

JACK RUBY DALLAS



Il signor

Mia. Presto tutto  
alberca al pin presto  
con kento e presto Pro com

Maria

Quesime luthi

questa lettera: per favore  
contate e fare vedere a Dallas  
dopo curato la buca  
e favore vedere quale due  
guardie, non dare nulla  
di più. Il ministro al pubblica  
dovrebbe lenano e come kento of the

Care Ruby e Dolly

As ricordo sempre come  
sempre lo so per la  
morte del Brandenberg!

Kennedy non centra  
nessuno / nessuno lo  
ha ucciso - quando cerca

un giorno, non tanto  
lontano, che lo vedremo  
vicino a Kennedy assieme  
con un'altra persona e  
lo so dove si trova, il  
e meglio e ti lasciano  
liberi al più presto e  
venire a Milano come

contato di persone rubate  
tutto se tu vieni a Milano  
abbiamo Ca' D'Adda  
Robb dove mi aspettato tu  
e Tim Morris devi andare  
a cercare quella donna perché  
in centro e Tim Morris  
non è morto, ma come  
devi fare presto, prima che  
possa farlo o farlo  
devi andare in Red Robb  
e D'Adda e con due  
guardie e cercare prima  
premetti e mostrami se tu puoi  
dovete fare presto di fare  
questo perché ho detto.

Per carità, anche se il  
di profonda in sede  
vento può darsi, nel frattempo  
e il proprio se non si  
mente e meglio la  
la Bucca a Pente e  
un recinto e lasciate  
libero quel uomo, se lo  
dovete vedere, da compagni  
a Milano ~~et~~ non credere

Nulla noto e libero puo andare  
dove vuole, se dovete prendere  
qualcosa lasciate fare lui.  
che lui sa quel che deve fare  
attendendo le vostre iniziative al  
sua pente, cioè Robb e Dallas  
e altri, e tutti con Srame  
tutti: Emelio, Mario, Srame  
Via Cesare da Sesto  
Stefano Milano

SAC, Dallas (44-1639)

May 13, 1964

Director, FBI (44-24016) - 1457

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REGISTERED MAIL

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

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Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated 5/5/64.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

Returned herewith.

1 - Mr. Rosen (Attention: Mr. McGowan), sent direct with enclosures (4)

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TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH

Envelope addressed to Mr. Ruby, "prisoner in Dallas,"  
America, and postmarked Paris, France, March 25, 1964.

Paris, March 24, 1964

Dear Sir:

I hope to God that these few words will reach your hands and help your heart in your sorrow. You are a prisoner of human injustice. You have killed because of love and nobody understood you. The gesture was not royal, but the thought was a noble one and because of that, I am with you with all my heart. May my thoughts help you bear your Calvary and may God, the Great Master of Justice, help you.

I am His humble servant, His favorite "thorn."

I love everybody in the world. I love the generations of all centuries whether good or bad. I love them all. There are no bad men on earth but only bad principles which must be abolished by relying on one's heart. Everything must be built on the heart. Without the heart, everything is nothing; there is only defeat and human drifting.

Yes, I understand every man and every single case, but I belong to God and, above all, to Jesus Whom I love over and above anything else. I ask His noble, simple and royal heart to allow this letter to reach you. Soon there will not be any more jails, or penitentiaries, or death. Death is cruel, no matter how it comes.

God, our Great Lord, will make a marvel of the earth because all men deserve a reward. They have all worked and suffered.

God cries tears of blood because of the maladroitness of man. He asks for simplicity and goodness. He does not ask for more.

God will give us His reward, but we must avoid the path of hatred and war and take the path of love and forgiveness. This path is full of flowers and smiles. It leads to the true and enduring happiness of the world.

The path of vengeance scares me terribly.

TRANSLATED BY:  
RAFFAELE A. VACCARI:blh  
May 13, 1964

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Keep up your courage, sir. I think of you and your companions.  
May my thoughts help you overcome the ordeal. I urge you to be courageous  
with all my heart.

A servant of God and of mankind. A little flower in the fields.

Your Violet of Victory

TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH

(Translation of an enclosure in French to a letter to the  
Editor of the New York Times, New York, New York, U. S. A.).

102 Boulevard Tour Maubourg  
Paris VII, France  
March 15, 1964

Dear Sir:

I am anxious to send you a few words of consolation because those who have followed your trial must be indignant about your sentence. Every man who has a single drop of humility in his heart and a little bit of idealism cannot remain untouched either by great and well-deserved joys or by great and little-deserved sorrows.

If the Texas sentence will be carried out - and I do not believe so - you will go down in universal history as the man who chose to avenge the death of the greatest President America ever had because of his devotion to and love for mankind; a President who was brutally assassinated. History without a doubt will teach that you were unjustly sentenced. We know that you have acted under the shock of an emotion which temporarily shrouded your reason. But we think that even if you acted in perfect lucidity, you had absolutely no motive of interest and must not be classed with other criminals whose gesture is motivated by personal greed.

I am a blind woman, but I would like to have enough strength to cry out loud for the whole world to hear how cruel and unjust your sentence is. Believe me, when one is alone, one lives in less solitude than ever because, instead of a family or a circle of friends and acquaintanceships, one lives with the whole of mankind which becomes a family of which one is a member. The life of each man is important and one feels about it as about the life of a brother or a sister.

I am particularly anxious to express all my sympathy in hopes that the United States, which is believed to be a democratic country, instead of going back and degenerating, will maintain at least a reasonable level of morality and humanity in its institutions. I feel sure there are hundreds and hundreds of thousands of people who think like me.

TRANSLATED BY:  
RAFFAELE A. VACCARI:blh  
May 13, 1964

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Compassion is the greatest of all spiritual forces and the number of the people who are thinking of you increases this force and we hope that it shall not be in vain.

Best wishes,

Miss Anna Ambroze.

TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN

Envelope addressed to Mr. Jack Rubinstein, "In Prison,"  
Dallas, Texas, U. S. A., and postmarked Schwenningen a. Neckar,  
April 8, 1964, 7 P. M.

The communication is addressed:

To the District Criminal Court of  
Dallas, Texas

Schwenningen a. Neckar, March 12, 1964

Subject: The "Ruby" Case

Gentlemen:

Please set Ruby free. He and I are in the same business.  
We are all convinced of his innocence because he acted out of sheer  
patriotism (sic) for his beloved President Kennedy.

We are convinced that under the same shock and emotional  
upheaval etc., about the horrible assassination of the President, we  
would have acted exactly in the same manner.

With best and heartfelt wishes for a prompt release and a happy  
1964 Easter, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Signed:

Ewald-Louis Rohrbach

This communication is written on letterhead stationery reading:

"Zum Paradies" (In Heaven) Inn and Wine Restaurant.  
Ewald Rohrbach, Owner.  
Talstrasse 26  
Schwenningen a. Neckar

TRANSLATED BY:  
RAFFAELE A. VACCARI:blh  
May 11, 1964

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TRANSLATION FROM ITALIAN

Airmail envelope addressed to Mr. Jack Ruby, Dallas,  
(Texas), U. S. A., postmarked Milan, Italy, March 14 (?), 1964.

Milan, (no date)

(Translator's Remark: The Italian of this letter is extremely ungram-  
matical and incoherent.)

Dear Ruby and Dallas:

I remember. I know it and always did. As far as the death  
of President Kennedy is concerned, nobody is involved. Nobody, nobody  
killed him. One day, not too far in the future, he will come. We shall  
see him, living. Kennedy will be with another person. I know where he  
is.

They should release you soon and let you come to Milan to me.

Do you remember, Ruby, when we sang together? I remember  
everything. Come to Milan together with Dallas.

Ruby, there is a man where you were buried. You must go  
and dig up that grave because the man there is not dead. He is asleep.  
You must hurry. You must not be late. You must go, Ruby and Dallas,  
with two guards. You must dig to a depth of three and one-half yards.  
You must hurry. This is what I say.

Do as I say as soon as you receive this letter. You, Dallas and  
the two guards must go to the place I mentioned. Tell Ruby's lawyer to  
fire the last rounds of ammunition and go to that spot.

Do it right away and come here, to Milan, to my house. Do  
not say anything about Kennedy. Keep quiet, otherwise he dies altogether.

One day, when least expected, we shall see Kennedy.

But the two of you and the third man, the one in the grave where  
you, Ruby, were, must come here; the three of you; to my house.

TRANSLATED BY:  
RAFFAELE A. VACCARI:blh  
May 12, 1964

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Just as you did, many other people have come back to this world; resuscitated.

If the three yards of depth are not enough because of the wind, maybe you have to go seven yards deep. If you do not find anything, it is best to leave the hole open and put a fence around it.

Set that man free, if you should see him. Escort him to Milan and do not ask for anything. Set him free and let him go wherever he pleases. If he should take something, let him. He knows what he must do.

I am looking forward to your visit as soon as possible. So long Ruby and Dallas. This is all. I thank everybody.

Mario (?) Sinello  
Via Cesare da Sesto No. 7  
Milan, Italy

P. S.

See you soon. Embraces. Lots of love and kisses.

María (?)

You must carry this letter with you and let Dallas see it after digging the hole. Also let the two guards see it. Say nothing about Kennedy in public. Write if you will soon come to Milan.

TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN

Airmail letter to Miss Jack Ruby (sic), Night Club Owner,  
Dallas, Texas, U. S. A., postmarked Bremerhaven, Germany,  
March 24, 1964.

The return address reads:

~~Eberhard Birk~~  
Hauptstrasse 23,  
2179 Ahlen-Falkenbert ueber Otterndorf  
Germany

Ahlen-Falkenbert, March 22, 1964

To Mr. Belli  
Lawyer  
Dallas

(This line has been changed to read: "To Mrs. Jack Ruby"  
with the following explanation at the bottom of the page: "The change  
was made when I learned that you now have another lawyer. Perhaps this  
letter will be of some use to him.")

Subject: Mr. Ruby's Sentence

Dear Mr. Belli (Dear Mrs. Ruby):

As a great admirer of the tragical assassination of President  
Kennedy (sic), I would like to urge you to motion for an acquittal of  
Mr. Ruby without any penalty whatsoever.

Almost all of Germany honors President Kennedy and almost  
all of Germany is for the release of Mr. Ruby.

To this, I would like to add that the killer of a man of the caliber  
of President Kennedy does not deserve to live a single second. Why should  
one carry on in such a fashion about such a murderer as Oswald? It is  
perfectly clear that he was the murderer even if he never admitted to it.

No nation in the world has admired President Kennedy as much as  
the German people and that is why Mr. Ruby must be released. He did the  
right thing and he is not a murderer. Oswald did not deserve to live any more  
because he had assassinated President Kennedy.

TRANSLATED BY:  
RAFFAELE A. VACCARI:blh  
May 12, 1964

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How many brave American soldiers must lay down their lives in the performance of their duty? Where are the judges against the assassins?

What right has Russia to shoot down the airplanes of pilots who made a just mistake? Human beings are killed; where are the judges? It happened only once in the history of the world that there should live so beloved and honored a man as President Kennedy and if Mr. Ruby shot Oswald, it is fair and just that he did because, I wish to repeat, Assassin Oswald did not deserve to live any more.

Dear Mr. Belli, in addition to all of this, I would like to ask for your advice as to whether I should address a similar petition to President Johnson. Please let me hear from you in this respect.

In fact, I would like to repeat to him that Mr. Ruby must be set free. If I say so, it is because Oswald was shot by a man who had the best interests of millions of human beings at heart. Perhaps this petition of mine may help you get something going which will succeed in securing his release. In fact, a death sentence against Ruby must not and cannot be executed.

I ask you not to publicize my name. I am a humble but honest businessman. Instead of my name, just say: "a German."

Looking forward to hearing from you, I extend my very best regards and remain

Sincerely yours,

Signed:

Eberhard Birk

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: May 13, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY, AKA.  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Chief Curry of the Dallas Police Department advised on 5/7/64 that he had received information from one George Carter, a reporter of the "Dallas Times Herald," to the effect that Ruby had at one time sent a gun to Lewis J. McWillie and that McWillie had returned the gun to Ruby. Carter allegedly received this information from one [redacted] who also reportedly told Carter that if Carter would help him out of a 30-day conviction sentence on policy making in Texas he would give Carter "a real story" as to Ruby's connection with McWillie.

Lewis J. McWillie was interviewed on 11/25/63 in connection with the Ruby investigation. He is an associate of Ruby and is a professional gambler presently operating in Las Vegas, Nevada. He formerly operated the Tropicana Club in Havana, Cuba, and Ruby admittedly visited McWillie in Havana in 1959. McWillie, when interviewed, advised that Ruby had visited him when he was in Cuba in 1959 and he also admitted that Ruby had sent him a gun from Ray's Hardware Store, Dallas, 5/10/63, where Ruby bought the gun with which he killed Oswald. McWillie did not accept delivery of the gun and it was returned to Ray's Hardware.

[redacted] is a well-known gambling figure in Las Vegas, Nevada, and is subject of a Bureau anti-racketeering case. He was previously convicted of Federal income tax evasion and is presently out on bond. [redacted] was also previously interviewed and appeared cooperative. He professed not to know Ruby. Dallas by airtel 5/8/64 requested that Las Vegas reinterview [redacted] regarding the alleged statements he made to George Carter. Las Vegas has recommended that in view of the fact that Carter made the allegation which instigates the reinterview of [redacted] that Dallas interview Carter for specific facts of his conversation with [redacted] and the exact statements made by [redacted].

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

ACTION:

Dallas will interview Carter for facts of his conversation with [redacted] to include the date of his contact with [redacted] and exact statements made by [redacted]. Upon receipt of the results of the interview with Carter Las Vegas will interview Binion and fully resolve the allegation. The results will be promptly furnished to the President's Commission.

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TO : J. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5-12-64

FROM : T. A. Branigan

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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

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*Malley*

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On May 7, 1964, the Dallas Office forwarded by urgent teletype the results of an interview with Dallas Police Chief Curry which was conducted on that day. This interview was conducted at the request of the President's Commission following an article which appeared in the "National Enquirer" alleging that a high official of the Justice Department sent a letter to Dallas Police Chief Curry requesting the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald and Ruby in connection with the General Walker shooting.

In the interview Chief Curry emphatically stated that he never received or heard of a letter from the Justice Department and he was never requested by any official of the FBI not to arrest Oswald or Ruby. Chief Curry described the allegation as absolutely false.

The Dallas teletype concluded that unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau the results of the interview would not be included in a report or a letterhead memorandum. The Director noted, "Of course it must be in a report so we can send it to the Commission."

On May 8 SAC Shanklin was telephonically instructed to include the interview of Chief Curry in an FD-302 as an insert in the next investigative report to be submitted by the Dallas Office in their investigation of the Oswald case. SAC Shanklin noted that the complete results of the interview were incorporated in the urgent teletype sent to the Bureau, and he was of the belief that the Bureau would send the results to the President's Commission by letter.

The results of the interview of Chief Curry were incorporated in a letter which was sent to the Honorable J. Leo Rankin of the President's Commission on May 8, 1964. The Commission is, therefore, cognizant and their files reflect the denial by Chief Curry that a letter was sent to him requesting the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald and Ruby.

ACTION: This is for information.

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*10 MAY 1964*

**PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION  
ON THE  
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MAY 12 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Commission would like the Bureau to conduct a limited background investigation of Officer J. D. Tippit of the Dallas Police Department, who was killed by Lee Harvey Oswald on November 22, 1963.

In the course of this investigation we would like the Bureau to do the following:

- (1) Obtain a copy of the personnel file of Officer Tippit maintained by the Dallas Police Department for the use of the Commission.
- (2) Interview Sgt. C. B. Owens, Oak Cliff Station, and other officers with personal knowledge regarding Officer Tippit's assignments, reputation and associates. In this respect we would like to know whether the absence of any promotions since October 28, 1953 (see Report of Manning C. Clements, dated December 14, 1963, at pp. 43-44) reveals that he was an above average, average, or below average patrolman in the Dallas Police Department.
- (3) Interview Mrs. Tippit regarding the interests and associations of her late husband.
- (4) Interview those persons identified as Officer Tippit's closest associates outside the Police Department regarding his interests, attitudes, leisure activities, and general background.

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In the course of each of these interviews, as well as any others which you believe are appropriate, we would like the Bureau to inquire whether Officer Tippit had any associations with Lee Harvey Oswald or Jack L. Ruby. As I am sure you are aware, this request is designed to obtain certain basic information which can be relied upon to refute unfounded allegations which have developed in the course of this investigation.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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TO DIRECTOR, (44-24016) AND DALLAS (44-1639)

FROM LAS VEGAS (44-48) (P) 2P

JACK L. RUBY, <sup>also known as</sup> AKA, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA-VICTIM. <sup>Civil Rights</sup> CR.

RE DALLAS AIRTEL TO BUREAU, MAY EIGHT INSTANT.

[REDACTED] AKA AND LEWIS J. MC WILLIE, BOTH LAS VEGAS, PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED RE THIS MATTER AND BOTH APPEARED COOPERATIVE. *P*

[REDACTED] FOR ABOUT PAST FIFTEEN YEARS BIG GAMBLING FIGURE, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, AND SUBJECT LAS VEGAS CASE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BUFILE [REDACTED] PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED FEDERAL INCOME TAX EVASION AND PRESENTLY OUT ON BOND. GOVERNMENT CLAIMS [REDACTED] STILL OWES SIXTY SIX DAYS PRISON TIME.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE AND THAT GEORGE CARTER, REPORTER DALLAS TIMES HERALD, DALLAS, TEXAS, REPORTEDLY MADE ALLEGATION WHICH MAY 18 1964 INSTIGATES RE-INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] IT IS RECOMMENDED CARTER BE INTERVIEWED TO ASCERTAIN EXACT FACTS OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED] AS TO DATE OF CONTACT AND EXACT STATEMENTS MADE BY [REDACTED]

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MR. DIRECTOR FOR THE DIRECTOR

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DALLAS INTERVIEW CARTER. INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] BEING  
HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL ALLEGATIONS BY CARTER CLARIFIED, -UACB.  
Unless Advised to Contrary by Bureau

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CC-MR. ROSEN

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
**Memorandum**

**TO :** Mr. Belmont *EB*  
**DATE:** May 13, 1964  
**FROM :** A. Rosen *AR*  
**SUBJECT:** JACK L. RUBY, AKA.  
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The President's Commission by letter April 3, 1964, requested that we furnish them with any information from our files concerning the Triangle Manufacturing Company, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and any information available to this Bureau concerning a Mr. A. Hillenbrandt of East Rochester, New York. From information available in our files and a check of records, public sources and officials of the Triangle Manufacturing Company, the company was fully identified as a manufacturer of sleeve bearings and a "Lazy Susan" bearing which is used in heating air-conditioning and ventilating units. Mr. A. Hillendrandt could not be identified from our files or local directories and sources in East Rochester, New York. We did identify one Austin Hildebrandt who resided in the Rochester area who was known to have been employed as manager of the Hooper Holmes Bureau in 1951 and by the Davenport Machine Tool Company in 1959. Information developed regarding the Triangle Manufacturing Company and Austin Hildebrandt was furnished to the Commission by letter dated April 20, 1964.

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The President's Commission by letter May 11, 1964, stated that it would appear that Triangle Manufacturing Company may have supplied some parts for the "twist board" promoted by Jack Ruby in the fall of 1963 and requested that we conduct investigation to determine if they did supply such parts and to obtain photographs. They also pointed out that on the basis of further information available to the Commission A. Hillenbrandt is identical to Abraham Hollebrandt, East Rochester, New York, and requested that we conduct similar investigation on Hollebrandt as that previously requested on Hillenbrandt.

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It is noted that previous investigation has developed that the "twist board" promoted by Ruby was manufactured by the Plastelite Engineering Company of Fort Worth, Texas. That company is engaged

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

in the manufacture of fabricated veneer products, plastic table and counter tops and oil field specialty items such as plastic compressor valves and pipe fittings.

ACTION

(1) The Dallas Office will be instructed to contact the Plastelite Company to determine if Triangle Manufacturing Company furnished any parts for the "twist board," obtain a sample of a "twist board" if possible, and if not, to obtain photographs of the item with a full description.

(2) The Buffalo Office will be instructed to identify Abraham Hollebrandt and submit for the Commission any information available from their files, public records or reliable sources of their office concerning him.

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MAY 11 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Pennsylvania Ave. & 9th St. N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of April 20, 1964 in which your Bureau has forwarded certain information in connection with the Triangle Mfg. Company, Oshkosh, Wisconsin and Mr. A. Hillenbrandt.

Other information available to the Commission indicates that Mr. A. Hillenbrandt is identical to Abraham Hollebrandt, who resided at 1825 Clark Road, East Rochester, New York prior to July 23, 1963. Mr. Hollebrandt had telephone service at number LO-2-4390, which service was disconnected in East Rochester on July 23, 1963. We would appreciate your pursuing your investigation as requested in our letter of April 3, 1964 with respect to Mr. Hollebrandt based on the above information.

From the information provided by your agency with respect to the Triangle Mfg. Company, it would appear that Triangle may have supplied some of the parts used in the "Twist Board" being promoted by Jack Ruby in the fall of 1963. From the information given by the Triangle Mfg. Company in Oshkosh, it would seem that an examination of one of Mr. Ruby's Twist Boards would reveal whether or not Triangle was a supplier of parts for that apparatus. We would appreciate your conducting an appropriate investigation in that respect and supplying photographs where feasible.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

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FBI DALLAS

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM DALLAS 100-10461 IP

INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSIA

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA; IS-R-CUBA.

*Blanton*  
*Ruby*  
*Mal...*

RETELCALL FROM SECTION CHIEF WM. A. BRANIGAN THIS DATE, REFERRING TO LETTER FROM PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION, AND ASKING THAT CHIEF OF POLICE JESSE E. CURRY, DALLAS, BE INTERVIEWED RE AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE MAY SEVENTEEN, SIXTYFOUR, ISSUE OF NATIONAL ENQUIRER. CURRY WAS INTERVIEWED TODAY BY ME AND SA VINCENT E. J. DRAIN. THE ARTICLE WAS EXHIBITED TO HIM. HE READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE, AND STATED THAT (1) HE AND HIS DEPARTMENT HAD NEVER HEARD OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION; (2) THE DALLAS PD HAD INVESTIGATED THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF MAJOR GEN. EDWIN A. WALKER, BUT THAT OSWALD HAD NEVER BEEN CONSIDERED AS A SUSPECT; (3) HE HAD NO INFORMATION LINKING RUBY AND OSWALD TO THE PLOT TO ASSASSINATE GEN. WALKER; (4) CHIEF CURRY VERY EMPHATICALLY STATED HE HAD NEVER RECEIVED OR HEARD OF A LETTER TO HIS DEPT FROM THE JUSTICE DEPT; (5) HE HAD NEVER BEEN REQUESTED BY ANY OFFICIAL OF THE FBI NOT TO ARREST OSWALD OR RUBY. HE CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO TRUTH WHATSOEVER TO THE ALLEGATIONS MADE IN THIS ARTICLE.

*Lindy*  
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UACB NO LETTERHEAD MEMO WILL BE SUBMITTED, NOR WILL THIS BE INCLUDED IN SUBSEQUENT REPORT.

MAY 18 1964

MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

END SAC Shanklin instructed in OS check in report

FBI WASH DC 5/8/64  
CC-MR SULLIVAN

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May 8, 1964

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

*Jack Ruby*

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 5, 1964, which enclosed an article from the May 17, 1964, issue of the "National Enquirer."

Dallas Police Chief Jesse E. Curry was interviewed on May 4, 1964, at which time this article was exhibited to him. Chief Curry read the entire article after which he advised as follows:

Prior to the assassination of President Kennedy, neither he nor his Department had ever heard of Lee Harvey Oswald. The Dallas Police Department investigated the attempted shooting of General Walker but Oswald had never been considered as a suspect and Curry had no information linking Oswald and Ruby to the plot to shoot General Walker. Chief 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. Chief Curry concluded by repeating that there is absolutely no truth to the allegations made in this article.

The files of this Bureau contain no reference to an alleged letter from a high official of the Justice Department to Dallas Police Chief Jesse E. Curry requesting the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald and Ruby in connection with the attempted shooting of General Walker. The files of this Bureau do not contain any reference that any FBI official was asked to request the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald or Ruby.

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

In accordance with your request, we have requested the Justice Department to advise whether the files of that Department contain any information concerning the allegations contained in the "National Enquirer" article. Upon receipt of the Department's response, you will be immediately advised.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE:

See memorandum Mr. Branigan to Mr. Sullivan, dated 5-9-64 captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald, IS - R - Cuba, prepared by WJ:kr:pa.

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Date: 5/13/64

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL C (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO DIRECTOR FBI (44-24016)  
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FROM SAC DALLAS (44-1639)

SUBJECT JACK L. RUBY, aka;  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka - VICTIM  
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Enclosed are reproduced copies of an envelope and three page letter in the Hungarian language which have been received by RUBY at Dallas County Jail and has been designated No. 2351 by the Dallas Sheriff's Office.

Please furnish translation and return enclosed material with translation.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
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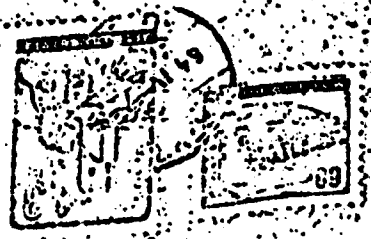
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Mr. Jack Ruby, Dallas

Texas, U. S. A.

Igen tisztolt Mister Ruby!

Kérem, ne hagyjon meg, hogy közvetlenül levélben fordulok Önhöz. Az egész világ figyelmével kísértó perének tárgyalását, Önt a tizenkéttagú Esküdtesek --- egyhangulag halálra ítélte, ... Lie Oswald meggyilkolása miatt.

A gyilkosság maga --- szemre tény. Elkövetése megnevezhető történet nem tehető. A teljes igazságot az ügyben Ön ismeri legjobban. A továbbiak tisztán --- paragrafusbeli formásoknak látszanak.

Lie Oswald meghalt az Ön kezétől Mister Jack Ruby.

Lehet, hogy ő nem az első volt áldozatai közül, lehet, hogy az utolsó --- olyan ember volt Lie Oswald --- aki az Ön kezétől közvetlenül, vagy ... közvetve meghalt.

Mister Ruby Önnek szívesen kell volna lelkiismeretével.

En iszonyatosan írva Önnek --- szeretném ezt a szívetét, vagy még inkább, egyezkedést --- Önnek lelkiismeretével, szeretném az Ön részére megkönnyíteni.

Ön tettét --- bármilyen súlyos is az egyébként --- önvédelemből követő el. Az életéért ön timadt fel lélektanilag Önben... és ennek súlya alatt --- Lie Oswaldnak, meg kellett halnia.

Szeretném ha Ön, Mister Ruby --- elkerülhetné a Villamoszékot. És szívesen volna lelkiismeretével, ... és egyezkedve lelkiismeretével --- az eddigigél eltérő életformával töltés el, mint becsületes ember életének hátralevő részét, és ez a végzetes tette --- mint fordulópont szerepelhetne --- Mister Jack Ruby --- Életrajzában.

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zetes utra, amely a to...biakten...és oszmények ré...ként --- Lie  
Oszald lalvésséhez vezettek. Az Ön gyermekora Mister Ruby --- és  
szokoru. Talán később ezt Ön, sietott elfelejteni, de most, mint a dolgok...  
végső kimenetelének ismeretében --- már van, és lesz is módja azt új-  
ra és újra végiggondolni.

Először bizonyára más emberek: eszközöként jutott a Végzet ű  
Ösvényére --- később már mások jutottak eszközként az Ön közébe. Az  
ez Óriási Haló, amelyben Ön csak léncszem volt...és ma sem több annál ---  
Önt lelkiismereti fogolyként sodorta, egészen a Villamoszék árnyékába.

Önök Mister Ruby, vássza kell lélekből mennie --- gyermekkor-  
nak sívra tájaira és ott --- most már egész életének ismeretében ---  
megkell állnia és szembenéznie Önmagával --- Önönnyel.

Önök Mister Ruby megkell, binnia, hogy Lie Oszaldot ---  
ezt a szerencsétlen "Patkányt" megölte. Megkell binnia éppen úgy, mint...  
visszafelé nézve gyermekkoráig --- mindazokat a tetteit, amelyek Ön-  
nek, és az űnhöz hasonló szerencsétlen embertársaink --- annyi kárt,  
és szenvedést okoztak. űnt, csakis ez mentheti meg a Villamoszékétől. És...  
tudja űnt visszaszáni űnmagának és egyszer talán a társadalomnak.

Örüljön annak Mister Ruby, hogy a tizenkét esküdt űnt elítélte.  
Az ítélet az Ön nevére szólt ugyan, de... --- mégna ezt végre is haj-  
tanék --- a valóságos vádlottakat --- Ön a vádlottak padján...  
csak képviselte.

Önök Mister Ruby --- megkell binnia, hogy megölte ---  
Lie Oszaldot, aki feltéhetően űnnek társa, ismerőse, vagy éppen barátja is  
volt. Társa lehetett az előzményekben, vagy enyhőbben kifejezve, ismerőse  
volt az időben --- de annál is több...testvére volt űnnek, és űnnek  
lett volna lehetősége --- vigyázni is rá, hiszen űn tudja, hogyan vá-

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lik végzetté --- Elnöknek eszközként történő... és fel-  
használták.

Lelkőnek csanájében üljön le Ön --- szentől számba...  
a gyermek Jack Rubinsteinnel --- akinek nem volt, mert nem lehetett...  
meleg családi otthona --- és nem volt aki szeresse. A gyermek Jack ---  
megmondja majd Önnek Mister Ruby --- mit kell tennie, hogy élhessen,  
jobb emberként, mint addig --- és mindent jóvá teheszen nemcsak Lie  
Oswald családjának... halálával kapcsolatban és károsító Édesanyjával a  
szemben, hanem a --- többi "Jack Rubinsteinnel is" és azok gyermek-  
éveiben, akiknek nincs... az Ön gyermekéveihez hasonlóan meleg családi ott-  
honuk --- és nincs aki őket szeresse és védelmezze a "Dzsungeltől."

Ön Mister Ruby mindent tud az életről. Tudja, hol ciklanak az  
embercsoportok a végzetes utra, tudja azt, hogy a nagy hűlő, hogyan fakszik  
béklyóként a társadalom lelkiismeretére és erkölcsi csejőre. Ön nemcsak  
vidottja lett, hanem egy személyben bírja is saját társadalmának. Az Ön  
erkölcsi nagysága --- még a lehetőségek határára békli nyugszik...  
mélyen elhelyezve, az Ön --- igenis meglévő lelkiismeretében.

Önnek fel kell emelkednie önmaga fölé, és az az ítélet ---  
anelyet, mint bírja --- az Ön által tökéletesen ismert életnek ---  
kiszatra önitélet jellegével is bírni... tegye azt meg bátran, mert ma,  
Önnek ez a Hivatása. Ön át lépve saját halálos ítéletén --- mondjon ki  
sorsdöntő ítéletet, mindenkire, lent és fent egyaránt és egyaránt köppen...  
érvényesít --- és kilépve a Villamos szók Árnjából --- Ön csak  
így élhet és lehet... tétlenek elcigare még boldog ez a mulandó Földön.

Hogy a Lie Oswald életét kioltó Jack Ruby --- költő...  
leheszen az az szarnyi sebből vérző --- a gyermek Jack Rubin-  
steinné.

1964 Aprilis 6-án

Tisztelettel köszönti:

*Bárcegyi Lajos Antal*  
Bárcegyi Lajos Antal, Veszprém, Hungary.



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SAC, Washington Field

May 15, 1964

Director, FBI (44-24016) *1461*

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JACK L. RUBY, aka;  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka -  
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REGISTERED MAIL

Enclosed is certain foreign language material:

Copies of an envelope addressed to Jack Ruby and  
accompanying three-page letter in Hungarian, received from  
Dallas by airtel dated 5/13/64.

This material should be processed as indicated below:

Full translation within 24 hours upon receipt by your office.

Following disposition should be made of enclosure and  
translation:

Both to Dallas, copy of the translation to the Bureau,  
attention FBI Annex.

If the results of your review are not furnished the Seat of  
Government, in accordance with instructions set forth above, then the  
office initiating the request, to which translation is made available  
by you, has the responsibility of appropriately notifying the Bureau  
of any pertinent information contained therein.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: 5/19/64

FROM : *AD* LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-3702) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
IS - R - CUBA

ENCLOSURES:

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are the following:

1. One Xerox copy of a "Secret" letterhead memorandum captioned "Assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963." The foregoing memorandum consists of eleven pages of text and two pages captioned "Exhibits."
2. One Xerox copy of a "Secret" letterhead memorandum captioned "JACK L. RUBY, aka Jack Leon Ruby, Jack Rubenstein; Murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, November 24, 1963." The foregoing letterhead memorandum consists of seventeen pages.
3. Two Xerox copies of an "Unclassified" Legal Attache memorandum to the Ambassador dated December 3, 1963, and entitled "Assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, November 22, 1963, at Dallas, Texas."

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REFERENCES:

Bureau cable #87 dated 5/13/64; Bureau cable #68 dated 4/30/64.

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Mexico City airtel dated 5/7/64.

Letter to Director dated 4/24/64 from the President's Commission General Counsel J. LEE RANKIN.

Mexico City letterhead memorandum and cover letter dated 5/7/64.

BACKGROUND DATA:

In accordance with Bureau instructions, the enclosed material is being forwarded to the Bureau as portions of the "dossier" to which the President's Commission General Counsel's letter makes reference and which is presumed to be in the possession of Assistant Secretary of State and former Ambassador to Mexico THOMAS MANN.

With respect to item #3, it is pointed out that the memorandum to the Ambassador was based on initial contact at the Embassy by LUIS FERNANDEZ GONZALEZ; however, full and complete data concerning this individual and allegations by him was submitted to the Bureau with my letterhead memorandum and cover letter dated 5/7/64.

L E A D:

MEXICO CITY

At Mexico, D. F.

Will continue to handle all investigation relating to this case and which may develop in connection therewith, reporting the results thereof promptly.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. SULLIVAN *Wesley*

DATE: May 28, 1964

FROM : MR. BRANIGAN *SR*

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

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- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: "WHO KILLED KENNEDY?"  
BOOK BY THOMAS G. BUCHANAN

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Sizoo

## SYNOPSIS:

Captioned book has been obtained and reviewed in accordance with the Director's instructions. Buchanan, born 1919, Baltimore, Maryland, active in communist causes in this country 1948-56 and has admitted past Communist Party (CP) membership to Bureau Agents. He is carried on Reserve Index. Buchanan's articles in French newspaper "L'Express," earlier this year cast doubt on Lee Harvey Oswald's guilt; claimed Oswald was FBI informant and/or Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agent; and set forth theory about conspiracy to kill President Kennedy. Commission has been furnished copies of articles and translations thereof. Preface of book claims the text was filed with Commission in March, 1964; states he discussed his views with a Commission representative after an interview with Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach, that interview having been arranged by Senator Edward Kennedy. Buchanan's thesis is that Oswald was merely a minor member of conspiracy to kill President Kennedy because he was negotiating with communists and this displeased wealthy and influential Texas oilmen. Buchanan alleges a Texas millionaire "Mr. X," authored assassination plot. Buchanan thesis on method of assassination and conspirators involved admittedly based on speculation. According to Buchanan assassin 1 fired a shot from railway overpass in front of President's motorcade; assassin 2 fired three shots from Texas School Book Depository (TSBD); Oswald, as accomplice 3, aided assassin 2; accomplice 4 let Oswald leave building; accomplice 5 ordered Oswald's arrest prior to time he was discovered missing from TSBD; accomplice 6 followed Oswald and signaled accomplice 7 (Dallas police officer J. D. Tippit) who was to kill Oswald although it was Oswald who killed Tippit. Jack Ruby, according to Buchanan, was used by conspiracy to silence Oswald. Buchanan sets forth so-called "official" version and doubts single assassin Oswald fired all shots. Refutation of his doubts set forth. Buchanan alleges the assassination plot was not a communist plot since communists would not have benefited from President Kennedy's death. Buchanan claims that Oswald was associated with FBI and probably CIA. He also claims that municipal and Federal police investigators are conspiring to hide evidence in the assassination and

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*D. M. ...*

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SULLIVAN  
RE "WHO KILLED KENNEDY?"

to persuade important witnesses to change or to withhold their testimony because the "truth" would tend to discredit the Government of the U.S. Buchanan devotes 40 of 192 pages to historical discussion on the assassinations of President Lincoln - 1865; President Garfield - 1881; and President McKinley - 1901. Buchanan's book does not present any facts which would cause us to change our conclusion that Oswald acted alone as the assassin of President Kennedy. Set forth as an enclosure to the attached letter to the President's Commission is a listing of some claims made by Buchanan on the assassination matter in his book as well as our refutations of those claims. The attached letter also encloses for the Commission a copy of the French version of book entitled "The Assassins of Kennedy," which has been reviewed at the Bureau and found to make the same claims in a somewhat abridged form.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to the President's Commission.

DETAILS:

Re memorandum Mr. Rosen to Mr. Belmont 5-14-64 captioned "Book Entitled 'Who Killed Kennedy?'" which indicated the President's Commission has asked the Bureau to review the book for our comments. The Director noted: "I want it thoroughly reviewed. H."

The book has been obtained and reviewed in accordance with the Director's instructions. As requested during the testimony of the Director and Assistant to the Director Belmont, the Commission is being advised by attached letter of allegations of Buchanan in the book which can be refuted by facts as well as our conclusion that Buchanan presents no facts on the assassination which contradict our findings in the assassination matter.

AUTHOR:

The author of the book is Thomas Gittings Buchanan, Jr., who was born 3-14-19, Baltimore, Maryland. He attended Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, for one year 1936-37 and The George Washington University, Washington, D. C., for one year 1939-40. Buchanan was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1942 and released from active duty in 1946 with the rank of captain. Our investigation of Buchanan disclosed extensive Communist Party history. He joined the CP in 1948 while working for the "Washington Evening Star" as a reporter and was discharged in 1948 by that paper after admission of CP membership to an official of the paper. He was extremely active in communist causes

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RE: "WHO KILLED KENNEDY?"

from 1948 to 1956 and on interview by Bureau Agents in 1952 and 1953 admitted CP membership. During an interview in 1957 he claimed to have left the CP in 1956. He was on the Security Index from 1949 to 1961. He is now carried on the Reserve Index in view of his connection with the field of journalism. According to the jacket on his book, Buchanan now lives in Paris and is involved with a firm planning the maintenance of the City of Paris accounting records by means of electronic computers.

Buchanan was the author of several articles in the French newspaper "L'Express" in February, March, and April, 1964, which cast doubt on Oswald's guilt in the assassination, claimed Oswald was an FBI informant and/or CIA agent, and set forth his theory about a conspiracy of wealthy men in Texas to kill President Kennedy because he was negotiating with Premier Khrushchev and reducing "cold war" tensions. Copies of the articles and translations thereof have been furnished the President's Commission.

PREFACE OF BOOK:

According to the Preface, the "entire text of the report you are about to read" was filed in Washington in March, 1964, with the President's Commission at the request of a "staff member of that commission." Curiously enough, Buchanan states that he is dedicating the book to the "group of men who are conducting the investigation of the President's Commission," who have an "immensely difficult assignment" which cannot be carried out unless each citizen with knowledge comes forward to disclose it. He also states that extracts of the report first appeared in "L'Express" in Paris. Buchanan claims that he discussed his views on the assassination with a Commission representative after an interview with Deputy Attorney General Nicholas DeB. Katzenbach, that interview having been arranged by Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts. We were aware of and have previously reported on Buchanan's contacts with Katzenbach and the Commission.

THESIS OF BOOK:

Buchanan's thesis is that Lee Harvey Oswald was merely a minor member of a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. The plot was organized because President Kennedy's progress in negotiating with the communists, such as the 1963 Moscow agreement to ban nuclear weapons testing, displeased wealthy and influential Texas oilmen. Buchanan claimed that such wealthy men did not want to see an end to the "cold war" because disarmament would injure their investments in the oil and defense-type industries.

Another reason they had for wanting to eliminate President Kennedy was for fear he would reduce the 27½ per cent oil depletion allowance which benefited them so greatly.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SULLIVAN  
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Buchanan states that the wealthy oilmen felt that while President Kennedy's successor, President Johnson, might hold nearly the same views on civil rights and foreign policy matters as President Kennedy, President Johnson had been chosen by them to succeed the late Speaker Sam Rayburn to defend their interests in Washington. Buchanan states that it would be fantastic if President Johnson was in any way involved in the plot to kill President Kennedy. He further states that no such implication is intended.

Buchanan alleges that a Texas millionaire identified only as "Mr. X" was the author of the plot to kill President Kennedy. "Mr. X" supposedly had three enemies: 1. The Italian oil magnate Enrico Mattei whose extensive business holdings and undercutting of American oil prices upset "Mr. X"; 2. President Kennedy; and 3. Soviet Premier Khrushchev. All of these men, according to Buchanan, stood between "Mr. X" and world domination. Buchanan implies that "Mr. X" could have been behind the airplane crash in October, 1962, in which Mattei was killed in Italy. He states that "Mr. X," by having President Kennedy assassinated, would not only get "rid of" him, but would also discredit Khrushchev by having everything point to the fact that Oswald was a communist who had been trained in Russia. To prevent Oswald from revealing anything about the authors and plans of the conspiracy, he was, according to Buchanan, to be killed before capture. Since this was not done, then it was necessary for the conspirators to arrange for him to be killed before being brought to trial.

#### BUCHANAN VERSION:

Buchanan sets forth his version of the way the assassination was carried out by seven individuals working for "Mr. X." In introducing his version, Buchanan admits that he is dealing with the realm of speculation and that all the elements of his hypothesis, some of which may be incorrect in detail, are based on probabilities. This approach by Buchanan shows the weakness already attributed to him by responsible reviewers of his writings about the assassination of President Kennedy. Buchanan, as well as others who oppose Oswald's guilt as the sole assassin, admittedly are basing their case on: 1. reports in the press which during the early days after the assassination were confused and contradictory; 2. false and vicious rumors and hoaxes which have been fostered by irresponsible public officials as well as by individuals; 3. motives which could be monetary; and 4. views which represent their economic, political, and social thinking. It would be surprising, indeed, if Buchanan with his communist background did not disclaim Oswald as a real communist and claim that he was instead a double agent working or to be working in the future against communist causes. In addition, commentators such as Buchanan are hurrying into print before the report of the President's Commission is

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published to capitalize on interest in the matter. Facts already known to us on the assassination, if published, would refute many of the claims being made now concerning the assassination.

SEVEN CONSPIRATORS:

According to Buchanan, there were 2 assassins. Assassin 1 fired one shot from the railway overpass in front of the President's motorcade and fled, leaving his murder weapon on that bridge. Assassin 2, who had been hidden in the TSB<sup>D</sup> between closing time the night before and opening on the morning of the assassination, fired 3 shots with a weapon brought to him by Oswald or some other person working in the building. His 3 shots had three purposes: to accomplish the assassination of the President if Assassin 1 could not carry out his mission; to act as a diversion to permit the escape of Assassin 1; and to show some shots came from the building where Oswald had been working so that he could be caught as the scapegoat in the plot. Assassin 2 probably escaped the TSB<sup>D</sup> dressed as a policeman.

Oswald, according to Buchanan, was Accomplice 3. He purchased the rifle for the plot, guided Assassin 2 into the TSB<sup>D</sup> and the stockroom, brought him the rifle, and immediately after the assassination, was found on the second floor of the TSB<sup>D</sup>. Thereafter, Oswald was permitted to leave the building in violation of police orders.

Accomplice 4 gave the order to let Oswald leave the building. He is reportedly a police officer.

Accomplice 5 is a police official who gave the order to arrest Oswald prior to the time he was discovered missing from the TSB<sup>D</sup>. He had fore knowledge of Oswald's part in the plot.

Accomplice 6 was probably a detective not dressed in official uniform. He followed Oswald after leaving the TSB<sup>D</sup> and when Oswald left his boarding house Accomplice 6 gave the signal to Accomplice 7 who was waiting in a police car around the corner.

Accomplice 7 is identified by Buchanan as Dallas Police Officer J. D. Tippit who, best evidence shows, was killed by Oswald. According to Buchanan, Accomplice 7 was to kill Oswald so that the latter's knowledge of the conspiracy would be silenced. Accomplice 7 was given the assignment to "make amends for a career in which he had not ever managed to secure the favour of the officers above him." However, Accomplice 7 "bungled" his last assignment. Later, Oswald was captured alive in the Texas Theatre.

According to Buchanan, Jack Ruby, a gangster with whom the Dallas Police were on "intimate terms," must have been involved in "some



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way with the man he slew" (Oswald). Buchanan claims that men like Ruby do not kill out of patriotic fervor or to avenge the widow of a "martyred leader," but to prevent someone from confessing and from implicating associates in a crime.

We have developed no facts or documents to substantiate Buchanan's speculative theory of conspiracy and seven conspirators.

BUCHANAN DOUBTS "OFFICIAL" VERSION:

Buchanan states that the "official" theses which he sets forth on the assassination will be those on which the police of Dallas and the FBI appear to be in general agreement. He also states that his analysis of them is not based on mere press speculations but on the official sources. What he fails to mention is that his analysis actually speculates on what has been reported to have been said by the police of Dallas and the FBI.

Buchanan states that the first "official" thesis is that the shots fired at the presidential car came from one direction, a lone assassin in the 6th floor window of the TSBD. He says he doubts this because the doctors at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas first reported the wound in President Kennedy's throat as an entrance wound indicating the bullet came from in front of the motorcade, but were later talked into changing their report on the wound after the autopsy at Bethesda Naval Hospital reported the wound in the throat was an exit-type wound. Doctors at Parkland Hospital have stated that their main purpose was to sustain life and not to closely examine the sources of wounds and the paths of projectiles inside the President's body.

Buchanan states some witnesses reacted as if the shots had come from in front of the motorcade. In our inquiries there were several who said this, but numerous others have said they believe the shots came from behind the President.

Buchanan also, in his effort to show the shots came from in front of the President, states that an assassin could have been on the railway overpass in front of the motorcade since the overpass was unguarded on that day. Buchanan either is lying deliberately or does not know the facts: there was a police guard on the railway overpass and he, along with several civilian witnesses also on that bridge, denied seeing anything to indicate an assassin fired a weapon from the bridge.

Buchanan states that no mention was made of a wound in President Kennedy's back by doctors at Parkland Hospital although the autopsy at Bethesda Naval Hospital claims that there was such a wound.

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He states it hard to believe that doctors at Parkland failed to discover the wound in spite of the statement by those doctors that the reason they did not notice it was because President Kennedy was lying on his back during their life-saving efforts. He implies that the wound was invented to prove all the shots came from behind.

Buchanan claims that the second "official" thesis is that the marksman who fired all the shots was Oswald. He claims that an investigator for the President's Commission informed him that if more than three shots are conclusively established, it may be assumed that there were two assassins. This is so because the investigator stated that no man could have fired four shots in the 5 to 6 seconds. He claims that a news story shortly after the assassination claimed a small round bullet hole in the windshield of the President's car. What Buchanan fails to state is that the newsman later said the glass splintering could have been caused by a ricochet from inside the car. Laboratory examination of the windshield showed that it was cracked by a projectile from behind.

Buchanan claims that Oswald's Marine Corps record for marksmanship shows that he was one of the worst shots in the Marines or in any other military service and could not have been the successful assassin based on his past record. This seems hard to accept since Oswald was rated in the "sharpshooter" class which even Buchanan admits is the intermediate class between the top class, "expert," and the bottom class, "marksman."

Buchanan states that the third "official" thesis is that police have proved by scientific evidence that Oswald fired the murder weapon. He states that the FBI has denied that palm prints were found on the rifle used in the assassination. No such statement has been made by a representative of this Bureau. The truth is that a latent print lifted from the rifle barrel was identified by the Identification Division as the right palm print of Oswald.

Buchanan claims that the paraffin test made on Oswald's hands and cheek by the Dallas PD after arrest revealed that he had powder residues on his hands but none on his cheek. This means, Buchanan claims, that Oswald may have fired the pistol said to have been used in the killing of Police Officer Tippit, but that the absence of powder on his cheek shows he did not fire the assassination rifle since there would have been gunpowder residues on his right cheek. Buchanan does not tell all about the paraffin test. It is regarded as unreliable and inconclusive. Evidence by Bureau experts has been given to the Commission already to that effect.

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Buchanan states that the fourth "official" thesis is that Oswald remained upstairs in the school book building while fellow-workers went to the street to see the President, and that after they had left, he went into the stockroom and remained alone there. He claims there are no witnesses to confirm this. In fact, he says, a photographer filmed the 6th floor window at 12:30. The photograph shows two silhouettes in the stockroom as well as a large clock on the roof of the building which shows the time as 12:30. The Bureau is not aware of such a photograph although we do have a photograph of the 6th floor reportedly taken about the assassination time. It does not show what can be identified as human forms in windows on the 6th floor of the building.

Buchanan claims that the fifth "official" thesis is that after the assassination Oswald hid the rifle, descended to the second floor lunchroom, took out a bottle from the automatic drink dispenser and began to drink it before the TSD superintendent, Roy S. Truly, and a policeman reached the second floor in checking out the building. Buchanan alleges that Oswald must have been the "fastest runner since the great Olympic title holder, Jesse Owens," to have done all the above before Truly and the policeman arrived on the second floor. Truly has advised that he saw Oswald on the second floor of the building in about two or three minutes after the assassination. A survey was made by Bureau Agents to determine the times taken using various routes and rates of speed to arrive at the first floor from the assassination window on the 6th floor. The longest normal time period was just over three and a half minutes.

NOT A COMMUNIST PLOT ACCORDING TO BUCHANAN:

Buchanan alleges that the assassination of President Kennedy was not a communist plot in spite of Oswald's past defection to the Soviet Union and his pro-Castro activities in the months prior to the assassination. He claims that the Soviet communists could not have gained in their efforts to aid world peace by having President Kennedy killed. Such a move would have hurt peace efforts by the Soviets. He claims that Castro Cuba would not have gained either since a campaign was underway both by Kennedy and Castro to relieve the tensions between Cuba and the U.S. As for the Chinese Communists, Buchanan claims they too would have gained nothing from the assassination since President Kennedy had reportedly said that he did not think the islands of Quemoy and Matsu off the China coast in the hands of Chiang Kai-shek should be defended by American naval forces if attacked by the Chinese Communists. Buchanan also states that "domestic" communists in the U.S. could not have benefited from

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President Kennedy's assassination since the drive against American communists under the Truman and Eisenhower Administrations had not been intensified under the Kennedy leadership.

Buchanan alleges falsely that the Director has stated that "there was no basis to believe that U.S. Communists had been involved in Oswald's plot in any way." Stories appearing in the press leaked from our report to the Commission in December, 1963, stated that evidence pointed to Oswald as a lone killer of Kennedy. Our report did not single out any group as not being involved.

OSWALD LINKED TO GOVERNMENT AGENCY:

Buchanan alleges that Oswald was associated with the FBI and probably the CIA. He bases his claims on the fact that the press reported that the name, telephone number, and license number of SA James P. Hosty were in Oswald's notebook and that Oswald received a passport within 24-hours in New Orleans in June, 1963, despite his prior defection to the Soviet Union and his participation in pro-Castro activities. He also looks on the statement of Chief Justice Warren about the necessity to withhold some matters in the inquiry from the public as evidence of an association of Oswald with a Government agency.

BUCHANAN OPINION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT:

According to Buchanan, "every citizen of the United States knows privately" that if you "know" someone at Police Headquarters you can "fix" a parking ticket and that if you know somebody high enough it is "quite literally possible to get away with murder." This negative attitude is undoubtedly responsible for a claim he makes on the final page of his book--page 192--to the effect that municipal and Federal police investigators are engaged in a conspiracy to hide key evidence in the assassination and to persuade important witnesses to change or to withhold their testimony because the "truth" in the assassination case (as alleged by Buchanan) would tend to discredit the Government of the United States.

In a discussion of the extent of organized crime in the United States, Buchanan states that business executives, labor leaders, and politicians have been guilty of employing "gangsters" to accomplish their objectives. He also refers to the Director as stating in 1939 that files on all major criminals sought by the FBI show that these criminals were on "intimate and cordial terms with professional politicians." The statement by the Director closest to the meaning of Buchanan's reference was found in the Director's speech to the International Association of Chiefs of Police in San Francisco on 10-10-39:

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"Since we are frankly considering the problems and difficulties of law enforcement, let us examine another evil wrecker of popular public respect. I refer to the matter of corruption. There have been instances wherein vicious criminals, even professional murders, have been allowed to go free by persons who blenished the name of law enforcement by calling themselves peace officers. It is true that law enforcement has been stifled by crooked politicians."

Curiously enough, after building up the idea of corruption among politicians in this country in the past, Buchanan later claims that today there is "less corruption of the politicians on the highest levels than there used to be" when the Director made the remarks above.

#### HISTORICAL MATERIAL IN BOOK:

Buchanan devotes 40 out of 192 pages of his book to a discussion of the assassinations of President Lincoln in 1865, President Garfield in 1881, and President McKinley in 1901 and the implication of the assassins in various conspiracies. He uses this approach to claim that the 3 assassinations were the result of conspiracies or beneficial to opponents of the 3 assassinated Presidents and thus history shows that the pattern of conspiracy in the past was, therefore, present in the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963.

#### INCONSISTENCY OF BUCHANAN BOOK AND ARTICLES:

In Buchanan's article in "L'Express" of 4-9-64, Buchanan set forth his version of the conspiracy to kill President Kennedy and stated that leading the wealthy oilman behind the conspiracy was a "Mr. H." Buchanan, it is noted, openly mentioned in the article that Mr. H. L. Hunt was one of the wealthy men in Dallas, and while he did not specify that Mr. H. L. Hunt was the "Mr. H" behind the conspiracy, Buchanan certainly made that inference. In his book "Who Killed Kennedy?" Buchanan omits any mention of Mr. Hunt by name and has changed the author of the conspiracy from "Mr. H" to "Mr. X." What Buchanan had in mind in making the change is not known. However, it is possible to offer conjecture that he wanted to avoid possible libel suits in connection with the book.

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CONCLUSION:

As a result of a thorough review and analysis of Buchanan's book "Who Killed Kennedy?" it has been determined that Buchanan presents no facts which cause us to change our conclusion that Oswald, acting alone, was the assassin of President Kennedy. Set forth as an enclosure to the attached letter to the President's Commission is a listing of some claims made by Buchanan on the assassination matter in his book as well as our refutations of those claims.

FRENCH VERSION OF BOOK:

The French version of "Who Killed Kennedy?" has been reviewed after receipt from the Legal Attache, Paris. It is entitled "The Assassins of Kennedy" and is a somewhat abridged version of the English text. It covers the same claims and items that Buchanan sets forth in the English version although the wording is reduced in certain portions. The French version also includes several photographs of the assassination area in Dallas which are attributed to the French newspaper "L'Express" in which Buchanan's articles appeared earlier. A copy of the French version is also being furnished to the President's Commission by attached letter.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-24016)

DATE: 5/19/64

FROM : SAC, WFO (44-520) (RUC)

ATTENTION: FBI ANNEX

SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY, aka  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka - VICTIM  
CR

ReBulet dated 5/15/64, requesting expeditious translation of Hungarian language letter addressed to JACK RUBY.

Copies herewith being transmitted to Dallas and the Bureau, attention FBI Annex. B

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TRANSLATION FROM HUNGARIAN

Letter from: ~~ANTAL LAJOS BERCSENYI~~  
Bajcsy-Zs. U. 4  
Veszprém, Hungary

to: Mister JACK RUBY  
Dallas, U.S.A.

Dear Mister RUBY,

Please don't be angry that I am turning to you directly by letter. The whole world attentively followed your trial. A jury of twelve unanimously sentenced you to death for the murder of LIE OSWALD.

The murder itself was a sad thing. The act itself cannot be changed. You know best the complete truth. The following paragraphs clearly seem to be a matter of form.

LIE OSWALD died by your hand, Mister JACK RUBY. It is possible that he was not your first victim, but possibly your last. LIE OSWALD was a man who died, directly or indirectly, by your hand.

Mister RUBY, you must account to your own conscience. I write to you as an unknown. I would like to make this accounting, or its compatibility, easier for your conscience.

Your act, however serious, was committed in self-defense. The instinct for life swelled within you psychologically and under this burden LIE OSWALD had to die.

I would like for you, Mister RUBY, to escape the electric chair. And facing your conscience....and agree with it....to spend the remainder of your life, contrary to your former life, in an honorable way and let this mortal act be a turning point in the life of Mister JACK RUBY.

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ENCLOSURE



Your life, Mister RUBY, was molded in childhood and, other contributing factors, led you down the tragic path leading to the shooting of LIE OSWALD. Your childhood, Mister RUBY, was very sad. Probably later you tried to forget this, but now as things have happened, you will have time to think about them over and over again.

At first you were undoubtedly a tool of other men as you went down Destiny's Highway; later others became tools in your hands. The Gigantic Net, in which you were merely a loop....and still are today....held you as a captive and swept you into the shadow of the electric chair.

You, Mister RUBY, will have to go back in your mind to the barren plains of your childhood....now knowing your whole life....and face yourself within yourself.

You, Mister RUBY, must regret killing LIE OSWALD, the unfortunate "RAT." You will have to regret it....just like reflecting on your childhood....and examine those acts which you and fellowmen like you committed to cause so much damage and so much suffering. This is the only thing that can save you from the electric chair. And can possibly give you back to yourself and maybe again to society.

Be glad, Mister RUBY, that a jury of twelve found you guilty. Judgment was passed on you but....even though they carried it out....you are only a representative of the real defendants.

You, Mister RUBY, must regret killing LIE OSWALD, who can be assumed to have been your companion, acquaintance, or even friend. Previously he could have been your companion, or to state it more delicately, your acquaintance in that period....but even more....your brother and you had the possibility of watching over him....for you know what become fate....using others as tools....exploiting.

Sit down in the stillness of your soul....face-to-face with the child JACK RUBINSTEIN, who did not exist because of the lack of family warmth....and had no one to love him. The child JACK will tell you, Mister RUBY, what you will have to do to live, to be a better man than

heretofore....and remedy everything not only for the LIE OSWALD family....in connection with the death and with the bereaved Mother....and for the other "JACK RUBINSTEINS" who had no loving childhood....and who had no one to love them and defend them from the "Jungle."

You, Mister RUBY, know everything about life. You know how man slips onto the fatal pathway; you know how the great net entraps social conscience and moral strength. You were not only a defendant but also a Judge of your own society. Your moral greatness....it is still possible....encompasses your real conscience.

You must rise above yourself....and as your Judge....knowing life perfectly....and in the essence of self-judgment....do it bravely, for today this is your mission. Step beyond your own sentence of death.... declare a decisive judgment on everyone, above and below, on all alike....and step from the shadow of the electric chair....this is the only way you can live....and possibly despite your act can attain happiness on this mortal earth.

So that JACK RUBY, who extinguished the life of LIE OSWALD, can be worthy....of the thousands of bleeding wounds....of the JACK RUBINSTEIN.

Respectfully,

/s/ ANTAL LAJOS BERCSENYI

Veszprem, Hungary  
April 6, 1964