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TO: Director, FBI (44-24016)
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-767)
SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY, aka;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka -
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Re Bureau airtel 1/13/64 captioned as above.

LAMONT C. PETERSON, RD #2, Box 371, Reading, Pa., interviewed 1/14/64 as instructed. PETERSON's "complaint" is in no way related to captioned matter or the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The "RUBY-RUBENSTEIN" PETERSON mentions in letter to Bureau is one (full name unknown) RUBENSTEIN, aka Ruby, International Organizer for the United Steel Workers of America. Letter follows with details of PETERSON's interview under caption LAMONT C. PETERSON, RD #2, Box 371, Reading, Pa., INFORMATION CONCERNING.

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- 3 - Bureau (44-24016)
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Approved: Jay C. Wick
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

January 16, 1964

Director, FBI

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JACK L. RUBY
LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM
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Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter directed to the Attorney General from M. Sylvester, Box 131, East Lansing, Michigan, dated December 19, 1963, which was forwarded by the Department of Justice to the Bureau for appropriate handling.

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Also enclosed is a copy of a letterhead memorandum dated January 13, 1964, setting forth the results of the interview with Mabel E. Sylvester January 10, 1964, which was conducted in response to her letter.

The letterhead memorandum is furnished to you in view of her statement that she is afraid to furnish the information she has to anyone but Mr. Robert Kennedy or a member of the Kennedy family and that she will attempt to arrange the placing of this information in the proper hands.

For your information M. Sylvester, Box 131, East Lansing, Michigan, is identical with Mabel E. Sylvester who in 1962 resided at 575 North Hagadorn Street, East Lansing, Michigan, and who is known to the East Lansing Police Department. On January 3, 1964,

[redacted] advised that Sylvester was considered to be [redacted] She is in her early fifties and is employed as a real estate saleswoman in East Lansing.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-24016)
ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-358) (RUC)

JACK L. RUBY, aka.;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka. - VICTIM (Deceased)
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: Dallas

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to an interview of MABEL E. SYLVESTER.

It is to be noted that efforts were made to contact her on 1/9/64, but she was not available for interview until 1/10/64. It is to be further noted that two agents conducted this interview in view of Detroit airtel to Bureau, 1/3/64, pointing out that SYLVESTER had been found to be [REDACTED]

This letterhead memorandum is being submitted to the Bureau in view of the fact that the letter was originally directed to the Attorney General, and the Bureau may want to disseminate directly to the Department.

FD 302's are being submitted to Dallas for inclusion in their report. Dallas receiving copy of letterhead memorandum.

A copy of this letterhead memorandum is being designated for Detroit since there may be further contacts with this individual.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 5) ENCLOSURE
- 2 - Dallas (Enc. 26) (44-1639)
- 1 - Detroit (Enc. 1) (44-563)
- 1 - Indianapolis

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Approved: C. B. Wick Sent _____ M _____ P _____
Special Agent in Charge
1/16/64 T.W. [unclear] w/o [unclear]



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Indianapolis, Indiana
January 13, 1964

MABEL E. SYLVESTER

On January 10, 1964, MABEL E. SYLVESTER was contacted at the Kendall Hotel, Kendallville, Indiana, and she made the following information available: *mich.*

She stated that she had information which concerns a very powerful person in the United States who was involved with Ruby and Oswald in the assassination of President Kennedy. She knows of a photograph taken in the 1950's which shows Ruby with this person. This powerful figure and Ruby were definitely close associates and it is obvious to her Ruby killed Oswald to prevent him from talking. *M. Sylvester*

She does not desire to furnish additional information concerning this photograph or to further identify this person she considers to be involved in the assassination.

She is a "medium", and on the night of January 9, 1964 she was contacted by John F. Kennedy who told her not to give the information to the FBI for if she did, he would "be washed right down the drain." Four days before the assassination "they" told her "President Kennedy would be pinned to the road." She asked the voices what they meant, but she did not receive any explanation. On the day of the assassination, prior to her knowing of it, she began crying and did not know why she was crying until she learned of the assassination.

The voices later named the person who engineered the assassination, and this person is a very powerful individual whom she cannot name. After his identity was revealed to her, she came upon the photograph of Ruby and this same person.

She is afraid to furnish the information she has to anyone but Mr. Robert Kennedy or a member of the Kennedy family. She will attempt to arrange the placing of this information in the proper hands.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

We have previously referred to the Department and the President's Commission requests from both the prosecution and the defense for results of our investigation. We have not been advised that either the Department or the President's Commission have reached any decision as to what, if any, material is to be given the prosecution or defense. The Department and the President's Commission are being advised of Carr's statements.

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Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

January 17, 1964

Director, FBI 44-24016-957

JACK RUBY;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

"The Dallas Times Herald" on January 14, 1964, carried a story which quoted from a speech of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, Waggoner Carr, delivered on the night of January 13, 1964, to the Brotherhood of the Highland Baptist Church in Dallas.

Mr. Carr reportedly stated that FBI reports on Jack Ruby would be turned over to the Dallas District Attorney, Henry Wade, by the President's Commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy. He said that Mr. Lee Rankin, Counsel for the Commission, has agreed to turn over the data at the request of the Attorney General of the State of Texas who on Saturday, January 11, 1964, gave the President's Commission all of the results of the Texas investigation into the assassination and the killing of Lee Harvey Oswald. He said that the District Attorney will be free to use the FBI data in the prosecution of the accused slayer of Oswald.

Attorney General Carr also stated that he had not read all of the reports of the Texas investigation but from what he had read, he had come to these conclusions: "Oswald was a lone ranger and worked alone. Oswald was the man who shot at former Major General Edwin A. Walker, and this fact indicated he was not part of a conspiracy because of the variance in the political philosophies of Walker and President Kennedy. There was no evidence of a link between Ruby and Oswald."

The above is submitted for your information.

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PM URGENT 1-14-64 LJH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM DALLAS 44-1639 2-P.

JACK L. RUBY, ^{also known as} AKA. LEE HARVEY OSWALD AKA VICTIM - CR.

TODAY'S DALLAS TIMES HERALD CARRIES STORY REFLECTING FOLLOWING INFO REPORTEDLY QUOTING ATTY. GEN. OF STATE OF TEXAS WAGGONER CARR IN AN INTERVIEW AND IN A SPEECH DELIVERED MONDAY NIGHT TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH OF DALLAS. CARR STATED FBI REPORTS ON JACK RUBY WILL BE TURNED OVER TO DALLAS DIST. ATTY. HENRY WADE BY PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRES. KENNEDY. LEE RANKIN, COUNSEL FOR THE COMMISSION, HAS AGREED TO TURN OVER THE DATA AT THE REQUEST OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHO SATURDAY GAVE THE COMMISSION ALL THE RESULTS OF THE TEXAS INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION AND THE KILLING OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD. DIST. ATTORNEY WILL BE FREE TO USE THE FBI DATA IN PROSECUTION OF THE ACCUSED SLAYER OF OSWALD.

ATTY. GEN. CARR STATED HE HAD NOT READ ALL THE REPORTS, BUT FROM WHAT HE HAD READ, HE HAD COME TO THESE CONCLUSIONS. OSWALD WAS A LONE RANGER AND WORKED ALONE. OSWALD WAS THE MAN WHO SHOT AT FORMER MAJ. GEN. EDWIN A. WALKER, AND THIS FACT INDICATED HE WAS NOT PART OF A CONSPIRACY BECAUSE OF THE VARIANCE IN THE

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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: January 13, 1964

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY, aka;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka -
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On 1/8/64, Supervisor J. W. Hines, furnished to the Laboratory the evidence listed below:

Q1 Handwritten letter bearing heading "To the Investigating Committee" and ending "Thanks for listening"

Q1 was not identified with any of the material contained in the Anonymous Letter File. A photograph of Q1 will be added to this file.

Q1 is attached.

RECOMMENDATION: That this memorandum and attachment be forwarded to the Investigative Division for appropriate action.

Enclosure

44-24016

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Hines, Room 2264)

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To the Investigating Committee
Re: Assassination.

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A Reminder

The following reminder of a T.V. news report may prove important in the investigation of "Ruby."

It was before Oswald was shot.

It came over N.B.C. TV.

A reporter in Dallas was reporting the following:-

Ruby and a few men were overheard talking. Punishment for Oswald was being discussed.

One man was quoted as saying "Ruby can take care of that."

Ruby was quoted as answering, "I sure can."

This suggests to the writer of this note that Ruby had already "taken care" of someone, and those men knew it.

Thanks for listening

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 1/14/64

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY, AKA.
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In two specific instances we have received the allegation that comments were made by news media immediately prior to the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald by Jack L. Ruby on 11/24/63 that Ruby was expected to commit the act.

One of these allegations was contained in an anonymous letter furnished to the Bureau by the President's Commission on 1/6/64. The letter stated that over NBC-TV prior to the shooting one man said, "Ruby can take care of that," and Ruby answered, "I sure can." There was insufficient information in our files to identify the writer of the letter. It was also searched through the anonymous letter file by the Laboratory but the writer could not be identified.

The second allegation was also contained in a letter furnished to the Bureau by the President's Commission on 1/6/64. This letter stated that Bob Walker, Dallas TV news broadcaster, made the remark immediately prior to the shooting, "Is Ruby there yet?" The writer also expressed some concern re the fact that Walker had two telephones on his desk which he was using simultaneously at the time of the broadcast. The letter was written by a Mrs. M. S. Chadwell of Kokomo, Indiana.

Mrs. Chadwell was interviewed on 1/9/64 at which time she stated that on the date of Oswald's shooting she was watching television and the commentator was a Bob Walker. She got the impression from Walker's attitude that he may have had prior knowledge of Ruby's presence at the Dallas Police Department prior to the shooting but could furnish no tangible information to substantiate this impression. She could not quote any specific statements made by the commentator and stated that she might have misunderstood him. In the interview her primary concern was over the two telephones on the commentator's desk and she questioned why it was necessary to him to have them.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: JACK L. RUBY, AKA

It is noted that Mrs. Chadwell has previously contacted the Indianapolis Office on three occasions since 1950 at which time she alleged that people were listening in on her phone conversations and cutting in on her telephone line because of a dispute she had with the phone company in Kokomo where she had worked until she was forced out. [Chief Raymond Keller, Indiana Police Department, has advised that Mrs. Chadwell had been well known to the Kokomo Police Department for a number of years as a chronic complainer and that she is considered to be mentally unbalanced.

It is further noted that in the investigation of the Ruby matter we have interviewed more than 75 news media representatives who were either present at the time Oswald was shot by Ruby or were connected with reporting the transfer of Oswald from the City Jail in Dallas to the County Jail. None have indicated that either themselves or anyone known to them had any knowledge of Ruby's presence at the Dallas City Hall and Jail prior to the shooting or that Ruby might possibly appear there on 11/24/63.

ACTION:

Dallas presently has a lead outstanding to determine on which network Bob Walker appeared. If his broadcast was taped, the tapes will be reviewed and the matter will be fully resolved. This lead will be closely followed.

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TO SAC DALLAS (44-1639)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-24016)

JACK L. RUBY, AKA. LEE HARVEY OSWALD AKA DASH VICTIM. CR.

RE IP TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND DL JANUARY TEN SIXTYFOUR.

SUBMIT LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM TODAY SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION SETTING FORTH RESULTS OF LEAD TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW BOB WALKER AND CHECK TAPES OF HIS BROADCAST IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO SHOOTING OF OSWALD AS SET FORTH IN RETEL.

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NOTE: The President's Commission by letter dated 1-6-64 furnished a letter from a Mrs. Chadwell, Kokomo, Indiana, indicating she had heard a broadcast immediately prior to shooting of Oswald in which the announcer anticipated Ruby's presence at the scene of the shooting. Mrs. Chadwell was interviewed on 1-9-64 which interview indicated she [redacted] was not sure of what she heard. Lead set out to Dallas to identify announcer and check tapes. This is to insure prompt reply for dissemination to Commission.

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Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

JACK RUBY
LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

In accordance with your memorandum of January 13, 1964, Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade was interviewed on January 14, 1964. He was asked to state specifically and categorically wherein the preparation of his case is in any way handicapped by lack of access to material in the possession of the Federal Government.

Mr. Wade when interviewed indicated he cannot state how he is handicapped as he does not know what information has been collected by the Federal Government but he believes the investigation has developed information concerning Ruby's background and associates. He said that without reviewing the oral and written statements taken by the Federal Government he has no way of knowing what they contain.

Insofar as Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr is concerned, Wade said Mr. Carr has no authority to speak for him and Mr. Wade has never stated he was handicapped by not having statements that are in the possession of the FBI. He said that he has made it known that he needs all available information concerning the background and associates of Jack Ruby and the circumstances surrounding the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald. The Dallas Police Department conducted very little investigation concerning Ruby as it spent most of its time submitting a report defending itself with regard to the shooting of Oswald.

Mr. Wade wants the results of FBI investigation for use in cross-examining Ruby and any character witnesses who testify.

Mr. Wade submitted the following letter to the FBI office in Dallas on January 14, 1964.

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Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.

"As you are aware, we have a bond hearing on Jack Ruby set on January 20 and the trial for the murder of Lee Oswald set for February 3 in Criminal District Court No. 3 of Dallas County, Texas. In that trial all of the information we can gather with reference to the background of Jack Ruby from the time he was born up to the present, the names of all his business or social associates together with what they might have said concerning him or his mental capacity will be very important. I feel that you have some of this information or all of it in your present files. I would appreciate your obtaining the following:

"1. Copies of all interviews had by your Agents concerning Jack Ruby or any of his associates.

"2. The names of any persons in any way connected with Ruby together with their statements made concerning him.

"3. Any physical evidence that you might have in the Ruby case.

"4. Any summary you might have of the whole activities of Ruby during and at the time of this murder.

"5. Any statements that you might have tending to show any connection between Oswald and Ruby.

"6. Any statements that you might have dealing with whether or not Ruby belonged or had belonged to any subversive groups.

"7. Copies of the interviews had by your Agents at the City Hall and also the Dallas County Jail and what Ruby told them.

"None of this information will be released to the press, radio or television, nor to anyone else outside of this office, and will be used exclusively in the trial of this case for the purposes of cross-

Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.

examining the defendant should he testify and also cross-examining the character witnesses, and should any of these witnesses wherein you have a statement from them testify, if they vary from the statements made to your Agent, they will be used for the purpose of cross-examining this witness. I hope that this can be arranged as soon as possible since we will have to read and digest these prior to the trial on February 3."

This confirms information furnished to you on January 14, 1964, by Mr. Hines and Mr. Martindale of the FBI.

Please advise us as to the action the Department plans to take regarding Mr. Wade's request.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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12-27 PM CST URGENT 1-14-64 WD

TO DIRECTOR

FROM DALLAS (44-1639) 5 P

JACK L. RUBY, AKA. LEE H. OSWALD, AKA - VICTIM.

CIVIL RIGHTS
CR:

RE BUREAU TEL TO DALLAS, JANUARY THIRTEEN LAST.

DALLAS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY HENRY WADE WAS CONTACTED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE BY SAs VINCENT E. DRAIN AND W. HARLAN BROWN. WADE STATED WAGGONER CARR, TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL, HAD NO AUTHORITY TO SPEAK FOR HIM. WADE

STATED HE HAD MADE IT KNOWN THAT HE NEEDS ALL AVAILABLE INFO CONCERNING RUBY AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HIS

SHOOTING OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD AS WELL AS ASSOCIATES AND BACKGROUND OF RUBY. WADE ADVISED HE HAD NEVER STATED THAT

HE WAS HANDICAPPED BECAUSE HE DOES NOT HAVE CERTAIN WRITTEN STATEMENTS IN POSSESSION OF THE FBI. WADE RELATED THAT

THE DALLAS PD HAD CONDUCTED VERY LITTLE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING RUBY AND HIS BACKGROUND AND HAD SPENT MOST OF THE TIME SUBMITTING AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT DEFENDING THEMSELVES BECAUSE OF THE SHOOTING OF OSWALD BY RUBY.

MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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WADE ADVISED HIS PURPOSE IN GETTING THE INFO FROM THE FBI WAS THE FACT THAT IF RUBY SHOULD TAKE THE STAND HE WOULD LIKE TO CROSS EXAMINE HIM CONCERNING HIS BACKGROUND AND INCIDENTS RUBY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN WHICH WADE COULD USE IN CROSS EXAMINATION. ALSO WADE RELATED THAT HE WOULD CROSS EXAMINE ANY CHARACTER WITNESSES THAT MIGHT APPEAR FOR RUBY. WADE WAS ASKED TO STATE SPECIFICALLY AND CATEGORICALLY WHERE HE WAS HANDICAPPED IN ANY WAY BY LACK OF ACCESS TO MATERIAL IN POSSESSION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AT WHICH TIME WADE ADVISED THAT HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO DO SO BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHAT THE BACKGROUND INFO COLLECTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONSISTED OF BUT FELT THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD GONE INTO RUBY'S BACKGROUND AND ASSOCIATES. WADE STATED WITHOUT REVIEWING SUCH STATEMENTS TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ORAL OR WRITTEN HE WOULD HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHAT THESE STATEMENTS CONTAINED. WADE SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING LETTER:

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QUOTE. DALLAS, TEXAS, JANUARY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. MR. GORDON SHANKLIN, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, ONE ONE ONE FOUR COMMERCE, DALLAS, TEXAS. RE: JACK RUBY. DEAR MR.

SHANKLIN: "AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE HAVE A BOND HEARING ON JACK RUBY SET ON JANUARY TWENTY AND THE TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF LEE OSWALD SET FOR FEBRUARY THREE IN CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT NO. THREE OF DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS. IN THAT TRIAL ALL OF THE INFORMATION WE CAN GATHER WITH REFERENCE TO THE BACKGROUND OF JACK RUBY FROM THE TIME HE WAS BORN UP TO THE PRESENT, THE NAMES OF ALL HIS BUSINESS OR SOCIAL ASSOCIATES TOGETHER WITH WHAT THEY MIGHT HAVE SAID CONCERNING HIM OR HIS MENTAL CAPACITY WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT. I FEEL THAT YOU HAVE SOME OF THIS INFORMATION OR ALL OF IT IN YOUR PRESENT FILES. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OBTAINING THE FOLLOWING:

ONE. COPIES OF ALL INTERVIEWS HAD BY YOUR AGENTS CONCERNING JACK RUBY OR ANY OF HIS ASSOCIATES.

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TWO. THE NAMES OF ANY PERSONS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH RUBY TOGETHER WITH THEIR STATEMENTS MADE CONCERNING HIM.

THREE. ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE IN THE RUBY CASE.

FOUR. ANY SUMMARY YOU MIGHT HAVE OF THE WHOLE ACTIVITIES OF RUBY DURING AND AT THE TIME OF THIS MURDER.

FIVE. ANY STATEMENTS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE TENDING TO SHOW ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN OSWALD AND RUBY.

SIX. ANY STATEMENTS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE DEALING WITH WHETHER OR NOT RUBY BELONGED OR HAD BELONGED TO ANY SUBVERSIVE GROUPS.

SEVEN. COPIES OF THE INTERVIEWS HAD BY YOUR AGENTS AT THE CITY HALL AND ALSO THE DALLAS COUNTY JAIL AND WHAT RUBY TOLD THEM.

NONE OF THIS INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED TO THE PRESS, RADIO OR TELEVISION, NOR TO ANYONE ELSE OUTSIDE OF THIS OFFICE, AND WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY IN THE TRIAL OF THIS CASE FOR THE PURPOSES OF CROSS-EXAMINING THE DEFENDANT SHOULD

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HE TESTIFY AND ALSO CROSS-EXAMINING THE CHARACTER WITNESSES,
AND SHOULD ANY OF THESE WITNESSES WHEREIN YOU HAVE A STATEMENT
FROM THEM TESTIFY, IF THEY VARY FROM THE STATEMENTS MADE TO
YOUR AGENT, THEY WILL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CROSS-
EXAMINING THIS WITNESS. I HOPE THAT THIS CAN BE ARRANGED
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SINCE WE WILL HAVE TO READ AND DIGEST
THESE PRIOR TO THE TRIAL ON FEBRUARY THREE. SINCERELY
YOURS, HENRY WADE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS. "1"
UNQUOTE.

I DESIRE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ABOVE LETTER AND ADVISE
MR. WADE THAT PURSUANT TO INFORMATION WHICH I HAVE
PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED HIM ON JANUARY TEN LAST, THAT THE FBI
HEADQUARTERS HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND WE STAND READY TO GIVE
HIM ANYTHING THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE WILL PERMIT US TO GIVE HIM. THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT
WILL BE MADE UACB.

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CC MR. ROSEN

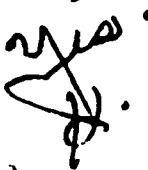
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The attached teletype shows the results of an interview with District Attorney Henry Wade in Dallas in accordance with the request of Assistant Attorney General Jack Miller of the Department. Miller wanted to know just where Wade was handicapped because he did not have certain written statements in possession of the FBI and just what information Wade desired to have.

If the Director agrees, we will (1) Furnish Wade's reply to Miller immediately verbally and will confirm in writing; (2) Advise Mr. Rankin of the President's Commission of our contact with Wade and his response; (3) authorize Dallas to reply to Wade's letter as Dallas proposes to do on page 5.


A. H. Belmont

AHB:hmm



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TO SAC, DALLAS

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

JACK L. RUBY, AKA. LEE H. OSWALD, AKA - VICTIM. CR.

TEXAS STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL CARR IN A LETTER TO

THE PRESIDENT-S COMMISSION HAS STATED DISTRICT ATTORNEY

HENRY WADE IS HANDICAPPED BECAUSE HE DOES NOT HAVE CERTAIN

WRITTEN STATEMENTS IN POSSESSION OF THE FBI. AAG HERBERT

J. MILLER, JR., HAS REQUESTED WADE BE INTERVIEWED AND ASKED

TO STATE SPECIFICALLY AND CATEGORICALLY WHEREIN THE

PREPARATION OF HIS CASE IS IN ANY WAY HANDICAPPED BY LACK

OF ACCESS TO MATERIAL IN THE POSSESSION OF THE FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY ADVISING WADE INTERVIEW IS

AT SPECIFIC REQUEST OF AAG MILLER AND S U T E L.

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 COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Memorandum

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: January 13, 1964

FROM : Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Jack L. Ruby.

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Reference is made to the letter to you from J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the President's Commission, dated January 7, 1964, a copy of which together with its enclosures you have furnished to me. Attorney General Carr of the State of Texas advises that the District Attorney of Dallas County, Mr. Henry Wade, is handicapped because he does not have certain written statements in the possession of your Bureau but the letter is not specific as to what these might be. It is requested, therefore, that Mr. Wade be interviewed and asked to state specifically and categorically wherein the preparation of his case is in any way handicapped by lack of access to material in the possession of the Federal Government.

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Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

January 17, 1964

Director, FBI

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JACK RUBY;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to your memorandum of
January 14, 1964.

Jack Rubenstein, who is mentioned in the "Dies
Committee Hearings," was born in approximately 1904 in
New York City and in 1947 was Vice President and New York
State Director of the United Textile Workers of America.

Jack Ruby, the subject of this investigation,
was born on March 25, 1911, in Chicago, Illinois.
Investigation has ascertained that Jack Ruby in 1947
was in Chicago, Illinois, and Dallas, Texas.

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NOTE: Information re Jack Rubenstein and the "Dies
Committee Hearings" obtained from 100-349566.
Items referred to in AAG Miller's letter as Volume I,
page 593 and page 631 are contained in this file. Info
re Volume II, page 7143 reviewed by Miss J. L. Banks,
file review analyst, who advised only mention of Rubenstein
was fact he attended caucus meeting concerning communist
party. This page also mentioned other individuals present.
No other identifying data.

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Memorandum

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: January 14, 1964

FROM : Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Jack Ruby.

A Congressional inquiry has been received by this Department and by the President's Commission to Investigate the Assassination of President Kennedy as to whether Jack Ruby may be identical to a Jack Rubenstein mentioned in hearings of the Dies Committee. The following references have been cited:

Volume I of the Dies Committee Hearings (75th Congress) at page 593 (hearings of August 17, 1938) refers to Jack Rubenstein as one of those who in 1930 launched the Revolutionary Youth as an organization to contribute to the Marxist drive in the United States.

At page 631 of the same volume of the Dies Committee Hearings there is another reference to Jack Rubenstein as a leader of the Communist Party of the United States of America-Majority, founded in July 1929.

Hearings, 76th Congress, Volume II, page 7143, in which the name Rubenstein appears in a document entitled "Relation to the Comintern".

It will be appreciated if you will advise me of any information relating to the foregoing which may be of assistance in answering the Congressional inquiries.

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*Memo AAG Miller
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Fet Jones*

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To: SACs, Philadelphia - Enc. (3)
Knoxville - Enc. (3)

From: Director, FBI (62-109090)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

Jack Ruby

Enclosed for receiving offices are copies of a letter from the Presidential Commission dated 1-15-64 and attached letter and envelope from G. P. Wyllie of 863 Maris Avenue, Northwest, Cleveland, Tennessee. These communications are self-explanatory.

For the assistance of Philadelphia, Army Headquarters files disclose that one Major John S. Wyllie, ASN 0946715, is assigned to Headquarters, Delaware-Eastern Pennsylvania Command at Wilmington, Delaware. He is reportedly stationed at the U. S. Army Reserve Center, 18th and Bern Streets, Reading, Pennsylvania. There is no home address indicated for Major Wyllie. It is not known if this individual is identical with the Major Wyllie referred to by G. P. Wyllie.

Knoxville and Philadelphia are instructed to immediately locate and interview the indicated individuals in accordance with the request of the Presidential Commission. Philadelphia must, of course, insure that Major Wyllie is the same individual referred to by G. P. Wyllie. Full details concerning the allegations must be obtained and any additional investigation necessary to resolve this matter must be immediately handled by teletype. Results of investigation

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(SEE NOTE ON PAGES 2 AND 3.)

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Airtel to Philadelphia

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

should be furnished to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination without any delay.

Bureau records contain no information identifiable with Major John S. Wyllie; however, the following information is contained on G. P. Wyllie (Bureau file 63-7705), who is identical with the individual referred to above. The Bureau has received several prior communications from this individual starting in February, 1959, and the latest being in May of 1963. All of these communications have been highly critical of the Director and the FBI and extremely insulting in tone. You are, therefore, cautioned to be extremely circumspect in your contact with this individual.

NOTE:

In the letter to the Presidential Commission, G. P. Wyllie suggests that there is some connection between Jack Ruby and Lee Oswald occasioned by gambling operators. His letter does not contain much logic; however, he indicates his brother, Major John Wyllie, had told him that Oswald was after Governor Connally of Texas and he indicates his brother, while stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, probably learned of gambling operations and furnished this information to General Walker. Mr. Rankin desired that the Bureau conduct interviews to determine if there is any evidence to support the claims made by Wyllie, particularly the assertion that Oswald was intending to kill Governor Connally rather than the late President.

Bureau file 63-7705 on G. P. Wyllie shows that he initially wrote to the Bureau in February, 1959, and inquired if the Director was related to former President Herbert Hoover. The letter implied that if they were related the Director received favoritism because of the relationship. This communication was answered over Miss Gandy's signature and he was advised there was no relationship. In a letter dated 6-18-62, Wyllie commented that the Director had been head of the FBI 1½ years longer than the age of the Attorney General, Robert Kennedy, and stated "Too damn long in my opinion."

(Note continued from page 2.)

He stated he felt that people no longer think of the Director in regard to the FBI, but rather think of the FBI in regard to the Director and felt there should be a 16-year-limit imposed on the tenure in office by Federal executive officials. This letter was not acknowledged. He last wrote on 5-3-63 and wanted to know the Director's resident address so he could write as a private citizen. He desired to know the Director's views regarding a national police agency among other subjects. This was not acknowledged.

It is quite apparent this individual is a trouble-maker and rabble reuser and may even be suffering from a mental illness; however, in view of the request from the Presidential Commission we have no alternative but to interview him.

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
200 Maryland Ave. NE.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002

EARL WARRIN, Chairman
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JAN 15 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Re: Request for Bureau Interviews of
G. P. Wyllie and Major John S. Wyllie

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter sent to the Commission by G. P. Wyllie. As you will note, the writer of the enclosed letter makes several assertions about Oswald's motive in shooting at the late President Kennedy's limousine and implies that there was a connection between Jack Ruby and Oswald's conduct.

I would appreciate the Bureau conducting interviews of the Wyllies to determine if there is any evidence to support the claims made in the enclosed letter, particularly the assertion that Oswald was intending to kill Governor Connally rather than the late President.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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Cleveland, Tennessee
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Warren Commission
National Archives Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

On Friday, 18 June 1954, Albert L. Patterson, Alabama
Attorney General designate, was slain in Phenix City, Alabama.

Patterson was investigating illegal gambling operations in
the southeast Alabama town which fattened on soldiers from nearby
Fort Benning, Georgia.

Governor Gordon Persons immediately declared martial law in
Phenix City, ordering the state National Guard to control the
corrupt city government.

The gamblers of Texas who were being investigated by Edwin
A. Walker and Governor Connally knew that to openly and obviously
murder John B. Connally would spell the doom of their booming
enterprises, as had been the case in Phenix City a decade ago.

First they tried to kill Walker in order to scare Connally,
and failed. Then they tried to kill Connally when he was with
Kennedy and make it look like a mistake; the mistake happened in
reverse.

Jack Ruby, the Dallas night club operator who shot and killed
Lee Oswald, was an acquaintance with a Cleveland, Tennessee gambler,
the late (and unlamented) "Cac" Hooper. They had met in Chicago. My
brother Major John S. Wyllie, who was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas
in recent years, said while on leave last month that Oswald was
after Connally. Major Wyllie helped guard President Kennedy in
Central America in 1963.

Major Wyllie while stationed at Fort Hood probably learned
of gambling operations behind fronts, like Ruby's night club, from
anti-and-file soldiers and forwarded the information to officers
like Major General Walker.

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Respectfully,

J. P. Wyllie

W.C. SULLIVAN

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

Jack Ruby

The following observations and recommendations are submitted for your consideration in connection with the proposal of the President's Commission to furnish all reports in the Ruby and Oswald cases to the prosecution and defense attorneys for the Ruby murder trial in Dallas:

1. We believe that the FBI has done a good job of investigation in this matter both before and after the assassination. We have nothing to hide and if all of the facts were to be made public and reviewed by the public, it is felt that the Bureau would not be criticized by reasonable people and legitimate organizations. However, in this instance, we are caught in the crosscurrents between the left and the right and each is trying to make a big conspiracy out of the assassination. They as well as others who have political or personal axes to grind will seize upon every opportunity to criticize the investigation as illustrated by some of the publicity since the assassination.

2. The issue in the murder trial is very narrow - whether Ruby was sane - and unless the attorneys intend to make a spectacle of it, the contents of our reports should not be disclosed. However, there is the definite danger that attempts will be made to persuade the jury that Ruby's action was justified because subject was directed by the Russians or the Cubans. Parts of our reports may be lifted out of context and by omission or innuendo the impression left that there was in fact such a conspiracy and that our investigation which failed to uncover it was incomplete.

The manner in which the reports were written add / to this danger. The allegations were reported as received and then run out. The results of investigation may be hundreds of pages from the raw allegation and spread among several Dallas reports or those of other field offices. Time and the volume of information did not permit reporting the results of investigation along with the allegation.

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Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the above facts be pointed out to the Commission; that we suggest that there be stringent conditions against publicizing our reports if they are given to the attorneys; and that we tell the Commission that we will set the record straight in any instance where only part of the facts are lifted from our reports and publicized.

3. Before disseminating our raw reports to the Commission we were careful to classify only those which included classified information from another agency or where it was necessary to protect a Bureau source. In some instances only a small portion of the report was of this nature but in accordance with classification rules, the whole report was classified.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that we inform the Commission concerning the specific portions of the classified reports which cannot be declassified and which should, therefore, not be furnished to the attorneys in the Ruby prosecution.

4. There is a danger that the Bureau will be criticized for reporting rumor, gossip or other information which might be embarrassing to various individuals. Because of the nature of this case, the field was instructed to report everything. The reports, therefore, contain every allegation about Oswald, his acquaintances and associates; critical statements made by various individuals about President Kennedy and his family; allegations by mental cases; other persons trying to be helpful, et cetera. To assist in evaluating the information, we included in the reports data from our files

Memo for Mr. Sullivan
Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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regarding many of the persons who furnished information particularly those who had an history of mental instability. We also included in the reports such things as the report of the autopsy of President Kennedy which the family did not want publicized; a statement of the chief of police in Dallas that he could not rely upon what General Walker said, et cetera. Some gossip could be regarded as libelous.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that we specifically point out to the Commission that the reports contain information of this kind which in some instances could cause embarrassment to some citizens and in others could be considered by the persons named as unwarranted publication.

5. There is a danger that demands may be made upon the Bureau to identify our confidential sources of information. In these reports wherever possible we attributed the information to the original sources but we did use T symbols to cover such sources as

people who requested their identities concealed and our own confidential informants who for the most part were utilized to characterize persons or organizations mentioned in the reports.

RECOMMENDATION

Although we can answer inquiries concerning Western Union or bank sources by advising that a subpoena should be issued to obtain the information, it is recommended that we point out to the Commission that we cannot disclose the other sources without compromising our informants, damaging our relations with other agencies or breaching confidences, all of which would be detrimental to our future investigative operations.

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It is believed that the above recommended action will serve to alert the Commission as to the dangers of releasing our reports and put us in a better position in the event such release later results in criticism of the Bureau.

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January 17, 1964

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

"The Dallas Times Herald" on January 14, 1964, carried a story which quoted from a speech of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, Waggoner Carr, delivered on the night of January 13, 1964, to the Brotherhood of the Highland Baptist Church in Dallas.

Mr. Carr reportedly stated that Federal Bureau of Investigation reports on Jack Ruby would be turned over to the Dallas District Attorney, Henry Wade, by the President's Commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy. He said that you have agreed to turn over the data at the request of the Attorney General of the State of Texas who on Saturday, January 11, 1964, gave the President's Commission all of the results of the Texas investigation into the assassination and the killing of Lee Harvey Oswald. He said that the District Attorney will be free to use the Federal Bureau of Investigation data in the prosecution of the accused slayer of Oswald.

Attorney General Carr also stated that he had not read all of the reports of the Texas investigation but from what he had read, he had come to these conclusions: "Oswald was a lone ranger and worked alone."

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

Oswald was the man who shot at former Major General Edwin A. Walker, and this fact indicated he was not part of a conspiracy because of the variance in the political philosophies of Walker and President Kennedy. There was no evidence of a link between Ruby and Oswald."

The above is submitted for your information.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1/17/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (62-0)

LAMONT C. PETERSON
RD #2, BOX 371, READING, PA.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Jack Ruby

Re Philadelphia airtel 1/14/64 captioned, "JACK L. RUBY, aka; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS."

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM dated and captioned as above. One copy is also being furnished Secret Service at Philadelphia in accordance with recent instructions in view of the fact that PETERSON admitted writing to former Presidents EISENHOWER and KENNEDY, as well as to AG ROBERT KENNEDY and other government agencies about his "grievance."

PETERSON was interviewed, with Bureau approval, in the presence of his attorney, FREDERICK GIORGI, Reading, Pa., in the FBI Office, Reading, Pa., by SAs FRANK M. KAUFFMAN and WILLIAM EDWARD DAVIS.

Prior to interview with PETERSON, [redacted] confidentially advised that PETERSON, in his opinion, is a "nut" and that he has over a period of years bothered [redacted] with vague and imagined grievances, but never with any legitimate complaint [redacted] is the confidential source mentioned in LHM.

No further action is contemplated in this matter.

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LAMONT C. PETERSON

PETERSON said he realized the complaint he had was not properly one for the FBI but that he wanted to bring his position to the attention of the United States Government, and that is the reason he has been writing letters.

PETERSON said that he is not against unions generally and on the contrary is very much in favor of them, at one time having been president of a local. He was formerly affiliated with the Bakers Union. PETERSON's gripe is against the leadership of the Steelworkers Local to which he is compelled to belong. He pays his dues regularly but has not attended any meetings for some time.

A confidential source, who has not been contacted with sufficient frequency to establish his reliability, related that he has had periodic contact with PETERSON over a period of several years. Source related that PETERSON is, in his opinion, a "nut" and he will be lucid for a time and then go off on a tangent. Source, although allegedly a member of the Steelworkers Union where he works, always expresses himself as being against them. PETERSON has, sometimes as often as once a month, contacted source, primarily to complain about his treatment as a member of the Steelworkers Local. Source has never found any real basis for legal action on behalf of PETERSON.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.