

1
LR 13

and they, too, are of the opinion REX is having mental trouble.

He in no way believes that REX has any information concerning any invasion of Cuba.

He described DEX as follows:

Age	45
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	October 1918 at Hackett, Arkansas
Height	5'7"
Weight	130 pounds
Hair	Brown and graying, almost bald on top
Eyes	Believed to be steelish gray, deep-set
Complexion	Medium

DL 44-1639

MCC-gi

1

The following investigation was conducted by SA ALFRED D. NEELEY, February 1, 1964, at Dallas, Texas:

Records of the Dallas, Texas Police Department reflect REX HARDING BASINGER, white male, born November 11, 1918, was arrested at Parkland Hospital, Dallas, December 14, 1963, on a charge of vagrancy. He was released by the Police Department to the same hospital on December 17, 1963, with notation "lunacy". Dr. WIRT JACKSON, Parkland Hospital, subsequently reported to the Police Department his diagnosis as "probable psychosis, possible brain syndrome".

Since JACK L. RUBY had been removed from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail prior to BASINGER's confinement at Dallas City Jail, RUBY and BASINGER could not have been in the same cell block.

DL 44-1639

ADN:gi

11

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ALFRED D. NEELEY, at Dallas, Texas:

During interview on December 21, 1963, JACK LEON RUBY advised "at a time when CASTRO was popular in the United States" he read of an individual in the vicinity of Houston, Texas, having been engaged in "gun running" to CASTRO. RUBY stated that he attempted to contact this individual by telephone as he had in mind "making a buck" by possibly acquiring some jeeps or other similar equipment which he might sell to persons interested in their importation to Cuba. RUBY claimed nothing came of this. On January 14, 1964, Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM ALEXANDER, Dallas, advised that he had learned from some source, RUBY had reportedly had contact with one DAVIS described as an ex-convict believed living in Beaumont, Texas. ALEXANDER stated he understood the FBI, Houston, had handled the investigation of this person resulting in conviction for gun-running activities.

The Houston Office advised by communication January 17, 1964, that investigation had failed to identify (FNU) DAVIS either at Houston or Beaumont, Texas. The Houston Office advised that ROBERT RAY MC KEOWN was the most logical individual to whom RUBY referred. MC KEOWN was arrested February 25, 1958, and on October 24, 1958, he was sentenced in the U. S. District Court, SDT, Houston, Texas, to sixty days to serve and \$500.00 fine on a charge of conspiracy to smuggle goods to Cuba and given a two year sentence suspended for five years on his second count. The Houston Office further stated that on March 28, 1958, information obtained from the Houston Chronicle (newspaper) disclosed at a hearing regarding this matter, a partial list of arms obtained at residence of MC KEOWN was produced and entered in evidence by CHESLEY JONES, an agent of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, Dallas, Texas.

DL 44-1639

2

On January 28, 1964, CHESLEY JONES, Agent, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, 1114 Commerce Street, advised that he could not recall an individual by the name of (FNU) DAVIS in the ROBERT RAY MC KEOWN case but would check his file and the indices of his office to determine if such person could be identified. Mr. JONES advised on January 29, 1964, that he was unable to identify (FNU) DAVIS through a check of the MC KEOWN file or the indices of his office.

1

HO 44-939
DWF/mem

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent DANIEL W. FULTS, JR.:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

On January 24, 1964, at the file room of "The Houston Chronicle" newspaper the following information was noted pertaining to ROBERT RAY MC KEOWN:

On April 28, 1959, the photograph of MC KEOWN and FIDEL CASTRO appeared in "The Houston Chronicle" newspaper. CASTRO, on that occasion, briefly visited Houston, Texas. The article accompanying the photograph quoted CASTRO as saying that when MC KEOWN could come to Cuba he would be given a post in the Cuban Government or perhaps would be given some franchises.

The March 12, 1958, edition of "The Houston Chronicle" noted that a partial list of the weapons seized in the home of MC KEOWN, located in the Shady Lake section near Pasadena, Texas, was entered in evidence at a bond hearing for MC KEOWN by CHESLEY JONES, Dallas, Texas, an agent of the Alcohol, Tobacco Tax Unit of the Internal Revenue Service.

On January 27, 1964, Captain GUS GEORGE, Harris County Sheriff's Office, advised no record would be available at this time concerning an individual reportedly calling from Dallas, Texas, in early 1959 for the purpose of getting in touch with ROBERT RAY MC KEOWN.

2.5

1

January 28, 1964

Date

ROBERT RAY MC KEOWN, born January 28, 1913, residence Bay Cliff, Texas, unlisted telephone number Bay Cliff 9561492, upon interview at the Houston Division of the FBI furnished the following information:

He is presently employed as a salesman for the Houston Slush Pump Company, 2112 Quitman Street, Houston, and he formerly resided with his sister, MRS. FRANK DENNY, 9138 Wayfarer Street, Houston. His wife makes her residence in Miami, Florida. On February 25, 1958, he was arrested and charged with conspiracy to smuggle guns and related equipment to Cuba for the benefit and use of FIDEL CASTRO and his forces. On October 24, 1958, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, Texas, he was sentenced for these activities to 60 days to serve and fined \$500 on one count, and was given a two year sentence suspended for five years on good behavior on a second count. The period of his probation expired December 11, 1963. At the time of his arrest, conviction and sentencing, considerable publicity concerning him and his activities appeared in the press. His photograph appeared in the newspapers on a number of occasions. He knows FIDEL CASTRO personally, and when CASTRO visited Houston, Texas, briefly in April, 1959, MC KEOWN went to the Houston Airport, visited with CASTRO, and had his photograph taken with CASTRO. This photograph was widely publicized. CASTRO tried to persuade him to stay on the airplane and proceed to Cuba with him (CASTRO). However, because he was then on probation, he told CASTRO it would not be possible. CASTRO was somewhat irritated at this, and suggested that MC KEOWN disregard the probation and go anyway. CASTRO stated he would give MC KEOWN a Government position in Cuba or perhaps he might give him some franchises or concessions there. MC KEOWN responded that he fully intended to comply with his probation to the letter, and stated he would come to Cuba when he could do so in a completely legal manner.

During 1958, while MC KEOWN was out on bond and prior to his sentencing, he and a MR. JARRETT entered a partnership and opened up the J and M Drive-In on Red Bluff Road near Taylor Lake and Clear Lake, in the vicinity of

On 1/24/64 at Houston, Texas File # HO 44-939
 by SA DANIEL W. FULTS, JR. : mem 26 Date dictated 1/28/64

2

HC 44-939

Kemah and Seabrook, Texas. MC KEOWN obtained his share of the funds for this venture by borrowing from CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, former President of Cuba with whom he had a close friendship. About two years ago, MR. JARRETT died, and the business was sold.

FIDEL CASTRO took over the leadership of Cuba on about January 1, 1959, following the revolution which he had led. About one week after that, while he was on duty at the J and M Drive-In, Harris County, Texas, Deputy Sheriff ANTHONY "BOOTS" AYO appeared and said that some person had been frantically calling the Harris County Sheriff's Office in an effort to locate MC KEOWN. The name of the caller was not known to AYO, but he was calling from Dallas, Texas, and on the last call had said it was a life and death matter. MC KEOWN advised AYO to provide the caller with the telephone number of the J and M Drive-In. In about one hour's time, (8:00 p.m. or 8:30 p.m.) a person called MC KEOWN on the telephone and said his name was "Rubenstein". The caller said he was calling from Dallas, Texas, and indicated he was aware that MC KEOWN had influence in Cuba and particularly with CASTRO. The caller stated he wanted to get three individuals out of Cuba who were being held by CASTRO. He stated that if MC KEOWN could achieve their release he would be paid \$5,000 for each person. The caller added that a person in Las Vegas, Nevada, would put up the money. MC KEOWN replied that he most certainly was interested in making some money, and assured the caller he could obtain the release of any person being detained by CASTRO; however, MC KEOWN specifically advised the caller he would do nothing toward this end until he was paid \$5,000.00 in cash at the outset. The caller stated he would clear this with the man in Las Vegas, and would later recontact MC KEOWN. Nothing further was ever heard from this individual by MC KEOWN.

About three weeks following this telephone call, a man personally appeared at the J and M Drive-In and spoke with MC KEOWN. This person did not identify himself to MC KEOWN, nor did MC KEOWN ask his name. The man said he had a proposition whereby MC KEOWN could make \$25,000. When he indicated genuine interest in the man's proposition, they went to the rear of the Drive-In where patrons sit to

3

HO 44-939

drink beer and where they could talk more privately. The man stated he had an option on a great number of jeeps which were in Shreveport, Louisiana, and he desired to sell them to CASTRO at a very profitable figure. He wanted MC KEOWN to provide him with a letter of introduction to CASTRO, which letter would clearly indicate that the bearer was responsible and reliable. MC KEOWN said he would gladly provide such a letter of introduction for a fee of \$25,000, but before he undertook to do anything he would have to have in hand at least \$5,000.00 in cash. The man indicated he wanted the letter right away, whereupon MC KEOWN asked if he had the necessary \$5,000 in his pocket. The man said that he did not, but that he would go and get the money and return. According to MC KEOWN, the man never returned nor did he ever again see him.

MC KEOWN stated that from the numerous photographs he has seen in the press and in magazines of JACK RUEY, the man with whom he talked concerning the letter of introduction to CASTRO resembles RUEY. The man gave the impression of being or trying to be a "big shot", and his manner and attitude was rather haughty. While his recollection of this man is somewhat hazy at this time, he vividly recalls the man had a small patch on his nose. MC KEOWN recalled he had asked the fellow what the patch was for, and he was advised that he had attempted to take out a blackhead and a small infection developed. To the best of his recollection, this man was probably 45 to 50 years of age, 5' 8" to 5' 10" in height, 200 pounds, stocky build, well dressed. He recalled the man had a tie clasp which matched his cuff links. He had no idea how the fellow traveled to the J and M Drive-In, and he never ascertained the man's name. MC KEOWN advised that he feels strongly that this individual was in fact JACK RUEY, the man whose photograph he has seen many times recently in the press.

MC KEOWN commented that because of the publicity accorded him in connection with his gun smuggling activities, he was literally besieged with requests for favors, requests for interceding with CASTRO, et cetera, following CASTRO's successful effort in Cuba. He stated his inability to leave the United States during his probationary period prevented him from fulfilling some of these requests which would have provided fabulous fees.

22

4

HO 44-939

He remarked he is not certain that the above-described telephone caller from Dallas or the man who personally appeared at the J and M Drive-In was identical with the JACK RUBY who killed LEE HARVEY OSWALD. To his knowledge, he has never seen or met LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

MC KEOWN stated that he knew of no one by the name of "Davis" who was convicted for gun running activity with Cuba.

Date January 28, 19641

A. J. "BOOTS" AYO, residence 328 Bayshore Drive, La Porte, Texas, telephone - La Porte number GA-1-0144, upon interview at his place of employment, Jay Marks Chevrolet Company, La Porte, Texas, advised as follows:

He is well acquainted with ROBERT "DICK" MC KEOWN but has not talked to him in the past month or two. MC KEOWN formerly owned the J and M Drive-In located on Red Bluff Road near Clear Creak some two years previous. AYO was formerly employed as a Patrolman by the Harris County Sheriff's Office. AYO recalled on one occasion his office contacted him (AYO) by radio and wanted to know how to contact MC KEOWN. AYO told his office he would personally check and advise. The Harris County Sheriff's Office told AYO by radio at the time that some person from Dallas, Texas, was exceedingly intent on trying to contact MC KEOWN by telephone. AYO was not furnished the name of the individual calling nor the nature of the caller's business. AYO proceeded to the J and M Drive-In, told MC KEOWN about the telephone call, and MC KEOWN furnished AYO the telephone number of the J and M Drive-In, which AYO relayed by radio to the Harris County Sheriff's Office. This incident took place not too long after MC KEOWN had opened the J and M Drive-In because a telephone had not been installed for a very long time.

AYO stated he could recall nothing further about this matter and at the time it impressed him as just a routine matter. He commented he had always found MC KEOWN reliable, although at the present time MC KEOWN may have to watch his drinking, inasmuch as he (MC KEOWN) is now off probation.

On 1/27/64 at La Porte, Texas File # HO 44-939
 by SA DANIEL W. FULTS, JR. : mem 30 Date dictated 1/28/64

Date 2/4/64

DELORES A. KOENIG, Assistant Librarian, Pinney Branch, Milwaukee Public Library, stated that she formerly lived at 1429 North Prospect Avenue, but now resides at 1933 North Prospect Avenue, Apt. 207, Milwaukee, telephone BRoadway 2-0258.

KOENIG stated she recently received a card postmarked in Texas, containing a message which told her to watch TV as there might be another live shooting. She said the card was signed "JACK RUBY," but she knew it to be the work of an old friend, ALFRED W. ANDERSON, who had apparently been visiting in Texas. KOENIG said that since receipt of the card she received a phone call from ANDERSON on Saturday, February 1, 1964. However, she was not in and the call was taken by a friend. From this call she knew that ANDERSON had returned to Milwaukee, but she did not know where he was living, nor did she know whether he still had a job with American Motors. She said she expected to hear from him again soon and would obtain his home address if desired.

KOENIG said that ANDERSON was born in October, 1928, and spent some time at Superior State College, during which time she attended that school. They became acquainted at college and renewed their acquaintance when ANDERSON came to Milwaukee about ten years ago. For the past two and a half years, KOENIG said, she had been going with ANDERSON off and on, but stopped seeing him last spring and had not heard from him since June, 1963, until she received the card signed "JACK RUBY."

KOENIG said that the card was typical of ANDERSON. In the past he has taken his vacation in January when the American Motors plant was "down." On these vacations he generally made rather long trips and was known to have visited Mexico and other points in the West and South. On such trips he had always sent her silly cards and signed them with some fictitious name, although she knew definitely the authorship.

KOENIG said that she thought the reference to TV on the card might have grown out of the fact that she also has a part-time job with WTMJ-TV, Milwaukee, and reads children's stories on a children's program each Saturday morning. KOENIG said that she knew of nothing in ANDERSON's background to connect him in any way with the real JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD or the assassination of the late President KENNEDY.

On 2/3/64 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 44-173

by SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON/ef Date dictated 2/4/64

Date 2/4/64

ALFRED WALDEMAR ANDERSON, American Motors Corporation, day shift, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, stated that he took a vacation trip in January, 1964, and spent a week visiting a friend, KENNETH FOSGATE, 6119 Warbonnet, San Antonio, Texas. He said that FOSGATE was an instructor for the Air Force at Lackland AFB. While visiting there, ANDERSON said, he dispatched three cards through the mail which were signed "JACK RUBY" and which bore somewhat similar messages. In each case the message told the addressee to watch TV as there might be another live shooting. These cards were sent to the following friends:

LARRY O'SHAUGHNESSY
1018 North 17th Street
Superior, Wisconsin

DELORES KOENIG
1429 North Prospect Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

HOWARD HART
2003 Custer Avenue
Billings, Montana

ANDERSON said that he sent another similar card to Dr. KENNETH WEISNER, 2703 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but did not use the JACK RUBY signature. He said he thought he signed this one with his own initials only. ANDERSON stated that he sent the cards as a joke and none of them had any real significance. He said he was confident that the addressees would confirm that it was in his nature to make jokes of this type.

ANDERSON said that this was his first visit to Texas, and he had not been there before, except to pass through en route to Mexico the winter before last. He said that he was not acquainted with either JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He said he had never been in Dallas. He said he knew nothing whatever about these people and had no information about the assassination of President KENNEDY. He said there was no substance whatever to the allegations on the cards that there might be another "live shooting" on TV soon.

On 2/4/64 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 44-173

by SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON/ef Date dictated 2/4/64

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.

MI 44-173

2

Concerning his own background, ANDERSON stated that he was born October 10, 1928, at St. Paul, Minnesota, but left there at a very early age. He then lived in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, during pre-school years. He attended both grade and high school at DeForest, Wisconsin, finishing in 1946. He remained in DeForest for a time and then went to Superior State College, Superior, Wisconsin, where he put in almost four years. He left Superior in 1955.

ANDERSON said that he had been arrested and had been on probation since living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Date 2/4/64

W. Anderson

Mrs. LORRAINE FERRARO, clerk, Bureau of Identification, Milwaukee Police Department, made available the record pertaining to ALFRED WALDEMAR ANDERSON, Milwaukee PD #92407, FBI #35 000 E, which contained the following information:

ANDERSON was born October 10, 1928, at St. Paul, Minnesota, the son of ALFRED and RUTH ANDERSON, who now reside at DeForest, Wisconsin. He is otherwise described as follows:

Height:	5'9½"
Weight:	177 pounds
Build:	Medium
Weight:	Medium
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Teeth:	Scattered teeth out
Miscellaneous:	Left-handed
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	Welder, American Motors Corporation
Social Security No.:	723-01-7687

The record showed the following arrests and citations for ANDERSON:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
4/4/56	Headlamp ordinance	\$10
8/2/56	Drunk	\$5
9/16/56	Drunk driving	\$150
4/20/58	Drunk	\$6
5/15/58	Auto license law	\$25
7/24/58	Drunk	\$6
7/25/59	Driver's license law	\$10
10/29/59	Left turn	\$5

On 2/3/64 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 44-173
 by SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON/ef Date dictated 2/4/64

MI 44-173

2

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
12/12/59	Stop and Go	\$9.25
1/12/60	Drunk driving	\$150
3/4/60	Disregarding official signal	\$10
10/31/60	Failure to leave name and address at scene of accident	\$50
10/31/60	Failure to return original driver's license	\$25
10/31/60	Driving after revocation	\$50
12/2/60	Motor running unattended	\$5.25
12/11/60	Disorderly	\$25
12/14/60	Operating auto after revocation of license	10 days
12/14/60	Speeding	\$20
12/15/60	Unlawful use of driver's license	\$100
12/15/60	False information in obtaining driver's license	\$100
7/24/61	Drunk	\$6
4/17/61	Theft	\$25
4/18/61	Shoplifting	\$25
9/3/61	Drunk	\$5.25
9/4/61	Drunk	\$6
4/28/62	Violation of Uniform Narcotic Drug Act	One year probation and costs

MI 44-173

3

The record described the narcotics offense as follows: ANDERSON attempted to get thirty 50 milligram tablets of Demerol at Bilshire Pharmacy, 801 East Mason Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with a prescription made out to Mr. C. KORBUS, 1124 North 19th Street. The prescription was signed R. R. MATACZYNSKI, MD, Superior, Wisconsin. ANDERSON denied to the police, however, that he used narcotics.

An FBI identification record, also contained in the Milwaukee Police Department files, disclosed that ANDERSON was arrested January 6, 1950, by the Oconomowoc, Wisconsin Police Department as a sleeper, and subsequently released; on December 18, 1961, he was arrested by the New Orleans, Louisiana Police Department for loitering--no disposition shown.

ANDERSON's last residence address was given as 1120 North Milwaukee Street, his citizenship as United States and his employer as American Motors Corporation.

DL 44-1639

ADN:gi

1

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ALFRED D. NEELEY at Dallas, Texas:

On January 27, 1964, Mr. RAY ZAUBER, Editor, Oak Cliff Tribune, 3333 Tribune Street, advised that he had written a series of articles in the Oak Cliff Tribune concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY and the JACK L. RUBY murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. ZAUBER explained that he indicated in these articles that they had been written by a police officer but explained that he had written the articles based on information furnished him by police officers. ZAUBER stated that he served as a police reporter for several years for both Dallas newspapers and had a close friendship and working relationship with Captain WILL FRITZ of the Dallas Police Department.

Mr. ZAUBER advised that the Oak Cliff Tribune is a semi-weekly newspaper.

On January 28, 1964, ZAUBER made available copies of the Oak Cliff Tribune from November 22, 1963, to January 28, 1964.

(See report of 12/14/63 by ^{SA} Manninc C. Clements, page 27)

1Date 2/1/64

The records of the First National Bank contain a personal checking account for RALPH PAUL and another checking account for RALPH PAUL, d/b/a The Bull Pen. During the period December 19, 1963, through January 30, 1964, these accounts do not contain any unusual transactions.

The above information is confidential and not to be disclosed except upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. Mr. W. E. MC KENZIE, President, First National Bank, is the proper person to whom a subpoena duces tecum should be issued to produce records in court.

on 1/30/64 at Arlington, Texas File # DL 44-1639
by Special Agent MALON L. JENNINGS - gj Date dictated 1/31/64

SI 44-383

VBC:spb

1

The following investigation was conducted by SA VINCENT B. COYLE on February 14, 1964, at Springfield, Illinois:

ROBERT SHIRLEY, Clerk, Corporation Records Section, Secretary of State's Office, State of Illinois, advised that he could find no information in his files identifiable with Liberty Distributing Company, 228 South Jefferson Street, Chicago, Illinois. He also stated that his records contained no reference to any Liberty Distributing Company.

MAUDE SUTTON, Clerk, State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission, advised that her files contain no information pertaining to any Liberty Distributing Company.

NY 44-974

"The Herald of Freedom", published biweekly in Staten Island, New York, in its issue of January 17, 1964, contained the following statements concerning JACK RUBY:

"Jack Leon Rubenstein, alias Jack Ruby, the murderer of Lee H. Oswald, was a notorious character who has been close to several people in Chicago who were murdered and to a big time narcotics distributor. He was involved in many rackets, including strip tease 'joints' and party girls and has had contacts in Havana. Rubenstein visited Havana within the past year in violation of State Department regulations. While there, he visited his friend Praskin who owns and operates a novelty store on the Prado in Havana across the street from the Hotel Seville. Praskin is a known long-time Castro collaborator. He is a native Cuban married to an American girl. Praskin is involved in strip tease and party girls as a side line. The above information was received from Havana by one of the best informed men in the United States on Soviet and Castro intelligence operations."

U. S. F. A.

NY 44-974

"The Herald of Freedom" is a four page pamphlet, edited and published by FRANK A. CAPELL in Staten Island, New York. It is published biweekly. CAPELL has described his publication as being "devoted to combating Communism, Socialism, and un-American activities by pointing the whole truth in detail".

"The Staten Island Advance", a Staten Island, New York, daily community newspaper, in its issue of July 13, 1963, carried a front page article entitled "Island Pamphlet Triggers North Carolina Camp Race Riot". According to this article, "reports of integration, nudity, and free love", which were published by FRANK A. CAPELL in "The Herald of Freedom" "caused 400 armed Blue Ridge Bible Belt mountaineers to burn" Camp Summerlane's gymnasium at Rosman, North Carolina, and also shoot up one of their buses. This article reflected that CAPELL "said last night at his New Jersey home that he had published an account in the July 3 issue and that the Rosman Chamber of Commerce had ordered additional copies". This article also indicated that "The Herald of Freedom" was widely distributed among rural folk in the mountain area. This article in "The Staten Island Advance" stated that Sheriff C. R. MC CALL of Rosman told the Associated Press that the mountaineers were incensed because of camp activities published in the pamphlet.

now

FRANCIS A. CAPELL, Editor of "The Herald of Freedom", was arrested September 21, 1943, at New York, New York, by agents of the FBI on a charge of bribery.

An indictment was filed April 10, 1944, in the Southern District of New York against FRANCIS A. CAPELL, charging him with conspiracy in the acceptance of a \$1,000.00 bribe intended to influence the decision of investigators of the War Production Board on September 21, 1943, in violation of Title 18, Section 207. A second indictment returned on the same date contained two counts

NY 44-974

and charged CAPELL with the solicitation and acceptance of \$1,000.00 bribe and a \$400.00 bribe intended to influence the decision of investigators of the War Production Board in violation of Section 207, Title 18, United States Code.

CAPELL entered a plea of guilty on May 29, 1945, at the United States District Court, Southern District of New York (SDNY), and was sentenced to one year and one day on each count of a three count indictment, sentences to run concurrently. Execution of this sentence was suspended, and he was placed on probation for two years. He was fined \$2,000.00 on count one, and the fine was to be paid within one year. He was discharged from probation by order of the United States District Court, June 24, 1946. At that time his fine had been paid in full.

FRANCIS A. CAPELL in January, 1952, testified before a Subcommittee of the United States Senate Arms Services Committee relative to illegal hiring for work on overseas bases. CAPELL was then manager of Personnel Service Bureau, Incorporated, New York, New York. The Personnel Service Bureau was one of the few agencies in the New York area to hire men for overseas work.

1.Date 1/28/64

FRANK A. CAPELL, 56 Bay Street, Staten Island, New York, advised that he is the editor of the biweekly publication, "The Herald of Freedom". He stated that this publication is devoted to fighting Communism and its entire contents are written by himself. CAPELL advised that his material is received from confidential sources and also from public source material.

CAPELL advised that with respect to the January 17, 1964, edition of his publication, which contained considerable information of a background nature on JACK RUBY, also known as Jack Rubinstein, the data which concerned RUBY's contacts in Havana, Cuba, was received in confidence from a reliable source in the newspaper industry. He advised that he had written that RUBY had been in Havana in the past year, but that accurately speaking, it should have read, "a few years ago."

CAPELL stated that the information regarding RUBY's contact in Havana with one "PRASKIN", was likewise received from the same source in the newspaper field.

He advised that in order to add further credence to his comments about RUBY in Cuba, he added the comment that the information was received from Havana from one of the best informed men in the United States on Soviet Intelligence. CAPELL stated this individual was the original source of the information regarding RUBY's trip to Havana and contact with "PRASKIN". He advised that this individual had furnished the information to his source in the newspaper field.

On 1/27/64 at 56 Bay Street, Staten Island, New York File # NY 44-974
 by SA VINCENT J. SAVADEL/aog Date dictated 1/27/64

MM 44-1412
JJO/neb

Inquiry concerning an alleged association between JACK RUBY and one (FNU) PRATKINS was predicated upon information received on January 13, 1964, from JOHN MARSHALL, Special Agent in Charge of the Secret Service Office at Miami. Mr. MARSHALL advised that Mr. FRANK WATTERSON, Security Agent, United States Department of State, Miami, had received information from JOSE ANTONIO LANUSA of the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE) (Cuban Student Directorate) at Miami to the effect that LANUSA heard that JACK RUBY had gone to Cuba last year, presumably 1963, by way of Mexico City. According to LANUSA, RUBY shared an office in a tourist agency on the main floor of the Sevilla Hotel in Havana, Cuba, with an American whose name was (FNU) PRATKINS.

On January 23, 1964, JOSE ANTONIO LANUSA, 24 years of age, Intelligence Officer for the DRE at Miami, Florida, stated that his information concerning the association of JACK RUBY and (FNU) PRATKINS was derived from two sources. The first source was a handbill-type newsletter dated December 24, 1963, at Havana, circulated by the clandestine anti-CASTRO organization in Cuba known as Accion Revolucionaria Anticomunista (ARAC) (Anti-Communist Revolutionary Action). This handbill had been sent by letter posted December 28, 1963, in Cuba, to the DRE, Post Office Box 168, Miami, Florida. The handbill, which was mimeographed, set forth the following sentence, as translated from the Spanish:

"The killer of the assassin of the deceased President KENNEDY, JACK RUBISTEIN, has been proven the owner of a tourist office in the Sevilla Hotel, Havana."

LANUSA stated there was no evidence to support this statement; however, he regarded the allegation as true, since it appeared in the clandestine newsheet disseminated by the anti-CASTRO organization ARAC.

MM 44-1412

LANUSA stated that in addition to the information from ARAC, JUAN MANUEL SALVAT, another officer in the DRE at Miami, had received a letter containing additional information pertaining to RUBY and PRATKINS. This letter had been sent from Cuba to an exiled Cuban attorney, (FNU) VALDES FAULI, who furnished it to SALVAT, according to LANUSA. LANUSA said this letter reported that JACK RUBINSTEIN was a habitual visitor to a souvenir store located across the street from the Sevilla Hotel on Prado Street, Havana, Cuba. The store belonged to a man by the name of (FNU) PRATKINS. RUBINSTEIN reportedly visited the store about a year ago, that is, about January, 1963, after flying to Cuba by way of Mexico City.

LANUSA stated that in the first part of January, 1964, on the occasion of a visit by him to the office of Mr. FRANK WATTERSON, State Department, Miami, Florida, he mentioned to Mr. WATTERSON the information that JACK RUBY had gone to Cuba during 1963, and had been associated with the individual PRATKINS in a tourist business at the Sevilla Hotel, Havana.

On January 23, 1964, JUAN MANUEL SALVAT, 25 years of age, also in the DRE, Miami, stated he had not actually received the letter from Attorney VALDES FAULI which is supposed to contain the information concerning the relationship of JACK RUBY and (FNU) PRATKINS. He said the information was related to him by a contact of VALDES. SALVAT declined to furnish the identity of the contact, stating he had not obtained this party's consent to involve him.

On January 27, 1964, Mr. CARLOS VALDES FAULI, a Cuban exile living at 2000 S. W. 24th Street, Miami, Florida, stated that he had been an attorney in the Supreme Court system in Havana, Cuba, prior to the advent of FIDEL CASTRO to power in Cuba. He stated he had arrived in the United States as an exile in November, 1961, after spending seven months in jail on political charges.

MM 44-1412

Mr. VALDES related that in approximately the beginning of January, 1964, he received a letter from his sister-in-law, GRAZIELLA RUBIO, age 45, who lives in Marianao, Cuba.

Mr. VALDES made available the section of the letter pertaining to JACK RUBY, and a translation from the Spanish is as follows:

"RUBY, the assassin of OSWALD, was in Havana a year ago. He is a friend and a client of an individual named PRASKIN, who owns or manages a souvenir shop located on Prado between Animas and Trocadero Streets in front of the Sevilla Hotel."

Mr. VALDES stated that his sister-in-law writes regularly of conditions in Cuba and information which she believes of interest to Mr. VALDES. With respect to the item on RUBY, Mr. VALDES mentioned it only to his wife and to a friend, CARLOS GONZALEZ PARRA, a man about 60 years of age. Mr. VALDES stated he does not know JUAN MANUEL SALVAT or anyone else in the DRE at Miami. He supposed that either Mr. GONZALEZ PARRA or VALDES' wife had mentioned the item concerning RUBY to someone who, in turn, was connected with the DRE.

Mr. VALDES stated that his sister-in-law, GRAZIELLA RUBIO, is unemployed and lives with an aged stepfather in Marianao. He stated his sister-in-law very probably learned the information concerning RUBY as mentioned in her letter through hearsay. He said she would not normally learn of any activities taking place in the vicinity of the Sevilla Hotel in Havana, and he pointed out that the Havana suburb of Marianao is a considerable distance from the area of the Sevilla Hotel.

-6-

Date February 7, 1964

1

EVIDIO BERNARDO PEREIRA ACOSTA was interviewed at his residence, 821 Southwest Second Street, Miami, Florida, telephone number FR 9-6109.

PEREIRA is a Cuban national who took part in the attempted invasion of Cuba in April, 1961. He was captured and imprisoned at Havana, Cuba until December 23, 1962.

While a prisoner in Cuba, **PEREIRA** was visited by and became friendly with an individual who is associated with the Cuban Red Cross. He has corresponded with this individual after coming to Miami, Florida on December 23, 1962.

Included with his letters, **PEREIRA** furnished local newspaper accounts of the assassination of President **KENNEDY** and the subsequent killing of **LEE HARVEY OSWALD** at Dallas, Texas.

PEREIRA possesses a typewritten letter dated December 3, 1963, at Havana, Cuba addressed to Dr. **CARLOS MARQUEZ STERLING** and signed "NICO". He advised these are cover names used for security purposes to protect the identity of the writer of this letter.

The letter contains the following paragraph which is translated to English as follows:

"Ruby, the assassin of Oswald, was in Havana a year ago. He is a friend and a client of an individual named Praskin, who owns or manages a souvenir shop located on Prado between Animas and Trocadero Streets in front of the Sevilla Hotel."

PEREIRA has had no further correspondence regarding this matter from Cuba and has no personal knowledge regarding the alleged presence of "RUBY" in Havana. He does not know

On 2/5/64 at Miami, Florida File # Miami 44-1412
SA GAY R. SHAHAN (A):cmw Dallas 44-1639
 by _____ Date dictated 2/7/64

MM 44-1412

2

the original source of the above mentioned information regarding RUBY's visit to Havana and does not know whether or nor the author of the letter has any knowledge of the person named PRASKIN.

11/2

The following investigation was conducted by
S. ALFRED D. NEELEY at Dallas, Texas:

The following inquiries were made based on the
statement made by SETH KANTOR, news reporter, that RUBY
was at the Parkland Hospital from 1:28 to 2:00 PM,
November 22, 1963:

On February 11, 1964, Deputy Chief M. W.
STEVENSON, Dallas Police Department, advised that he was
at the Trade Mart when news was received concerning the
fact that President KENNEDY had been shot and he, with
Deputy Chief CHARLES BATCHELOR, Dallas Police Department, took
Reverend LUTHER HOLCOMB immediately to the Parkland
Hospital. He stated that Chief BATCHELOR took Reverend
HOLCOMB inside the hospital in effort to contact Governor
CONNALLY and to see if there was any other service he could
render. Chief STEVENSON stated that he remained in the
car which was parked at the rear of the Parkland Hospital
near the Emergency entrance. Chief STEVENSON stated that
he remained there until after it was announced that President
KENNEDY was dead and he was told to assist in leading
the party to Love Field. He stated that he did not know
JACK RUBY at that time but did not see an individual
whom he would now recognize as RUBY. Chief STEVENSON
stated that their investigation conducted by the Dallas
Police Department contained no information that RUBY
was at the Parkland Hospital between 1:28 and 2:00 PM,
November 22, 1963, other than the statement made by SETH
KANTOR to Captain O. A. JONES that he had seen RUBY at
the Parkland Hospital at this time.

Deputy Chief CHARLES BATCHELOR, Dallas Police
Department, in interview furnished substantially the same
information as set out above. Deputy Chief BATCHELOR
stated that he did not see RUBY at the Parkland Hospital
and had heard of no information indicating that RUBY was
at the hospital other than that information furnished by
news reporter SETH KANTOR.

DL 44-1639

AS:LAC

1

The following is a chronological summary of the whereabouts, movements, and activities of JACK L. RUBY, as obtained by review of investigation conducted in this case, beginning in January, 1963, with particular attention to the period November 22-24, 1963, inclusive. Additions to this chronological summary will be made as investigation continues. Only those entries are included in this chronology in which the identity of JACK L. RUBY has been indicated as definite in connection with the particular entry.

DL 4-1639

1

DATE AND TIME

EVENTS

JANUARY, 1963

JOSEPHINE ANN BUNCE, Kansas City, Missouri, met and worked for RUBY at the Carousel Club, Dallas, for two weeks in January, 1963.

AUGUST, 1963

HELEN VINES, Dallas, Texas, last saw and talked to RUBY at the Carousel Club, Dallas, Texas

OCTOBER, 1963

CHARLES CURTIS and LITTLE LORRAINE EGYPT, New York City, New York, went to the Carousel Club, Dallas, Texas, and talked to RUBY at about 2:00 AM sometime between October 19 and October 27, 1963.

NOVEMBER 1, 1963

ADRIAN KLEIN HIGH, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, last saw RUBY and talked to him on the street in Dallas, Texas, November 1, 1963.

NOVEMBER, 1963

MURRAY W. MILLER, Dallas, Texas, received a telephone call from RUBY at the Eden Roc Hotel, Miami, Florida, about two weeks prior to November 22, 1963. RUBY was calling from Dallas, Texas.

NOVEMBER 22, 1963

ANDREW ARMSTRONG, JR., at the Carousel Club, Dallas, received telephone call from RUBY about 12:45 PM. He saw RUBY at the Carousel Club from about 1:45 PM until about 4:00 PM.

DL 44-1639

2

DATE AND TIME

EVENTS

NOVEMBER 22, 1963

RALPH PAUL, Dallas, Texas, received a telephone call from RUBY at Arlington, Texas, at about 12:45 PM. RUBY was calling from Dallas, exact place unknown.

NOVEMBER 22, 1963

A telephone call was placed at 1:51 PM from the Carousel Club, Dallas, Texas, to Arlington, Texas, telephone CR 5-4891. The conversation lasted 3 minutes. RUBY believed to have made this call.

NOVEMBER 22, 1963

Telephone call was placed long distance from the Carousel Club, Dallas, at 2:05 PM to Chicago, Illinois, telephone HO 5-3280. Conversation lasted 8 minutes. It is believed RUBY placed this call.

NOVEMBER 22, 1963

ALICE REAVES NICHOLS, Dallas, received telephone call from RUBY about 2:15 PM and talked for 1 minute. RUBY again called her about 7:30 PM and talked for short time.

NOVEMBER 22, 1963

A long-distance telephone call was placed at 2:37 PM from Carousel Club, Dallas, to Los Angeles, California, telephone WE 5-1082. The conversation lasted 3 minutes. It is believed RUBY placed this call.

NOVEMBER 22, 1963

A call was placed from the Carousel Club, Dallas, at 2:42 PM to Arlington, Texas, telephone CR 5-4891. At 2:43 PM another call was placed from the Carousel Club to Arlington, Texas, telephone CR 5-5352, and the conversation lasted 2 minutes. It is believed RUBY placed both of these calls.

57

DL 44-1639

3

DATE AND TIME

EVENTS

NOVEMBER 22, 1963

VICTOR ROBERTSON, Dallas, Texas, saw RUBY in the third-floor hallway of the Dallas Police Department Building between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

NOVEMBER 22, 1963

A call was placed from telephone LA 8-4775, Dallas, (apartment of EVA L. GRANT) to telephone SH 3-0984, Chicago, Illinois, and conversation lasted 31 minutes. It is believed RUBY participated in the Dallas end of this conversation. The call was placed late at night.

NOVEMBER 24, 1963

SIDNEY EVANS, JR., Dallas, Texas, saw RUBY walking from the Washateria area of 223 South Ewing, Dallas, to his (RUBY's) apartment at the same address at about 10:00 AM.

1/8/64

Date

1

DON FONTE, 526 Madison Street, Apartment 7, New Orleans, furnished the following information to SA WAYNE L. BOURQUE while on Eastern Airlines Flight 503, from Atlanta, Georgia to New Orleans, Louisiana.

FONTE stated that he is a dental student in New Orleans and could be contacted by telephone at 523-4567.

FONTE stated that his fiancée, VERONA HALIFAX, a student at Newcomb College, New Orleans, was telephonically contacted by her sister, JOAN, a short time after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and JOAN related that LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY had been seen together in New Orleans.

FONTE stated that his fiancée was to meet him at the New Orleans Airport when the flight landed and that SA BOURQUE could talk to her then about this matter.

On 1/4/64 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 44-2064
by SA WAYNE L. BOURQUE/lrs Date dictated 1/8/64

Date 1/8/641

VERONA HALEFAX was interviewed by SA WAYNE L. BOURQUE at New Orleans International Airport concerning information she received from her sister about the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

VERONA stated that her sister, JOAN, a student at Tulane University, New Orleans, had called her a short time after the assassination of President KENNEDY and told her the following information:

JOAN stated that a friend of hers by the name of KLAUS WINKELMANN has an acquaintance who supposedly is a homosexual, his name unknown to her.

JOAN stated that this homosexual had known and slept with both LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY at separate times. JOAN also stated to her sister that this homosexual had known OSWALD and RUBY to be together on occasions.

VERONA stated that this was all the information she had except that she thought KLAUS WINKELMANN was either a graduate student or on the faculty at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana.

On 1/4/64 at Kenner, Louisiana File # NO 44-2064
by SA WAYNE L. BOURQUE/lrs Date dictated 1/6/64

Date 1/13/641

JOAN HALEFAX, 317 Dorris Street, New Orleans, was contacted concerning information she related to her sister about LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY. LH

JOAN stated that what she told her sister, VERONA, was more or less hearsay rather than fact. She said that KLAUS WINKELMANN, a friend of hers, who is on the faculty at Tulane University, mentioned to her something to the effect that LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY were seen together in New Orleans by an alleged homosexual and that this homosexual was reported to have slept with both OSWALD and RUBY.

JOAN stated that the way the story went, the homosexual involved was on the staff of the Art Department, Newcomb College, New Orleans, but she could not recall his name.

JOAN stated that if there actually was a homosexual on the Art Department Staff, he would most likely be known by a FRANKLIN ADAMS who is also on the Art Department Staff, Newcomb College.

JOAN stated that this was all she knew about this matter and doubted if WINKELMANN knew any more than she.

On 1/10/64 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 44-2064

by SA's WAYNE L. BOURQUE & EMIL H. BECKER/lrs Date dictated 1/10/64

Date 1/15/641

FRANKLIN ADAMS, 2427 Camp Street, New Orleans, stated that he knew of no one on the Art Department Staff who is a homosexual, or of anyone who might know LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK LEON RUBY.

On 1/10/64 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 44-2064

by SA's WAYNE L. BOURQUE & EMIL H. BECKER/lrs Date dictated 1/13/64

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.

Date 1/16/641

KLAUS WINKELMANN, 530 Royal Street, New Orleans, was contacted concerning information he may have about a homosexual who was alleged to be on the staff of Tulane University and was reported to have known and slept with both LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY in New Orleans. h.p.

WINKELMANN stated that he is on the faculty at Tulane University, New Orleans, and is an instructor in the French Department.

WINKELMANN stated that he does not know anyone who is a homosexual, nor does he know anyone connected with either OSWALD or RUBY.

On 1/14/64 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 44-2064
by SA WAYNE L. BOURQUE/lrs Date dictated 1/14/64

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.

1/24/64

Date

1

KLAUS WINKELMANN, 530 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, was recontacted concerning information he may have connecting LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY.

WINKELMANN stated that the first time he was contacted concerning this matter he was so taken by surprise, that he just did not know what to say.

WINKELMANN stated that he received information connecting OSWALD and RUBY with an alleged homosexual from a friend of his by the name of ROBERT HELLER while they were eating lunch at the Tulane University cafeteria.

According to WINKELMANN, HELLER said he was called on the telephone by a ROBERT BIENVENU who stated that he had seen OSWALD's picture in the newspaper and knew him to be the same person he had slept with the night before. HELLER told WINKELMANN that BIENVENU's exact words were, "Hey, guess what? I think I slept with OSWALD last night".

WINKELMANN stated that BIENVENU was a graduate student at Tulane University and thought him to be teaching somewhere in Norfolk, Virginia.

WINKELMANN said this was all the information he knew about this matter.

On 1/22/64 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 44-2064
by SA WAYNE L. BOURQUE/lrs Date dictated 1/22/64

1/26/64

Date

1

ROBERT HELLER, 4703 Freret Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, was contacted concerning information he may have connecting LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY with an alleged homosexual in New Orleans.

HELLER stated that he received the information from a friend by the name of SHELLY ESTRIN, Calhoun Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephone 895-5577.

HELLER stated that SHELLY told him that she called ROBERT BIENVENU long distance to Newport News, Virginia, one night shortly after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and that BIENVENU said he thought he had slept with JACK RUBY quite some time ago.

HELLER stated that there was nothing in the conversation about BIENVENU seeing OSWALD and RUBY together in New Orleans. In fact, there was only mention of RUBY in their conversation.

HELLER stated that he knew for a fact that the allegation that ROBERT BIENVENU is a homosexual was true.

HELLER further stated that he did not know the exact address of BIENVENU but thought he was teaching somewhere in Newport News, Virginia.

On 1/24/64 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 44-2064

by SA WAYNE L. BOURQUE/lrs Date dictated 1/24/64

1/28/64

Date

1

Miss SHELLY ESTRIN, 541 Burgundy Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, was contacted concerning her telephone conversation with ROBERT BIENVENU.

Miss ESTRIN stated that a few days after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, she had a long distance telephone conversation with ROBERT BIENVENU who was then in Newport News, Virginia, and noticed that BIENVENU seemed quite intoxicated at the time.

Miss ESTRIN stated that BIENVENU was very fond of President KENNEDY and this was why she thought BIENVENU got intoxicated.

Miss ESTRIN stated that in their conversation, BIENVENU stated that he thought he had slept with JACK RUBY some time ago. No mention was made of OSWALD.

Miss ESTRIN stated that BIENVENU left New Orleans about 1961 and doubts if he has been back here since that time except maybe for just a short visit.

Miss ESTRIN stated that BIENVENU now lives at 10 Milford Road, Newport News, Virginia.

On 1/27/64at New Orleans, LouisianaFile # NO 44-2064by SA WAYNE L. BOURQUE/lrs

Date dictated

1/27/64

Date 2/6/64

1

JAMES ROBERT BIENVENU, 10 Milford Road, Newport News, Virginia, who was born December 13, 1936, Opelousas, Louisiana, and is currently employed as a Junior Pipe Designer by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Newport News, Virginia, advised that he had never met, had never seen, and had no knowledge of either RUBY or OSWALD prior to the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY on November 22, 1963.

George

Robert BIENVENU related that several days after the assassination he had a long telephone conversation with his friend, Miss SHELLY ESTRIN of New Orleans, in which the two of them talked at length about the assassination. BIENVENU said he does not recall exactly what comments were made during this conversation but knows that he had been drinking at the time and was drinking during the conversation. He said to his knowledge he did not make any such statement that he had selpt with RUBY sometime ago and made no mention of OSWALD.

7-1-11-2

BIENVENU advised that Miss ESTRIN had telephoned him and told him that she had been contacted by the FBI and that she had related to them what was said during the telephone conversation in November, but she did not state to him all that she had told the FBI in New Orleans.

BIENVENU said that he and Miss ESTRIN were graduate students together at the Tulane Graduate School and were quite intimate friends. BIENVENU stated that he was last in New Orleans area in July or August of 1963, upon leave from the U.S. Army. He said at that time he stayed with his friend JOHN JOERG, 109 Annunciation Street, New Orleans, who is a teacher at Loyola University. BIENVENU said he was discharged from the service in September of 1962, after having served with the USATC, Fort Gordon, Georgia. He said he has been employed at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Newport News, Virginia, since November 11, 1963.

On 2/3/64 at Newport News, Virginia File # Dallas 44-1639
NE 44-148
by SA'S JOHN S. CASTLES & CHARLES H. SANDERLIN:sdh Date dictated 2/4/64

F 44-148

He related that his home address is 4466 South Main Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, the home of his mother, Mrs. GEORGE JOSEPH (Patricia Lee) BIENVENU.

BIENVENU further related that to his knowledge he had never been in Dallas, Texas, except on one occasion.

POSSIBLE BACKGROUND ON SUBJECT

The following investigation was conducted by SA BILLY C. KIRTS at Cincinnati, Ohio:

On February 1, 1964, Mrs. THOMAS S. (EVELYN) CHRISTOPHER, 919 Lincoln Drive, Washington Court House, Ohio, telephonically advised that she had been reviewing some old copies of the "Daily Worker" and had noted the following:

The April 17, 1962, issue of the "Daily Worker" contained an article on page three (3), regarding a dinner given to one MARK LANE, an attorney. The continuation of the article on page seven (7), listed as one of the sponsors of the dinner, one JACK RUBENSTEIN.

Mrs. CHRISTOPHER advised that she had read in another newspaper that one MARK LANE had been hired as an attorney by Mrs. LEE OSWALD, wife of the assassin of President KENNEDY.

The following investigation reported by the New York Office:

A review of the Daily Worker issue of April 17, 1962, and files of New York Office reflect that a testimonial dinner was held at the Astor Hotel, New York City, April 10, 1962, in honor of MARK LANE. According to the Daily Worker article, 1300 people attended the dinner and JACK RUBENSTEIN was listed as one of the sponsors of the dinner.

JACK RUBENSTEIN, Vice President of the Textile Workers of America, 99 University Place, Manhattan, on February 12, 1964, advised SA JAMES J. ROGERS that he was one of the sponsors of the above mentioned dinner, however, he did not attend the dinner.

Mr. RUBENSTEIN added that when he read the speech given at the dinner by MARK LANE he sincerely regretted having agreed to act as a sponsor of the dinner.

DL 44-1639

With regard to information attributed to MRS. THOMAS S. CHRISTOPHER, above, news media in the Dallas, Texas, area have carried reports that one MARK LANE has been retained by MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD, mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. There have been no reports LANE represents MRS. MARINA OSWALD.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: February 25, 1964

Tolson	
DeLoach	
Mohr	
Bishop	
Casper	
Callahan	
Conrad	
Felt	
Gale	
Rosen	
Sullivan	
Tavel	
Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Holmes	
Gandy	

FROM : C. I. DeLoach

SUBJECT: RICHARD E. BERLIN
PRESIDENT
THE HEARST CORPORATION
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

A telephone call from Mr. Berlin was referred over from the Director's office at 12:07 p.m. today and in my absence, Mr. Berlin spoke with SA Fulton. Mr. Berlin stated he needed to talk to Mr. Hoover right away and when asked if it was a matter in which we could be of some assistance, he advised that it pertained to the Oswald case. He stated briefly, it concerned a story which the Hearst chain had out of Dallas that both Lee Oswald and Jack Ruby were "working" for the FBI at the time of the President's assassination. Mr. Berlin indicated that he wanted to discuss this matter personally with Mr. Hoover if at all possible and would like for Mr. Hoover to know of his call. He stated that they would not release the story until he had an opportunity to discuss the matter with the Director.

The Director's Office was immediately informed of the nature of Mr. Berlin's call and of his desire to get in touch with Mr. Hoover.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the Director's information.

- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. Jones

CBF:geg
4)

Water...

10/16/64
NOT RECORDED
13 APR 13 1964
UNREC

APR 13 1964

79 APR 14 1964 2.7

ORIGINAL FILED IN 105-82555-3090

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE:

- 1-Mr. Belmont
- 1-Mr. Mohr
- 1-Mr. Callahan
- 1-Mr. DeLoach
- 2-28-64

W.C.S.
 Tolson _____
 DeLoach _____
 Mohr _____
 Bishop _____
 Casper _____
 Callahan _____
 Conrad _____
 Felt _____
 Gale _____
 Rosen _____
 Sullivan _____
 Tavel _____
 Trotter _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holmes _____
 Gandy _____

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan *WAB*

- 1-Mr. Rosen
- 1-Mr. Sullivan
- 1-Mr. Malley
- 1-Mr. Branigan
- 1-Mr. Lenihan
- 1-Mr. Decker
- 1-Mr. Gheesling

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

Memorandum Mr. DeLoach to Mr. Mohr, 2-25-64, reported information from Dick Berlin and Kingsbury Smith, General Manager and Editor, respectively, Hearst Publications, that unnamed Hearst reporter, described by Berlin as very reliable, had been advised by Molvin Belli, attorney for Jack Ruby, that Oswald was an FBI informant; that Belli knew from reliable sources that Ruby had been an informant for 8 weeks and Oswald an informant for 13 weeks. Smith stated this Hearst reporter had a tape recording of Belli making these allegations. It was recommended consideration be given to immediately interviewing Belli and the Director noted: "Yes. Make him either put up or shut up."

At 9:20 p.m., 2-28-64, SAC Gordon Shanklin, Dallas, telephonically advised Night Supervisor A. J. Decker as follows. SAC Shanklin and SA Vincent E. Drain interviewed Belli the evening of 2-28-64 in a hotel room secured for that purpose. Belli insisted that his fellow lawyer, Joe Tonahill, be present. Belli was advised that we had received information from a reliable source that he had stated Lee Harvey Oswald was a security-type informant of the FBI for a period of 13 weeks. He was informed that there was absolutely no truth in this and that we desired to secure from him any and all information which he had in this regard.

Belli stated that around the first of the year he had seen an article in the "Houston Post" by Lonnie Hudkins, which article was a rumor to the effect that Oswald might have been an informant of the FBI or CIA, and subsequent to that article Belli subpoenaed Hudkins to appear as a witness at the change of venue hearing before Judge Joe D. Brown. Sometime during that period he heard another rumor around the courthouse to the effect that Oswald might have been an informant of the FBI. Belli related that he questioned Hudkins during the change of venue hearing as he felt that the prosecution might try to use him at a later date. Judge Brown in the change of venue hearing refused to permit Hudkins to answer his question after objections of the prosecution.

Belli stated that he thought at that time and still does think that these rumors originated with William Alexander, Assistant District Attorney, who had tried to plant other rumors on him and that it was Belli's feeling that Alexander thought Belli might fall for this trap. He stated he placed no credence whatsoever in the rumor that Oswald was an informant and that if there was any credence to such he did not think

ORIGINAL FILED IN 105-82555-700

UNREC

APR 15 1964

APR 15 1964

Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
Re: Lee Harvey Oswald
105-88655

that such information had any place in the Jack Ruby trial. He pointed out that if he brought this up in the trial he would certainly have to prove it and he would never think of doing so without seeing if it were true from the FBI.

Belli stated that he had talked to numerous reporters and news media during the past several weeks and he could not recall with whom he had talked. However, he did recall, to the best of his memory, that approximately 3 weeks ago someone asked him if he had heard the rumor that Oswald had been an informant of the FBI and he believed that the person asking this question was a reporter. To the best of his memory Belli stated he told this person that he had heard this rumor around the courthouse. He does not recall exactly what he said but he is certain he never said anything to the effect that Oswald had been an informant for 13 weeks or that he had been a security informant. Belli was again emphatically advised that Lee Harvey Oswald has never been an informant of the FBI. He again reiterated that he does not think so and never would place any credence in this rumor.

Belli was also advised that we received information that he had also stated that Jack Leon Ruby had been an informant of the FBI for a period of 8 weeks. Both he and Tonahill stated that they had at no time ever heard anyone state that Ruby was an informant or infer that he was an informant. Belli insisted that he be permitted to call his other co-counsel to the room, Phillip Burleson, and ask him if he had ever heard this rumor. Burleson upon being asked the same question as to whether or not he had ever heard of Ruby being an informant or a rumor to that effect, advised that he had never heard a rumor from anyone to that effect.

Belli, Tonahill and Burleson all stated that they had never told anyone or inferred to anyone that Ruby was an informant of the FBI. Belli stated that he believed he and his co-counsel would have known if Ruby had been an informant of the FBI since they had questioned him in detail about his entire life and he is certain Ruby would have told him if he had been an informant. He stated Ruby had never mentioned in any manner whatsoever cooperating with the FBI.

Upon conclusion Belli stated that he was getting "damned tired" of Assistant District Attorney William Alexander planting rumors which Alexander thought Belli might fall for and it was his opinion that Alexander was probably the source concerning the rumor that Oswald was an informant of the FBI. Belli then specifically asked SAC Shanklin if Ruby had ever been an informant as this was the first that he had ever heard of it and he was advised that Ruby had never been an informant of the FBI. Belli asked no further questions.

Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
Re: Lee Harvey Oswald
105-82555

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Although William Alexander has categorically denied being the source of rumors that Oswald was an FBI informant, our inquiries strongly point to Alexander as the source of those scurrilous rumors and Alexander may be the source of the alleged rumors concerning Ruby. In view of our experience with Alexander no worthwhile purpose would be served in reinterviewing him and the Director has instructed that no further contacts be had with Alexander.

(2) While Belli also categorically denied making any statements as alleged by Hearst officials, it is believed that in order to conclusively pin this matter down Mr. DeLoach's office should contact Kingsbury Smith and ask that he make the alleged recording of Belli's statements available for our review.

(3) Immediately following our review of this recording, if it is made available, we will furnish the above details to the President's Commission.

Handwritten signatures and initials:
A large circle containing the letter 'A' is on the left.
A large, stylized signature, possibly 'W.C.', is in the center.
Other smaller initials and scribbles are scattered around.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 4 1964

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI DALLAS

7-36PM CST URGENT 3-4-64 DRL

TO DIRECTOR (44-24016) ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

FROM DALLAS (44-1639) (P) 4P

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

REMYTEL TWO TWENTYTHREE P.M. TODAY. COURT RECESSED FOUR FIFTY P. M. TODAY TO NINE A. M. TOMORROW AFTER HEARING FOLLOWING WITNESSES DURING AFTERNOON SESSION.

JORN ~~RUTLEDGE~~, REPORTER, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, TESTIFIED SAW RUBY AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS NIGHT OF NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO LAST. ON ONE OCCASION SAW RUBY ARRIVE ON THIRD FLOOR BY ELEVATOR WALKING BETWEEN TWO NEWSMEN WHO HAD IDENTIFYING DATA ON LAPELS, RUBY APPARENTLY PERMITTED TO ENTER DESPITE GUARDS AT ELEVATORS ON BASIS HE WAS BETWEEN THE TWO REPORTERS MENTIONED, HAD PENCIL AND PAPER IN HAND, AND WAS APPARENTLY PRESUMED HIMSELF A REPORTER.

TESTIFIED RUBY SUBSEQUENTLY ON SAME NIGHT WAS OBSERVED IN CITY HALL NEAR HOMICIDE BUREAU IDENTIFYING VARIOUS POLICE PERSONNEL AND OTHERS TO OUT OF STATE NEWSMEN, HEARD A DETECTIVE CHALLENGE RUBY WHO REPLIED QUOTE "I-M HELPING ALL THESE FELLOWS UNQUOTE. STATED LATER SAW RUBY IN BASEMENT OF CITY HALL AFTER OSWALD-S APPEARANCE

END PAGE ONE

7 MAR 11 1964

EX-103

MAR 9 1964

1177
6-107

MAR 6 3 51 PM '64
REC-52
44-1016

[Handwritten notes and signatures]
DRL
H.H. Bates
Bel