLI, she, SALLY, commented that "maybe you were right." Miss FRIES said that in discussing the assassination of President KENNEDY and of LEE OSWALD she had the feeling that there was something to these incidents that had not been revealed and said this was merely a feeling that she had and had expressed this feeling to KRUCKEBERG.

Miss FRIES said SALLY KRUCKEBERG after her conversation with CORTELLI told her that CORTELLI said he had met JACK RUBY in Florida. She said it was her recollection that KRUCKEBERG said that RUBY apparently operated some business place which had been closed according to CORTELLI. She also recalled KRUCKEBERG related that CORTELLI had told her that RUBY had made some reference to ROBERT KENNEDY at one time as being the cause as he was cracking down hard on the "rackets."

Miss FRIES said she was of the opinion after conversing with KRUCKEBERG that CORTELLI merely expressed a theory that possibly the underworld element might have had some connection with the assassination of President KENNEDY.

Relative to FRANK CORTELLI, she said she has only met him three or four times since he came to Buffalo from Miami, Florida. She said she knew of no associates or acquaintances of CORTELLI's other than SALLY KRUCKEBERG. In response to inquiry she said that BETTY MC BEE, former roommate of KRUCKEBERG, is now living in Lakeland, Florida, where she is employed in some bank. She further stated that MARY J. WALKER, who is also a mutual acquaintance, is in Lakeland, Florida. She said she

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did not know if either of these girls had any association with CORTELLI while he was in the Miami, Florida, area as she was not acquainted with him at that time.

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The following information was received by SA B. HARRY WYNN at Buffalo, New York, on December 3, 1963, from JOHN H. JEWELL, 142 East Amherst, Buffalo, telephone TF 4-2858, who telephonically advised that one of his co-workers advised that the piano player and singer currently appearing at Jim Foster's Supper Club, 191 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, was formerly employed at Las Vegas, Nevada, as an entertainer. While in Las Vegas this entertainer was contacted by JACK RUBY and was advised by RUBY that he had two night clubs in Dallas, Texas, and requested the entertainer come to Dallas and appear in his clubs. In addition, RUBY advised that he would guarantee the entertainer (whose name is unknown to Mr. JEWELL) at least six months' employment.

Mr. JEWELL continued that the entertainer contacted several co-workers during the intermission after being contacted by RUBY and attempted to determine the character and worth of RUBY. The co-workers advised the entertainer that RUBY is vicious, difficult, and suggested that the entertainer not become involved with RUBY in any capacity. The entertainer was further advised that it would be better for him not to discuss his appearance in Dallas with RUBY and that he should stay in his dressing room rather than become more closely associated with RUBY.

Mr. JEWELL concluded by stating that he did not want to get involved in any capacity and refused to furnish the name of the co-worker but felt that the entertainer would not be reluctant to discuss the above event if contacted.

The following investigation was conducted by SA PAUL A. JOENSEN at Buffalo, New York, on December 3, 1963:

SAL RIZZO, Business Agent, Local 43, American Federation of Musicians, 1391 Main Street, Buffalo, advised that the entertainer presently appearing at Foster's Supper Club, 291 Delaware Avenue is JACKIE JOCKO. RIZZO furnished JOCKO's true name as JOHN GIACCIO, 61 LeBrun Drive, Eggertsville, New York.

GIACCIO was located at 65 Sidney Street, Buffalo, New York, where he stated he lives with his mother when appearing in Buffalo. GIACCIO stated he and his brother, JOSEPH, have traveled extensively for several years as entertainers,

he being a piano player and singer and his brother a drummer. He also advised his stage name is JACKIE JOCKO.

GIACCIO stated that about four years ago he played an engagement in the University Club, located on Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas. According to GIACCIO, he was introduced to JACK RUBY by TONY ZOPPI, a columnist for the "Dallas News," and throughout his engagement at the University Club he saw RUBY as a patron of that club and occasionally would speak to RUBY at the club. GIACCIO said ZOPPI told him RUBY either owned or fronted for the "Soverign Club" in Dallas. His only association with RUBY at that time was in the University Club where RUBY was a patron.

Subsequently in 1961 while he was filling an engagement at the Sahara Club in Las Vegas, GIACCIO said TONY ZOPPI came to see him at that club. ZOPPI told him he was in Las Vegas to cover the Pro-Amateur Golf Tournament then in progress. ZOPPI also told him that RUBY had mentioned at one time that he liked GIACCIO's act and any time GIACCIO wanted to appear in his Dallas clubs RUBY would hire him. ZOPPI also gave him RUBY's address as the Soverign Club, 1312 Commerce Street, and home address as 4727 Homer, Dallas, telephone TA 7-9883. GIACCIO showed this entry in his address book.

GIACCIO denied ever being contacted by RUBY in Las Vegas, and he denied making any inquiry in Las Vegas concerning RUBY. GIACCIO explained he allows the union to negotiate his contract with the clubs and they take care of all the guarantees thereby relieving him of any worries with being paid and so forth.

GIACCIO stated he is signed to appear at Foster's Supper Club in Buffalo until January 12, 1964. He insisted that the only offer of employment by RUBY came through TONY ZOPPI, who appeared to be closely associated with RUBY. At no time had he made any inquiry regarding RUBY and no one has ever advised him regarding employment at RUBY's club in Dallas, Texas.

JOSEPH GIACCIO, 65 Sidney Street, was also interviewed concerning the above matter. He corroborated all statements made by JOHN GIACCIO and stated he had no other information than that furnished by his brother.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
RAYMOND D. ANGLE, JR.:

JAMES LOUIS LABELLE, 12 Collins Avenue, Jamestown, New York, advised on December 2, 1963, that he is a former Western Union telegrapher and was employed in a Western Union office on the North Side of Chicago, Illinois, from 1926 to 1934. He stated that in 1928 and 1929 he worked in Valparaiso, Indiana, while attending a telegraphy school.

LABELLE stated that he recalls JACK RUBY coming into the Western Union office on the North Side of Chicago during 1930, at which time he sent numerous telegrams, the contents of which he has no recollection. He stated that in his opinion RUBY was associated with the hoodlums in the Chicago area but has no information about him, his associates, or his background. He stated he never had any conversations with RUBY except over the wires he was sending, and the only thing he recalls about him is the fact that he was a neat dresser.

LABELLE further stated that on November 26, 1963, while in the Ranch Restaurant, 219 Washington Street, Jamestown, he overheard a conversation between two unknown individuals at the bar. This conversation centered around President KENNEDY's trip to Dallas and one of the persons stated that he was killed by the underworld. He stated the conversation took place between 12:00 noon and 6:00 PM, November 26, 1963, but he would be unable to recall the individuals involved and is unable to describe them in any manner.

LABELLE stated his date of birth is January 6, 1908, at Hamtramack, Michigan, and added that he is presently retired.

With regard to LABELLE, a review of the 1960-1962 Jamestown City Directories reflects that he is a homeowner at 1 Collins Avenue, Jamestown, and his wife is GENEVIEVE. The 1958-1959 Directory indicates that he was a janitor at the G. C. Murphy Company, Jamestown, at that time.

HOWARD FISH, owner, and THELMA SMITH, Manager, Ranch Restaurant, 219 Washington Street, Jamestown, New York, advised that LABELLE is unknown to them. They stated that both would have been in the restaurant at noon on November 26, 1963, but that SMITH would have worked in the afternoon. Both stated they do not recall any conversation concerning the persons

involved in the shooting of the President, but do recall several of the customers talking generally about the shooting. They stated they cannot recall anyone in particular who was in the restaurant on November 26, 1963, adding that they have a steady flow of customers, both drinking and eating, and it would be impossible to ascertain who might have been at the bar at a given time two weeks ago.

[REDACTED] Credit Bureau, Jamestown, New York, advised on December 2, 1963, that JAMES L. LABELLE and wife GENEVIEVE, 12 Collins Avenue, Jamestown, have been on file at her bureau since 1942. She stated his file indicates she has been employed at numerous plants in Jamestown, the most recent one being Art Metal, Inc., prior to 1957. He was a janitor at the G. C. Murphy Company building in 1957, and was on City Welfare in 1960. The file shows that in February 1960 he was arrested for "Fraudulently Obtaining Welfare Funds" and was sentenced to serve 60 days in the Chautauqua County Jail, suspended, providing he repaid the funds.

She stated that his first employment in Jamestown dates back to January 30, 1942, and the file indicates that he came to Jamestown from Cleveland, Ohio.

Lieutenant RICHARD THOREN (NA), Jamestown, New York, Police Department, advised on December 2, 1963, that JAMES LOUIS LABELLE, 12 Collins Avenue, Jamestown, date of birth January 6, 1908, was arrested by the Jamestown Police Department on January 6, 1960 for violation of the Social Welfare Law, Section 145, sentenced to 60 days in the County Jail, suspended, and placed on probation, no time shown.