

The wire was cut about 1:17. Check the () as to the bottom of the ramp. No time for conspiracy nor to mingle with the crowd. I was crazy. I had my hand on my gun in my hip pocket. Here we were. I saw him. That's all I can say. I don't care what happens to me. I said "You rat, you shot the president", and I did say I'm Jack Ruby but I didn't curse. I might have said something -- being of Jewish faith I wanted to show love even though not of the same faith. A friend of mine, a Catholic gambler, we were close. He thought a lot of me. I know he was heart-broken. I could see the face of McWillie before me. I thought I'd sacrifice myself to save Mrs. Kennedy from coming back to the trial. All things of my background I don't want to be a martyr. I knew notorious people in Chicago. I worked in a union. I left in 1940 because of the organization moving in. I made many calls and had unfair competitors. They violated the rules of the union. I didn't. All the calls I made were to get help with the Variety of Artists. Competition was pretty rough. I called Bobby ~~Ray~~, Earney ~~Ross~~, Jcey ~~Starns~~, not to be involved with the underworld. I'd been away from Chicago 20 years. I called Maury and head of the union in Texas. I don't know his name. I think it's Dutch ~~Miller~~. What's his name? All the calls were at a time prior to what happened. I wanted help with the union. This is the only purpose of the calls.

WARREN: Did you ever know Oswald?

RUBY: Did you talk to McWillie down in Cuba? He is the Credit Manager in the Tropicana. He wanted me to come down. This was the good times. Now everything's different. He sent

me a ticket and stayed at his apartment. I couldn't speak Spanish and I don't like gambling. This was in August of 1959. Any thought of being close to Havana was all because of him. In a plane there was an article he had written. I adolized him. There was a guy on the plane said U. S. was not treating Castro right. McWillie slugged him. I tried to get Tony Poppi to write this. Ray Brantley, Ray's Hardware Store in Dallas, he called me and said call Brantley and get four little Cobra guns. I called Brantley and said Ray, McWillie wants four little Cobras, something like that. Ray says I know McWillie. This is the only deal with anyone from Havana. Brantley denies this. He feels it is against the law to send guns out of the country. Says they have an affidavit that he didn't receive this call. I didn't pick it up. It was O.O.D. If Brantley won't say that I called it will look bad for me. I have only seen Oswald in the assembly room. The part about the Cobras was in the early part of 1959. I didn't follow up to see if the guns were delivered.

WARREN: There was some stories in the paper about jeeps.
OSWALD: This was the early part. I never had facilities to get jeeps. Perhaps in conversations with people I mentioned it. At one time a man smuggled some guns. I think his name was Langley out of Bay Shore. I read an article about him being given a jail term. This was before Batista fell. There is an organization in this area that has been indoctrinated that I killed the president. Just a feeling, Mr. Warren, you recall Friday night when I left the Times-Herald. I went to my apartment and got George Senator up. I said you have got to get up George. You have got to go with me. I called Larry at the Club

and told him to get the Polaroid. I stopped at the Post Office to see Post Box 1732. I think it came to my mind that I saw on a billboard Impinch Earl Warren. It came from Massachusetts and I thought it was the name number. I went to take the pictures.

LEE RANKIN: Did you know Officer Tippitt? *J.D. Tippitt* *deceased*

RUBY: I knew a Tippitt, not this one. I knew some Tippitts, but I did not know this one. *Texas*

LEE RANKIN: There was a story about Weisman, yourself and a rich oil man which was to the effect that you were seen at your Club together.

RUBY: I am the one who made the big issue of Weisman. When I went to the Turf Lounge there was a fellow there by the name of Bellocchio. He said I have got to leave Dallas. It was about the ad. I only know one rich oil man. One of them runs the Stork Club.

WARREN: Mark Lane, the attorney for Mrs. Oswald, gave us this story. Lane testified before the Commission that Tippitt, Weisman and a rich oil man had an hour long conversation. Lane said it was confidential and he couldn't state who gave this information without a release from the person but he has not received any release as yet.

RUBY: I am innocent of any conspiracy as anyone in this room. I want you to go into it further even if you might embarrass me. When I lived in Chicago and sold tickets to sporting events you come to know these people. You don't have any other affiliation with them. This is the extent of my criminal activity. I haven't stolen, been part of a goon squad, gambler or bookie.

I didn't know that a gun looked like in Chicago. I don't belong to any subversive organizations and don't know anyone who does. I had a poor start. I lied about the gun in the showup. I didn't have it. I made that up for my defense.

LIE MANNIN: What year was it that you were in Cuba?

RUBY: Cuba was in 1959. I lived in McMillie's apartment. I couldn't speak their language. I had two dates down there with girls I met at the Tropicana. The Fox Brothers own the Tropicana. I don't know their names but Martin is one of them. They are in Miami now. They came to Dallas to collect a debt.

(I left the room at this point and when I came back in approximately one or two minutes the following occurred)

MANNIN: Will you tell us what you said to Sorrells after the shooting?

RUBY: Ray Hall, the first one who interrogated me, while we waited in a little room either on the second or third floor. Spent an hour with him. I was broken up, and I constantly repeated about Mrs. Kennedy coming back. I gave him all about my background. I don't remember about the floor, being on an elevator. I don't recall about Sorrells. Being of Jewish faith I wanted to show great love. Somebody introduced me to someone and they say I said, "What are you, a newsman?" This is ridiculous. I don't recall. I wouldn't do this for publicity and get myself hurt. I never inquired from the TV man when Conrad was coming down. This is ridiculous. You don't ask a question like that. None of it's true, about me saying "You couldn't do it -- get three more off." I never cursed. I might have said "little Weazel" if Pryor says so.

RANKIN: There is some statement that you went out to Parkland Hospital.

RUBY: I didn't go to Parkland Hospital.

RANKIN: Did you say anything about Jews having guts?

RUBY: I never said that. I might have said this to Dronberg. I did say this. McWillie said about me, "Jack runs the Club well, nobody runs over him."

I went to Florida and I stopped at New Orleans. I went to Miami on a stopover. I got some run. I talked to Delta employees in New Orleans and told them where to go in Miami. I could have gone to Miami and back through New Orleans. I got the same fellows, Delta employees.

RANKIN: Are these employees in New Orleans?

RUBY: Yea, they work in New Orleans.

RANKIN: Do you remember going up the elevator after shooting of Oswald?

(There was a long delay here and Ruby stared at the desk, twisted his hands)

RUBY: Little things I don't remember. When the Fox Brothers came to Dallas they came with Mrs. McWillie. They had pictures with me in Havana. I stayed about eight days in the apartment. I never used the phone. I don't know how. McWillie left early in the morning and I came out to the Club later. Sometimes I went with him. Taxicabs are high down there. Ava Gardner was there. I left after eight days. I was bored. Gambling is not my business.

RANKIN: Have you ever been to Mexico?

RUBY: I went to Mexico 3 1/2 years ago, in 1958. I only

left the court one time -- that was to Qana, Cuba.

WARREN: Is there anything else that you'd like to tell the Commission?

RUBY: You have got the juicy part.

WARREN: I think the report would be deficient without this meeting.

RANKIN: Tell us more about your fear of being killed.

RUBY: Some persons accusing me falsely as being a part of a plot to silence Oswald. When your family believes you, knowing you sincerely, they see me only as a guilty assailant of Oswald. My brother had a successful business and is going to be killed. When I told him it was because of Mrs. Kennedy that's all he wants to hear. They read papers which aren't true. All are in sympathy with me. People in power here have me as the accused assassin of our beloved president.

WARREN: I think it is fair to state that no witness has testified that you are part of a plot to kill the President.

RUBY: You don't know about here. Certain people want to gain by propagandizing for their own use. They will make up ways to present certain things to make me look guilty.

WARREN: If any witness does so testify, we will give you the opportunity to take the test and dispute it. Does this seem fair?

RUBY: No. It doesn't save my family. I don't know what can save me. Certain falsehoods have been said about me by the Birch Society. I may not live the next hour after I leave this room. The most fantastic story in the world. I did this out of love. If you had been here six months ago, Warren, you would know.

You, Warren, I'd know about those feelings against my people.

This goes over your head, doesn't it?

WARREN: I can't clearly understand but we don't have this information, you do.

RUBY: I wish President Johnson would get deeper into the facts. I want him to find me out before he relinquishes certain powers to certain people. Jews are being exterminated. It's money. Consequently, a whole new government is taking over. Do I sound screwy telling those things? You'll never see me again. Let me ask if the President appointed you?

WARREN: Only Congressman Ford and myself were appointed. The others were hired employees.

RUBY: If you don't send me back to Washington tonight to show the President I am not guilty, then you'll see the most tragic thing that has ever happened. I won't be here for long. Maybe something can be saved, maybe something can be done. Talked all this time and nothing climatic. What's to be done, Chief Justice? Something's got to be done. If I get up to Washington something can be saved. Right now we need to clean up the falsehoods about the Jewish race. If President Johnson knew the truth from me, if I am eliminated now --- has the president been told that I am part of the plot?

WARREN: If the President has been told that he gave no indication he believed it.

RUBY: If they found out I was telling the truth, maybe my people won't be tortured or eliminated.

WARREN: You can be sure the President wouldn't let that happen.

RUBY: tortured.

WARREN: The President will hear all of your testimony.

RUBY: I won't be around when that time comes.

JOE DONAHUE: Who's going to eliminate you?

RUBY: Certain things come about. If you don't take my testimony my people won't be informed.

WARREN: It had been taken and will be shown to the President and the public and to the country.

RUBY: You have lost me, Chief Justice.

WARREN: How?

RUBY: I won't be around. The only thing can help me is the lie detector test. This I want to have.

WARREN: I promised you that you could take such a test.

RUBY: When?

WARREN: I assure you it won't be unnecessarily delayed.

On behalf of the Commission, I promise you that.

RUBY: When can I see the President?

WARREN: I haven't seen him yet but I will tell him.

RUBY: All I want is the lie detector. How do you know whether I told the truth or not?

WARREN: You get questions and you answer them yes or no.

RUBY: Maybe I can answer when I conceived the thought. It was on that Sunday morning.

WARREN: You can write out the questions you want to be asked.

RUBY: Yes, but when you leave here I am finished. My

family is finished. The only thing that will help me is the lie detector test.

CONGRESSMAN FORD: You'll get a lie detector test. As a member of the Commission I assure you that,

RUBY: How will I know?

WARREN: We'll communicate with you directly.

RUBY: Warren, you have a lost cause. Chief Justice, people here think about you like they think about me.

WARREN: Take my word for it and Congressman Ford's, it will be done and without undue time.

RUBY: You'll never see me again.

WARREN: I believe we will be able to see you and you can have the test. I believe we have tired Mr. Ruby.

(At this time the meeting ended and the Commission went down the elevator first, leaving Tonahill and [redacted] with Holman in the room. Ruby then told [redacted] that all he wanted to show was that he was telling the truth and that he wanted a lie detector test, and he didn't think he was going to get one. [redacted] told him that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court had promised him one. [redacted] thought that was pretty good indication that he would get it. He said all he ever wanted to know is that I am telling the truth. At this time, they took him off.)

By: [redacted]

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June 30, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Hines

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to my letter of June 12, 1964, furnishing to you the results of this Bureau's examination of school records of schools attended by Jack L. Ruby.

With regard to the activities of Ruby in connection with the Scrap Iron and Junk Handlers Union and his employment at the Stanley Oliver Company and the Spartan Novelty Company, Chicago, Illinois, the following items are enclosed:

1. Two copies of a memorandum dated June 11, 1964, Chicago, Illinois.
2. Two copies of a Dun and Bradstreet report concerning the Stanley Oliver Manufacturing Company.
3. Two copies of a memorandum dated June 11, 1964, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
4. Two copies of a memorandum at Chicago, Illinois, dated June 9, 1964.
5. Two copies of a memorandum dated June 15, 1964, at Washington, D. C.

This concludes the investigation requested in your letter of June 4, 1964, concerning Ruby's activities in

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

connection with the Scrap Iron and Junk Handlers Union and his employment at the Stanley Oliver Manufacturing Company and the Spartan Novelty Company.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (10)

NOTE: The Commission, by letter dated 6/4/64, requested that we examine the school records of Ruby and conduct investigation regarding his connection with the Scrap Iron and Junk Handlers Union and his employment in Chicago prior to his going to Dallas in 1947. Results of the school records check were furnished to the Commission by letter June 12.

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Washington, D. C.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Hines

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In reply to your letter of June 4, 1964, requesting interviews with Ivan T. Mundy, a Mr. Seymour and Ed Benedict, there are enclosed herewith two copies of a memorandum dated June 16, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, setting forth the results of the desired investigation.

This concludes the investigation as requested in your letter above of June 4, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE:

Commission, by letter 6/4/64, requested that we interview Mundy and a Mr. Seymour concerning an incident at Sol's Turf Bar on Saturday, 11/23/63, where Ruby discussed the Bernard Weisman advertisement in the Dallas papers concerning Kennedy's visit to Dallas. Other persons previously interviewed who were present had stated that Mundy and Seymour were also present. It was also requested that we interview Ed Benedict, a Dallas news photographer, who was reportedly acquainted with Ruby and a person identified only as the father-in-law of a Buddy Muenster who reportedly spoke to Ruby on the morning of 11/24/63. Mr. Seymour was identified as Seymour Kurtz and the father-in-law of Muenster as Jefferson

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Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed letter and materials appear to concern a matter which may be within the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

It would be appreciated if a member of your staff could handle this matter and respond directly to the correspondent, Mr. Sol A. Dann.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this and other matters.

Sincerely,

Hobart Taylor, Jr.
Hobart Taylor, Jr.
Associate Counsel

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

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June 16, 1964

Honorable Hobart Taylor, Jr.
Assistant General Council to the President
White House
Washington, D. C.

RE: Jack Ruby

Dear Hobart:

I recently became legal advisor to the Ruby family when they insisted that their brother, Jack Ruby, did not receive a fair and impartial trial because of the vicious attitude in Dallas, towards Catholics, Jews, and Negroes. My investigation confirms this. These issues of basic justice and deprivation of civil rights far exceed the Ruby case.

I am therefore turning to you for assistance in obtaining the information concerning the items set forth on page 25 of the enclosed Memorandum Brief.

This information would inure to the benefit of the Warren Commission as well as my primary objective, which is the protection of civil liberties of all, not excluding those of Jack Ruby. It might be that the Warren Commission has made some inquiry along these lines to determine whether the Klu Klux Klan or the John Birch Society had any connection with Oswald or the President's assassination.

I would therefore like your help in determining whether the Judge, the four prosecutors, any of the jurors, and the witnesses for the prosecution are listed as members of the K. K. K. or the Birch Society.

When I was in Texas, I took a photograph of a billboard that is still there, reading, "Save the Republic--Impeach Warren". This sign is constructed on the premises of the Earl Thorton Electric Company, 2317 East 11th Street, in Dallas. This, and larger billboards, were constructed before the President was assassinated.

It would also be interesting to find out who constructed that sign and any connection between the owners of the Thorton Electric Company and these hate groups.

This information is very important for us to obtain, as quickly as possible, so that we can incorporate it into proceedings we intend taking either before Judge Brown or before the Supreme Court.

I would therefore appreciate if you would give this matter your very prompt attention.

With warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,


Sol A. Dann

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June 25, 1964

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Honorable Hobart Taylor, Jr.
Associate Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Receipt of your letter of June 22, 1964, enclosing a letter to you from Mr. Sol A. Dann dated June 16, 1964, and its enclosure, is herewith acknowledged.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of our reply to Mr. Dann dated June 25, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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NOTE:

See memo Rosen to Belmont, dated 6/25/64, captioned "Jack L. Ruby; Lee Harvey Oswald - Victim, Civil

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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On night of 6/27/64, [redacted] Pueblo, Colo., advised SA E. WILLIAM TRAIKOR as follows, requesting that her name be kept confidential and requesting that the name of her source of information, [redacted] Pueblo, be kept confidential and that she not be contacted in this matter inasmuch as a contact would no doubt reveal [redacted] as our source of information.

In conversation with [redacted] had stated she had visited relatives in the Houston, Texas, area and had heard that a distant relative, one [redacted] who resides at the [redacted] Arlington, Texas, had stated as follows:

Prior to the visit of President KENNEDY to Houston and Dallas, [redacted] had taken a trip to Houston and while in the train depot or bus depot had seen two men talking together. After the death of President KENNEDY and the publishing of pictures of OSWALD and RUBY, he became convinced that the two men he had seen talking were OSWALD and RUBY. [redacted] claimed to have reported this matter to authorities but had not identified the authorities and stated his opinion that little, if any, credence was placed in his information.

DALLAS, at Arlington, will interview [redacted] at the [redacted] if not already done, and set out any leads thought necessary.

Info copy to Houston in event of any leads.

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JACK L. RUBY, aka;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka. - VICTIM
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Enclosed herewith are two copies of a self-explanatory letter from the President's Commission dated 6/30/64, requesting that we conduct certain investigation concerning a meeting of Mr. A. D. Hodge and Ruby in an elevator in the police building, Dallas, on 11/22/63.

Handle the requested investigation, advising persons contacted that the investigation is being conducted at the request of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. Submit results promptly upon completion by LHM suitable for dissemination to the President's Commission.

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: A. D. Hodge is the owner of the Buckhorn Bar and Trading Post, Dallas, Texas, and a local gun collector. He was interviewed by Agents on 11/24/63, and stated he had known Ruby for over 20 years and that he had met Ruby in an elevator in the PD on 11/22/63, while Oswald was in custody. He told the Agents Ruby asked him if he had been arrested in a joking manner. In testifying before the Commission Hodge denied that Ruby had asked him this question but rather stated that he told Ruby he had been arrested and two police officers on the elevator agreed with his statement to Ruby. Commission requests that we attempt to identify the police officers regarding the episode and any other contacts they had with Ruby prior to 11/25/63.

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