

NOTE:

The Dallas Office received a communication addressed to the F.B.I. American Police and to the District Attorney, Dallas, Texas, which was written in the Polish language and signed Franciszek Tomkiewicz. In the translation of the communication the writer states that Oswald did not kill President Kennedy and alleges that the President was killed by Ruby. It states that Oswald saw Ruby commit the act and he was subsequently shot by Ruby as he was the only witness. The writer said that he could write more on the subject matter but the cost would be \$1,000. A translated copy is being furnished to the President's Commission for information.

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: April 24, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY, AKA;  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA - VICTIM  
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On April 24, 1964, while Malley was talking to J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission relative to the affidavits of Dallas police officers as commented in a news story of the April 24th issue of the Dallas Morning News, Mr. Rankin brought up another situation relating to Dallas.

Mr. Rankin referred to the testimony in the Ruby trial of Detectives D. R. Archer, T. D. McMillon, J. R. Leavelle, Captain Glen D. King and Sergeant Patrick Dean. He mentioned that, without remembering specific details, all or some of these police officers testified concerning malice on the part of Ruby at the time Ruby killed Lee Harvey Oswald. He commented that, when these officers had been previously interviewed by the FBI, as well as furnishing information to the Dallas Police officials, they had not furnished information concerning malice on the part of Ruby. Mr. Rankin stated that this situation appeared most unusual in that the Commission has now learned that Forrest Sorrells, head of Secret Service in Dallas, some time around December 17, 1963, or a few days thereafter, advised the Dallas Police Department that he was present at the police department on one occasion when Ruby was being interviewed and heard Ruby make the statement that he hoped he killed the s— of a b— or words to that effect.

According to Rankin, Sorrells, whom Rankin described as an extremely experienced Secret Service representative, furnished this information to the police department by telephone, and he could not understand this action on the part of Sorrells; that it certainly appeared to him that such information would have been handled on a personal contact basis. He also could not understand why Sorrells would have waited almost a month

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

before he revealed that he had overheard this information. He also noted that the police officers did not make known information in their possession indicating malice on the part of Ruby until the approximate time the Ruby trial was to commence.

Mr. Rankin advised that, because of all these circumstances, the Commission certainly questioned the activities of members of the DLPD, but that he did not have facts to support the feelings of members of the Commission staff.

The information furnished by Mr. Rankin relative to Forrest Sorrells going along with the information testified to by the police officers is new. The details concerning the testimony of the police officers was covered in full in a memorandum from A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont, dated April 10, 1964, same caption. (attached)

Foregoing submitted for information.

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Date: 4/30/64

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**AIRTEL**

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)**  
**FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-38431)**  
**SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD**  
**IS-R-CUBA**

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau is one copy of the "National Enquirer" a weekly that is published in NYC. Also enclosed is one copy for information of Dallas.

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

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 5/8/64

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO DIRECTOR FBI (44-24016)

FROM SAC DALLAS (44-1639)

SUBJECT JACK L. RUBY, aka;  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka -  
VICTIM  
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During course of contact with Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY, Dallas PD, on another matter 5/7/64, Chief CURRY advised that GEORGE CARTER, staff reporter of "Dallas Times Herald," had advised him CARTER had been in touch with BENJAMIN L. BINION, with aliases Ben Lester Binion, Benny L. Binion, L. B. Binion. BINION is alleged to have told CARTER RUBY sent LEWIS J. McWILLIE a gun some time ago, prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY and McWILLIE returned same to RUBY. CURRY does not know make or identity of gun.

BINION is alleged to have told CARTER that if CARTER would help him get out of a remaining thirty days conviction sentence on policy making in Texas he would give CARTER "a real story" as to RUBY's connection with McWILLIE. This apparently is in connection, CURRY gathered, with RUBY's alleged association with McWILLIE when McWILLIE was living in Cuba and possibly gun-running.

CURRY's information is indefinite since BINION would furnish no further information allegedly to CARTER unless he was assured assistance from CARTER in helping him to get his remaining thirty days sentence time suspended in Texas.

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BINION was born November 20, 1904, at Whitewright, Texas. He has an extensive criminal record under FBI No. 206 216 and is well known to the Bureau and Las Vegas Division. Considerable background information is contained in report of SA VINCENT E. DRAIN dated 8/23/52, Dallas, captioned "L. B. BINION, with aliases Bennie Binion, Benny Binion, Obstruction of Justice."

Lewis J.  
McWILLIE has FBI No. 4 404 064, white, male, born May 4, 1909, Salt Lake City, Utah, 5'10½", 196 pounds, brown eyes, brown hair, occupation gambler, and is alleged to be working for Binion. Background information concerning McWILLIE contained in a letter from Dallas to Las Vegas dated 12/28/61, captioned "LEWIS JOSEPH McWILLIE, IGA," Las Vegas origin. NEV. cuba

UACB, Las Vegas should immediately interview BINION for any information he has. It is noted it has already been established, and McWILLIE admits, RUBY sent him a gun from the same store at which RUBY bought the gun with which he killed OSWALD, and that McWILLIE did not accept the gun. BINION has been interviewed by Las Vegas Office and professed not to know RUBY.

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TO SACS, DALLAS (44-1639)  
BUFFALO (44-214)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-24016)

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

REBUAIRTEL TO BUREAU APRIL THIRTEEN LAST. THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION HAS ADVISED THAT OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THEM INDICATES THAT MR. A. HILLENBRANDT IS IDENTICAL TO ABRAHAM HOLLEBRANDT WHO RESIDED AT ONE EIGHT TWO FIVE CLARK ROAD, EAST ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, PRIOR TO JULY TWENTYTHREE SIXTYTHREE. HE HAD TELEPHONE SERVICE AT LO TWO DASH FOUR THREE NINE ZERO WHICH WAS DISCONNECTED JULY TWENTYTHREE SIXTYTHREE. COMMISSION REQUESTED THAT WE PURSUE THE INVESTIGATION AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED IN THEIR LETTER OF APRIL THREE LAST WITH RESPECT TO HOLLEBRANDT. BUFFALO HANDLE AND INCLUDE INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED RE EXISTENCE OF TELEPHONE RECORDS FOR LO TWO DASH FOUR THREE NINE ZERO AND HOW LONG RECORDS WILL BE RETAINED. *REC 44-24016-1455*

COMMISSION ALSO ADVISED THAT FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE BUREAU REGARDING THE TRIANGLE MANUFACTURING COMPANY IT WOULD APPEAR THAT TRIANGLE MAY HAVE SUPPLIED SOME OF THE PARTS

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NOTE: See memo A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont dated 5/13/64 JWH/cac.

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TELETYPE TO DALLAS AND BUFFALO  
RE: JACK L. RUBY, AKA.

USED IN THE QUOTE TWIST BOARD UNQUOTE PROMOTED BY JACK RUBY  
IN THE FALL OF SIXTYTHREE. IT WAS REQUESTED THAT WE EXAMINE  
ONE OF THE TWIST BOARDS TO DETERMINE IF TRIANGLE WAS A  
SUPPLIER OF PARTS FOR THE APPARATUS AND THAT WE SUPPLY  
PHOTOGRAPHS WHERE FEASIBLE. DALLAS CONTACT THE PLASTELITE  
ENGINEERING COMPANY, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, WHO MANUFACTURED THE  
QUOTE TWIST BOARD UNQUOTE. DETERMINE IF PARTS USED IN ITS  
MANUFACTURING WERE SUPPLIED BY TRIANGLE AND OBTAIN A SAMPLE  
BOARD IF POSSIBLE. IF NOT, OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS AND DETAILED  
DESCRIPTION.

BOTH OFFICES HANDLE ON EXPEDITE BASIS AND SUBMIT RESULTS  
BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY FOURTEEN NEXT, IN FORM SUITABLE FOR  
DISSEMINATION TO THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION.

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May 13, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Enclosed herewith for your assistance are two copies of the report of Special Agent Manning C. Clements at Dallas dated April 30, 1964, relating to the case entitled "Jack L. Ruby, Lee Harvey Oswald - Victim, Civil Rights."

The telephone analysis as requested in your letter of April 14, 1964, for all telephones available to Ralph Paul, Bruce Karlin, and the public telephone at the Carousel Club for the periods specified in your letter is set forth in this report. The information concerning the Plastelite Engineering Company, Fort Worth, Texas, and Mr. Herbert Eden, Sherman Oaks, California, which you requested is also included in the report.

For your information, a copy of the enclosed report has been furnished to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE:

The Commission by letter 4/14/64 requested that we make an analysis of all phone calls for phones available to Ralph Paul, Bruce Karlin, and the pay phone at the Carousel Club. We previously prepared a similar analysis for all phones available to Ruby's brothers and sisters and about twelve persons known to have been in contact with Ruby. The Commission also requested in their letter of 4/14/64 that we identify the Plastelite Engineering Company and Herbert Eden, both of which appeared in our previous telephone analysis as having been contacted by Ruby. The enclosed report has been reviewed by Mr. Belmont, Mr. Malley, and the appropriate supervisor of the Civil Rights Section. A copy is being furnished to the Criminal Division of the Department.

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May 13, 1964

**AIRTEL**

**To: SAC, Dallas (89-43)**  
**From: Director, FBI (62-109060)**

**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
11-22-63, DALLAS, TEXAS  
MECELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING**

Enclosed for your assistance are two copies of a self-explanatory letter from the President's Commission dated 5-12-64, requesting a limited background investigation of Officer J. D. Tippit of the Dallas Police Department who was killed by Lee Harvey Oswald. In conducting this investigation, you should insure that the following basic investigative steps are included; such as, date of birth, education, marital status, military service and prior employment. You should limit the scope of this investigation to that period Tippit was actually a member of the Dallas Police Department. It is suggested that the Dallas Police Department personnel file on Tippit may include much of the information desired by the Commission, and you should be guided by the availability of this information in conducting your investigation.

Every effort should be made to expedite this investigation, insuring that the Commission's specific requests are appropriately complied with in each instance.

Results of investigation should be incorporated in a suitable LHM for immediate dissemination to the Commission without need for revision and/or correction.

**DUPLICATE YELLOW**

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1 - 105-82555 (Lee H. Oswald)  
① - 44-24016 (Jack L. Ruby)  
1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan

**SEE NOTE PAGE 2.**

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NOTE: Commission in relet indicates this investigation of Tippit requested to "refute unfounded allegations" (presumably linking Tippit with Oswald and Ruby) which have developed since assassination. Some of the more pertinent aspects of the Commission's requests are as follows: 1. A copy of Tippit's police file should be obtained. 2. Tippit's associates inside and outside the police department, as well as his wife, should be interviewed concerning his reputation, interests, assignments and associates. 3. Each person interviewed should be queried as to whether Tippit had any association with Oswald or Ruby.

While Commission has requested limited background investigation, it is felt any such investigation should include the above indicated investigation and encompass the period while Tippit was on the Dallas Police Department.

This matter will be closely followed at the Bureau, and when the results are obtained, the Commission will be notified.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

DATE: 5-5-64

TO : MR. SULLIVAN

FROM : MR. BRANIGAN

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Stokes
- 1 - Mr. Branigan

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

In an article in the 5-17-64 issue of the "National Inquirer," there is a wild story by John Henshaw in which it is alleged that the Dallas Police knew in April, 1963, that Oswald and Jack Ruby were linked in the assassination attempt against General Walker; that they were about to arrest Oswald and Ruby but were dissuaded from this action by a "Top Secret" letter sent to Chief Curry by the Department at the behest of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). It also alleged that a high Bureau official at the Department's request interceded with Chief Curry, asking that Oswald and Ruby not be arrested but that the Dallas Police desired this request in writing which resulted in the Departmental letter.

Concerning this story, the Director inquired "Have we checked our files just to be on safe side."

The main point of the article in the "National Inquirer" is hinged on the fact that the Dallas Police had developed Oswald and Ruby as suspects in connection with the assassination attempt on General Walker in April, 1963. This is completely at variance with information in our files and from our check of Dallas Police files and our interviews of Dallas Police officials. Neither Ruby nor Oswald were suspected by Dallas Police of any participation in the Walker incident prior to the assassination of the President. The only suspect developed by them prior to 11-22-63 was a 22-year-old Scotsman named William McEwan Duff, who was befriended by Walker and worked for him for a period of time as a chauffeur and houseboy. Duff was questioned by Dallas Police and was exonerated on the basis of a polygraph examination.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SULLIVAN  
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

As to the allegation that a high Bureau official contacted the Dallas Police and urged them not to arrest Ruby and Oswald, this, of course, is a complete absurdity and nothing in our files could support such a story. Likewise, there is nothing in our files to support the allegation that a "Top Secret" letter was sent by a high official of the Justice Department requesting them not to arrest Ruby and Oswald. Furthermore, CIA has formally denied that Oswald was an informant of their organization or connected with them in any way and we have no information that CIA was ever interested in Ruby at any time.

**ACTION:**

The above is submitted in answer to the Director's inquiry.

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Well as I anticipated  
the Warren Commission  
has now in writing  
requested an investi-  
gation. We just can't  
brush your eyes in-  
sponsible allegations.  
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- 1 - Belmont
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May 14, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to my letter of May 8, 1964, which advised that Dallas Police Chief Jesse E. Curry denied that he ever received a letter from the Justice Department and that he had been requested by any official of the FBI not to arrest J. Oswald or Ruby, as alleged in an article from the May 17, 1964, issue of the "National Enquirer."

My letter dated May 13, 1964, from the Deputy Attorney General was advised that a check of the files of the Department of Justice disclosed no reference to an alleged letter from a high official of the Justice Department to Dallas Police Chief Jesse E. Curry. Any reference that an FBI official was asked to request the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald or Ruby.

This completes our inquiry in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

19 MAY 14 1964

NOTE: See memo Branigan to Sullivan re "Lee Harvey Oswald"; IS - R - Cuba" 5-13-64, WAB:mhw.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-38431)  
SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS-R-CUBA

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Re NY airtel to Bureau with enclosure 4/30/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three Xerox copies of letter, dated 12/3/63, received by EVIDIO PEREIRA ACOSTA from Cuba and wherein the writer states that "RUBY" was in Havana a year ago. Only the first paragraph of the letter relates to "Ruby" and his alleged presence in Cuba. Enclosed for Dallas is one Xerox copy of the same letter.

On 5/4/64, EVIDIO PEREIRA ACOSTA, 3750 Broadway, NYC appeared at the NYO; was interviewed in the Spanish language by SA JOHN JAMES O'FLAHERTY and furnished the following information:

He advised that he has no firsthand knowledge concerning the statement that RUBY was in Cuba and in contact with one PRASKIN. He explained that this information was contained in a letter that he received from a friend in Cuba. He exhibited the letter which was written in the Spanish language and dated 12/3/63 Havana, Cuba, and it was noted that the first paragraph reads as follows:

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- 3-Bureau (Encls. 3) (RM)
- 2-Dallas (Encl. 1) (RM) (100-10481)
- 2-New York  
(1-44-974) (JACK RUBY)

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Special Agent in Charge

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"Notify the Pentagon of this information:  
'RUBY' - murderer of OSWALD was in Havana a year ago.  
He is - friend and client of an individual named PRASKIN  
owner or manager of a tourist shop situated in Prado E/  
Animas y Trocadero in front of the Sevilla".

PEREIRA ACOSTA did not, at first, wish to disclose  
the identity of his friend in Cuba, since he did not  
have the latter's consent to do so; however, he subsequently  
identified him as FERNANDO GARCIA, Calle 19 # 1064 Altos  
Entre 12 y 14 Vedado, Havana, Cuba - Telephone 3-7088.  
He added that although he does not know whether his friend  
is the original source of this information, he described  
his friend as a reliable source.

He commented that he is unable to furnish  
any additional information regarding RUBY's alleged  
presence in Cuba and contact with one PRASKIN other  
than the information contained in the letter as received  
from his friend in Cuba.

// The above information will be incorporated  
in report presently being prepared by NYO.

Habana, Cuba  
Diciembre 1963.

*Los Ciguales*  
*que tiene un negocio*  
*de cambio de*  
*su dirección*  
*que la pasó*  
*de la casa*  
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*de artefactos*

Notifícame al Pentágono este informe. El sujeto nombrado Praskin, dueño o gerente de una empresa turística situada en Pico W. Animas y Trocadero, treinta y cinco años de edad, nació en Polonia y es un cliente de artefactos de artefactos.

El Dr. Gustavo Montes Rufe es un médico cubano del Dr. Paez está considerado por todo el Colegio Médico clandestino, como posible agente del Gobierno.

Nadie ha podido dar informes favorables a él.

Hasta el último momento su labor consistió en presionar y perseguir a los médicos que no se plegaban al régimen.

Se sospecha que de su escapada tenía conocimiento el gobierno.

Esta noche a las 9 de la noche se constituyó el Colegio Médico en la Clandestinidad donde se le dará cuenta de lo que allí se realiza, dicha constitución se efectuará en forma de 31 Patriótico.

*Vital Paulina* *Elías Koberinsky* 41 N 2 im.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5-1-64

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

1-Mr. Belmont  
1-Mr. Mohr  
1-Mr. DeLoach

1-Mr. Rosen  
1-Mr. Sullivan  
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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

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*DeLoach*  
*Branigan*

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

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

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ACTION:

None. Foregoing for information. Article in question is attached.

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# Memorandum

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TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 5-1-64

FROM : L. J. GAUTHIER *LJG*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Howard Willens of the President's Commission requested that arrangements be made to have the three-dimensional scale model of the Dallas Police Department garage, which was shipped to the United States Attorney's office in Dallas on 3-20-64, returned to Washington. Mr. Willens stated that the scale model and copies of plan drawings were used to considerable advantage in taking depositions from many eyewitnesses concerning the events which transpired at the time Oswald was shot in the Dallas Police Department garage. The Bureau handled the shipment to Dallas where our personnel removed the scale model from the crate. Willens asked that we get in touch with him when this scale model has been returned to Washington, at which time a decision will be made as to whether the model should again be set up in the Commission building or whether it should be kept in its shipping crate.

We have space in our supply room at the GAO Building where this crate can be stored in the event the Commission desires this to be done. Mr. Willens understands that all visual aids are the property of the President's Commission.

ACTION:

SAC Gordon Shaklin, Dallas Division, was instructed to ship the above-mentioned exhibit to the Bureau. The Bureau will be advised concerning the Commission's disposition of the exhibit.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont (Sent Direct)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Malley) (Sent Direct)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Sent Direct)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad (Sent Direct)

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is an article appearing in the May 17, 1964, issue of the "National Enquirer."

You will note that the article claims that in April 1963 a letter "signed by a high official of the Justice Department" was sent to Dallas Police Chief James E. Curry requesting the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald and Ruby in connection with the General Walker shooting. The article also alleges that "a high FBI official" had been asked to request Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald or Ruby.

When Chief Curry testified before the Commission on April 22, 1964, he stated that the Dallas Police force had no record whatsoever of Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination. Inasmuch as Chief Curry was not specifically asked about the allegations contained in the enclosed article, we request that your Bureau interview Chief Curry concerning his knowledge of the alleged letter. We also request that you advise the Commission as to any knowledge possessed by the Justice Department or your Bureau concerning the allegations contained in this article.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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The Deputy Attorney General

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Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

The "National Enquirer" for May 17, 1964, contained an article alleging that there was a link between Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald. The article, which is enclosed, also claimed that in April, 1964, a letter "signed by a high official of the Justice Department" was sent to Dallas Police Chief Jesse E. Curry requesting the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald and Ruby in connection with the General Walker shooting. The article also alleged that "a high FBI official" had been asked to request the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald or Ruby.

For your information, by letter dated May 5, 1964, the President's Commission on the Assassination of John F. Kennedy advised that when Chief Curry testified before the Commission on April 23, 1964, he stated that the Dallas Police Force had no record whatsoever of Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination. The Commission also stated that in much as Chief Curry was not specifically asked about the allegations contained in the enclosed article, it desired that this Bureau interview Chief Curry concerning his knowledge of the alleged letter. The Commission also requested that we advise the Commission as to any knowledge possessed by the Justice Department or this Bureau concerning the allegations contained in this article.

For your information, a check of our files disclosed no reference to such an alleged letter from a high official of the Justice Department to Dallas Police Chief Jesse E. Curry, nor any reference that an FBI official was asked to request the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald or Ruby.

On May 7, 1964, Dallas Police Chief Jesse E. Curry was contacted concerning the allegations contained in this article. Chief Curry advised that he had never received or heard of a letter to his department from the Justice Department and stated that he had never been requested by any official of the FBI not to arrest Oswald or Ruby.

We would appreciate being advised whether Department of Justice files contain any information concerning the allegations in the enclosed "National Enquirer" article. Upon receipt of your reply to this request, we will immediately furnish the results to the President's Commission.

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**The Deputy Attorney General**

**BUREAU NOTE:**

See memorandum Mr. Branigan to Mr. Sullivan dated 5-8-64, captioned same, WJZ:hrt.

Memorandum Mr. Branigan to Mr. Sullivan dated 5-4-64 set forth concise analysis of instant article in the "National Enquirer." This is a wild story alleging that the Dallas Police knew in April, 1963, that Oswald and Ruby were involved in the assassination attempt against General Walker; they were about to arrest Oswald and Ruby but were dissuaded from this action by a "top secret" letter sent to Chief Curry by the Department of Justice at the behest of the CIA. It was alleged that a high Bureau official at the Department's request interceded with Chief Curry, asking that Oswald and Ruby not be arrested but that the Dallas Police desired this request in writing which resulted in the Departmental letter "signed by a high official of the Justice Department." Our files contain nothing to support this wild allegation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

- 1 - Belmont
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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5-13-64

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

The President's Commission has forwarded an article appearing in the "National Enquirer" issue of 5-17-64. In essence, the sensational article alleges that a high official of the Justice Department sent a letter to Dallas Police Chief Jesse E. Curry requesting the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald and Ruby in connection with the General Walker shooting.

By memorandum of 5-8-64 you were advised that Chief Curry in an interview on 5-7-64 emphatically denied that he had ever been requested by the Justice Department or any official of the FBI not to arrest Oswald or Ruby. A letter incorporating the results of the interview of Chief Curry was forwarded to the President's Commission on 5-8-64.

At the same time, since the Commission had specifically requested that they be advised as to any knowledge possessed by the Justice Department, a letter was sent to the Deputy Attorney General advising of the request from the President's Commission. The Director noted, "Follow up and get prompt action."

Assistant Director Evans was in contact with Mr. Katzenbach's office on May 12 and May 13. We have now received a letter dated May 13, attached, which was hand delivered from the Deputy Attorney General. In this letter he advises that a check of the files discloses no reference to an alleged letter from a high official of the Justice Department to Chief Curry or any reference that an FBI official was asked to request the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald or Ruby.

The story that appeared in the "National Enquirer" is, therefore, a complete fabrication.

ACTION:

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There is attached a letter to the President's Commission advising of the information furnished by the Deputy Attorney General and pointing out that our inquiry in this matter is now complete.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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TO : MR. SULLIVAN

DATE:

5/8/64

FROM : MR. BRANIGAN

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

The President's Commission has forwarded an article appearing in the "National Enquirer," issue of 5/17/64. In essence, the sensational article alleges that a high official of the Justice Department sent a letter to Dallas Police Chief Jesse E. Curry requesting the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald and Ruby in connection with the General Walker shooting.

The Commission requested that the Bureau interview Chief Curry concerning his knowledge of the alleged letter and also requested that the Commission be advised as to any knowledge possessed by the Justice Department or the Bureau concerning the allegations in the article.

**ACTION:**

1. SAC, Shanklin, Dallas, interviewed Chief Curry on 5/7/64. Curry emphatically stated he had never received or heard of a letter to his department from the Justice Department and that he had never been requested by any official of the FBI not to arrest Oswald or Ruby. He described the allegations as absolutely false and added that prior to the assassination neither he nor his department had ever heard of Oswald. Attached for approval is letter to Rankin advising of the interview with Curry. This letter points out that the Bureau has no information in its files concerning the alleged letter from a high official of the Justice Department, nor any reference that an FBI official was asked to request the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald or Ruby. Rankin is also advised that we are making inquiry of the Justice Department and upon receipt of the results of that inquiry the Commission will be advised.

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RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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2. In view of the Commission's specific request, there is attached a letter to the Deputy Attorney General forwarding to him a copy of the article appearing in the "National Enquirer" and advising of the request from the President's Commission to be advised as to any knowledge possessed by the Justice Department. Mr. Katzenbach is also being advised the files of this Bureau contain no reference to such an alleged letter from a high official of the Justice Department and further, that we have no knowledge that an FBI official was asked to request the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald or Ruby.

3. Upon receipt of response from Justice Department, the Commission will be advised of those results. Also upon receipt of report from the Dallas Office containing results of our interview of Chief Curry a copy of that report will be furnished to the Commission.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 13, 1964

FROM : *Wick* The Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

With reference to your memorandum of May 8, 1964, on the above-entitled subject, a check of the files of the Department of Justice discloses no reference to an alleged letter from a high official of the Justice Department to Dallas Police Chief Jesse E. Curry or any reference that an FBI official was asked to request the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald or Ruby.

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### REFERENCES

Reports of SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS, Dallas, 11/30, 12/6, 11, 14, 18, 19, 21, 31/63; 1/8, 17, 31, 2/18, 3/28, 4/3, 20/64.

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Overlap in investigative period is occasioned by the inclusion herein of miscellaneous investigation, primarily negative, not previously reported.

This report includes information relative to toll charges to telephones available to RALPH PAUL, associate of RUBY, September 26 - December 1, 1963; BRUCE CARLIN, common-law husband of "Little Lynn," November 23 - December 1, 1963, and pay station at Carousel Club, Dallas, September 26 - December 1, 1963. Administrative data relative to obtaining toll charge information is set out below:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Telephone Company</u>	<u>Telephone Employee</u>	<u>Bureau Employee</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dallas	Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Dallas, Texas	[REDACTED]	SAs MANNING C. CLEMENTS and C. RAY HALL	4/20-24/64
	Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Fort Worth, Texas	[REDACTED]	IC JAMES VON WHITE	4/22/64
	Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Arlington, Texas	[REDACTED]	SA JOSEPH M. MYERS	4/21/64
	Gulf States Telephone Company, Tyler, Texas (Maback)	[REDACTED]	SA ROBERT J. STEVENS	4/23/64
Newark	New Jersey Telephone Company, Newark, New Jersey	[REDACTED]	IC HERBERT C. MYERS	4/23/64

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<u>Office</u>	<u>Telephone Company</u>	<u>Telephone Employee</u>	<u>Bureau Employee</u>	<u>Date</u>
New York	New York Telephone Company, New York, New York	[REDACTED]	SA JAMES M. ANDERSON	4/23/64
Philadelphia	Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	SA H. MAX LOUDERMAN	4/22/64
Houston	Identification of telephone number, Galveston, Texas, previously reported in file.			

The previous file of Dallas Office referred to herein re Plastelite Company (spelled Plattelite in request of President's Commission) was ROY HERBERT BROWNING, dba Precision Aircraft Parts Company, Fort Worth, Texas, FAS, report of SA A WILLIAM D. GRIFFITH, 5/28/52, Dallas, pages 51, 52.

Information from Dun and Bradstreet records was supplied by [REDACTED] Dun and Bradstreet, Fort Worth, Texas.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS  
Date: 4/30/64

Office: DALLAS

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Title: JACK L. RUBY;  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM (Deceased)

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

## Synopsis:

JACK MARCUS, SEERWIN BRAUN and JAY BISHOV, Chicago, traveled to Havana via "Q Airlines," early Sept., 1959, saw RUBY at Tropicana Night Club. Plastelite Engineering Co. (RICHARD LLOYD ADAMS), Ft. Worth, Texas, and HERBERT EDEN, Sherman Oaks, Calif., further identified. Telephone toll charges of BRUCE CARLIN, RALPH PAUL, et al, examined. Miscellaneous information and allegations, primarily negative, reported. Allegations of RUBY - OSWALD connection not substantiated. GEORGE WILLIAM FZHENBACH, Medford, Oregon, identifies photo of SEYMOUR and CHARLOTTE CHAZIN as persons who traveled from Chicago to Muncie, Indiana, with person believed by him to have been RUBY. BLANEY MACK JOHNSON, Atlanta, Ga., identifies EDWARD J. BROWDER, FBI No. 4 840 823, as person known to him as DONALD EDWARD BROWDER, alleged associate of person believed RUBY in gun-running activities. BROWDER, inmate of FCI, Tallahassee, denies knowing JOHNSON or RUBY. Two persons named MORRIS ADELMAN deny acquaintance with RUBY.

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Date April 16, 1964

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JACK MARCUS, Attorney, 134 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised he visited Havana, Cuba, for four days and three nights early in September, 1959, during the Labor Day weekend. He stated he was accompanied on this visit by SHERWIN BRAUN and JAY BISHOV, also of Chicago, Illinois.

MARCUS informed that they traveled to Miami, Florida, in BRAUN's privately owned automobile and stayed at the Nautilus Hotel located on Collins Avenue in Miami Beach, Florida. MARCUS stated they checked out of the Nautilus Hotel the day prior to leaving for Havana, Cuba, from Key West, Florida. He explained that he and his friends knew they would be out most of the night and planned to drive to Key West, Florida, early in the morning, so they checked out of the hotel the day before leaving for Key West. After driving to Key West, Florida, they left their automobile in an adjacent parking lot and purchased tickets on the "Q" Airlines, which MARCUS described as a Cuban-owned airline. He stated further that they obtained their visas or travel permits to Cuba at the same place where they purchased their travel tickets. MARCUS stated there was little or no problem in obtaining these permits or visas, and that little background data was requested for same. He recalled that they flew to Havana in the afternoon, and that the airplane was definitely Cuban as the personnel on the plane were Cuban.

MARCUS stated he believes that it was on the third night or last night that they were in Havana, Cuba, that he saw JACK RUBY at the Tropicana Night Club. He added that he could not elaborate any further concerning this meeting other than that information furnished on November 25, 1963.

MARCUS reiterated that he is certain this visit to Havana took place over the Labor Day weekend of 1959;

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On 4/14/64 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44-645  
 by SAs RAYMOND E. STOELTING  
and LESTER K. ESAREY/rms Date dictated 4/16/64

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however, he did not recall the exact days and nights he was there. He stated that they returned to Key West, Florida, via the same airlines they had used in going over to Havana, Cuba.



Date April 16, 19641

JAY (No Middle Name) BISHOV, Attorney, business address 5152 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised he visited Havana, Cuba, for a period of four days and three nights over the Labor Day weekend of 1959. He advised he was accompanied on this visit by his friends, JACK MARCUS and SHERWIN BRAUN.

BISHOV stated that they traveled to Miami, Florida, in SHERWIN BRAUN's privately owned automobile and stayed in the Nautilus Hotel in Miami Beach while there. He stated further that they checked out of this hotel the day before leaving for Havana, Cuba, from Key West, Florida. He continued by saying that they drove from Miami Beach to Key West, Florida, where they left the automobile in a parking lot at or near the airport. He stated further that they purchased tickets from the Airways "Q" for their flight to Havana, Cuba, and also obtained their visas or travel permits at the same counter where they purchased their tickets. BISHOV advised he could not recall exactly what these visas or travel permits consisted of; however, he noted they had to furnish little background information in order to obtain them. He informed that the Airways "Q" was a Cuban airline and the personnel on the airplane were Cuban.

BISHOV stated he could not elaborate any further concerning the previous information he furnished on November 25, 1963, regarding seeing JACK RUBY at the Tropicana Night Club in Havana, Cuba.

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by SAs RAYMOND E. STOELTING  
and LESTER K. ESAREY/rms Date dictated 4/16/64

Date April 16, 19641

SHERWIN BRAUN, Architect, business address 140 East Ontario, Chicago, Illinois, advised that on the Labor Day weekend of 1959, he, accompanied by JAY BISHOV and JACK MARCUS, visited Havana, Cuba, for a period of three nights and four days. He stated they were on a Florida vacation prior to returning to their respective schools in Chicago, Illinois.

BRAUN stated he drove his privately owned automobile on this trip to Miami, Florida, and that they stayed at the Nautilus Hotel located on Collins Avenue in Miami Beach, Florida. BRAUN informed that the day after checking out of the Nautilus Hotel, they drove to Key West, Florida, and left the automobile in a lot nearby the airport at Key West, Florida. He stated further that they flew to Havana, Cuba, via the Airways "Q", a Cuban airlines, and that the personnel on the airplane were Cuban. BRAUN also stated that they obtained their visas or entry permits to Cuba at the same counter where they purchased their travel tickets. He advised he could not recall exactly what this visa or entry permit consisted of; however, he described it as a small piece of paper or document with little background information on it.

BRAUN stated he could not recall exactly what days they were in Havana, Cuba; however, he is certain it was over the Labor Day weekend of 1959. He advised that it was on the third or last night in Havana that the meeting with JACK RUBY took place at approximately 4 a.m. in the casino section of the Tropicana Night Club. He added he could not elaborate any more concerning this meeting other than the information he had furnished on November 25, 1963.

BRAUN advised he and his friends returned to Key West, Florida, via the Airways "Q", and reiterated that he is certain this was a Cuban airline.

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On April 14, 1964, at the request of IC RICHARD D. ALLEN, Mrs. JENNIE BEATO, Chief, Mail and File Unit, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Chicago, checked that agency's records for any information concerning JACK MARCUS, JAY BISHOV, and SHERWIN BRAUN. No record of any kind was found for these three individuals.

Date 4/16/64

Mrs. MANUEL QUEVEDO, Secretary, Aero Center Airlines, McAllister Hotel, advised that she and her husband formerly owned and operated an airlines known as Aerevisa Q. She said this was commonly known as the "Q" Airlines and as part of its service maintained a regular schedule between Key West, Florida, and Havana, Cuba. She related that on January 1, 1959, FIDEL CASTRO seized this airlines and she and her husband were removed from any control of the airlines. She said they never had any further management of the airlines and she has no idea what became of any records after January 1, 1959. She noted the airlines no longer is in operation.

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On 4/16/64 at Miami, Florida File # Miami 44-1412  
by SA ROBERT K. LEWIS:jkj Date dictated 4/16/64

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LOUIS POLLACK, Assistant Manager, Nautilus Hotel, 1825 Collins Avenue, advised that this hotel was closed from 1960 to 1962. He stated that when the hotel reopened, many of the old records were destroyed. He searched his old files kept in a storage room and was able to locate a box of registration cards for the years 1958 and 1959. He made a complete search of these cards, but could locate no registration under the names JACK MARCUS, JAY BISHOV or SHERWIN BRAUN. POLLACK said he had no way of determining whether or not this box of cards was complete for the years 1958 and 1959. He further advised that a check of all his records since the hotel reopened was negative for any registration in the above names.

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On 4/16/64 at Miami Beach, Florida File # Miami 44-1412  
by SA ROBERT K. LEWIS:jkj Date dictated 4/16/64

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Files of the Dallas FBI Office reflect Mr. R. L. ADAMS, President of Plastelite, 920 Foch Street, Fort Worth, Texas, was interviewed by SA FRANK J. HUDSON in 1952 in connection with an official investigation. He advised his company was formed on April 1, 1941, with ADAMS as President. At that time it appeared Plastelite was engaged at least in part in the manufacture of certain aircraft parts.

Files reflect SA EARLE HALLEY interviewed RICHARD LLOYD ADAMS, 3521 Dorothy Lane, South, Fort Worth, Texas, President of Plastelite (reported as Pastelite) Engineering Company, 920 Foch Street, Fort Worth, on December 9, 1963, in connection with this investigation. Mr. ADAMS informed his firm in August or September, 1963, began the manufacture of a small item called the "twist board" used by dancers in performing "the twist." He informed that in the latter part of September, 1963, he received a telephone call from JACK RUBY and had additional contacts with RUBY thereafter in connection with the sale and promotion of the "twist board."

In interview on November 24, 1963, JACK RUBY advised SA C. RAY HALL he had recently been trying to sell an item known as the "twist board" which is manufactured by Plasti-Lite Products, Incorporated, owned by LLOYD ADAMS of Fort Worth, Texas. The notation "Plaste-Lite, Inc., R. L. Adams, 920 Foch, Fort Worth, ED 5-1266," appeared among numerous items removed from RUBY's person by Dallas Police Department on November 24, 1963. Previous investigation has established that a number of telephone calls were made by RUBY to telephone ED 5-1266 during the period September 26, 1963, through November 22, 1963.

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Records of Dun and Bradstreet at Fort Worth, Texas, as checked by SA B. TOM CARTER on April 21, 1964, reflect that the Plastelite Engineering Company (Incorporated), is located at 920 Foch Street, Fort Worth, Texas. The officers are RICHARD LLOYD ADAMS, President; Mrs. LLOYD (MARIE S.) ADAMS, Vice President; MILLARD M. PANNILL, Vice President and Secretary, and JOHN L. ABBOTT, Vice President. The Directors are listed as the officers.

**SUMMARY:** Debt heavy. Worth primarily in fixed assets. Trade slowness continuing. Seven Federal Tax liens of record, also three judgments.

This company manufactures fabricated veneer products, including plastic table and counter tops which account for 35% of its business. It also manufactures oil field specialty items such as plastic compressor valve plates, flange installation, pipe fittings, rod padding, piston rings, and valves which account for 65% of the business. The company's sales are approximately \$100,000 per year. It employs 25 people. It owns a one-story concrete block building with about 10,000 square feet. This building is located in the industrial area of Fort Worth at 920 Foch Street.

The company was chartered under Texas laws on June 28, 1950, and provided for 2,500 shares at \$10 per share. In 1954 the capitalization was increased to \$50,000.

ADAMS, who is the President and principal owner, was born in 1900, is married, and is a native of Missouri. ADAMS was employed for several years by a life insurance company in Kansas City, Missouri, and he later worked for a wholesale house as a salesman until 1940. In 1940 he bought a one-half interest in a business then operated by the sole owner, JOHN L. ABBOTT. In 1954 he bought out ABBOTT's interest.

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The following investigation was conducted at Fort Worth, Texas, on April 21, 1964, by IC JAMES VON WHITE:

[Mr. DAVID PLUMLEY,] Identification Division, Sheriff's Office; [F. M. ALEXANDER,] Identification Division, Police Department, and [Mrs. BARBARA LEE,] Records Bureau, Police Department, all Fort Worth, Texas, stated they have no record on Mrs. RICHARD LLOYD ADAMS, MILLARD M. PANNILL, or JOHN L. ABBOTT. [Mr. PLUMLEY and Mr. ALEXANDER] had no record for RICHARD LLOYD ADAMS. However, [Mrs. BARBARA LEE,] Records Bureau, Police Department, stated her records reflected that RICHARD LLOYD ADAMS, white male, age 59, born October 17, 1903, at Forney, Texas, was arrested at 5300 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, on September 20, 1963, at 3:45 a.m., on a charge of disturbing the peace and using abusive language. Her records reflected he was released on the same day after he put up a cash bond in the amount of \$40. No disposition was shown.

On April 21, 1964, [Operator 96,] Retail Merchants Credit Association, Fort Worth, stated their records reflected that RICHARD LLOYD ADAMS, wife MARIE S., Post Office Box 412, resides at 3521 Dorothy Lane in Fort Worth. He has been part owner and Vice President since 1938 of the Plastelite Engineering Company. He owes several past due accounts and his credit rating is not satisfactory.

On April 21, 1964, [Operator 96,] Retail Merchants Credit Association, Fort Worth, stated she had no record on JOHN L. ABBOTT.

On April 21, 1964, [Operator 105,] Retail Merchants Credit Association, stated that MILLARD M. PANNILL, wife JOYCE, resides at 6609 Sheridan Road. He is listed as Secretary and Treasurer of the Plastelite Engineering Company. He has been in their files since May 21, 1947, and has a satisfactory credit rating.



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The following notations appeared in the effects of JACK L. RUBY, taken from his person following his arrest by Dallas, Texas Police Department, November 24, 1963:

"TU 3-7718, Herb Eden, 928 N. Clarke,  
Los Angeles, California, OL 2-3849."

Investigation has previously established a station to station telephone call was made from Dallas telephone WH 1-5601, 223 S. Ewing, Apartment 207, Dallas (residence of JACK RUBY) on October 19, 1963, at 3:53 a.m., duration 32 minutes, to telephone OL 2-3849, Beverly Hills, California. It has been established through telephone company records the above telephone was listed to HERBERT EDEN, 928 Clarke Street, Beverly Hills, as of the date of the call.

In interview November 28, 1963, HERBERT EDEN, then residing at 3846 Beverly Ridge Drive, Sherman Oaks, California, advised he had moved a few days previously from 928 Clarke Street, Los Angeles, where he had telephone number OL 2-3849. He identified himself as a comedian who had appeared at the Colony Club, Dallas, in October, 1962, and again in late 1962 or early 1963. He professed to have met RUBY during his first booking at the Colony Club which was located near the Carousel Club operated by RUBY. He stated he had received a telephone call from RUBY about two weeks prior to interview at which time RUBY attempted to engage EDEN to perform at RUBY's club.

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ROBERT DUPUY, membership clerk, American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA), 6636 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, advised SA JOHN M. CASHEL on April 20, 1964 as follows:

HERBERT EDEN, 3846 Beverly Ridge Drive, Sherman Oaks, California, classified as a master of ceremonies, comic-burlesque, was a previous member of AGVA, and rejoined in May, 1962. His social security number is 119-24-7570, his age 31, weight 165, height 5 feet 9 inches, and he has hazel eyes and black hair. He is currently employed at the Body Shop on Sunset Strip in Hollywood, and his file does not indicate he has used any other name. His main file is at AGVA headquarters, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, New York.

WILLIAM FEINSTEIN, partner, York Club, 7210 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised SA PHILLIP B. DEILY as follows on April 23, 1964:

He has been affiliated with the York Club, a cocktail lounge and burlesque house, for nineteen years. HERBERT EDEN, whom he has known for about six years, has worked for him at the York Club intermittently as a master of ceremonies for approximately one year over the past five years. He has only occasional contact with EDEN currently, who is presently employed at the Body Shop, a burlesque spot, on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood.

EDEN is a person of average ability, dependable and of good character. He has never had any reason to question EDEN's loyalty, and EDEN does not drink. He (EDEN) never seems to have very much money, but this may be partly due to the fact that his wife was seriously injured in an automobile accident several years ago, and the resulting medical expenses were very heavy. He considers EDEN to be a normal, average type individual and a good citizen.

Records at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and at the Los Angeles Police Department were checked on April 20, 1964 by IC PAUL H. CHAMBERLAIN, JR. No record identifiable with HERBERT EDEN, 3846 Beverly Ridge Drive, Sherman Oaks, California, was located.