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PERRIN was subsequently able to obtain information concerning DRUMMOND and NICK and WANDA BRANICH, husband and wife, residents of Sacramento, California. The investigation in which PERRIN played a role resulted in the conviction of DRUMMOND in Superior Court, Sacramento County, on October 21, 1963, for violation of Section 182, California Penal Code (Conspiracy to Commit Abortion). The charges against NICK and WANDA BRANICH mentioned above were dismissed.

NANCY PERRIN was paid for her services in this matter, the exact amount of payment was not known by Mr. PUGLIA. Mr. PUGLIA stated the files of his office include a letter dated October 25, 1963, which is a letter of transmittal for the above letter addressed "To Whom It May Concern." The letter of transmittal, signed by OSCAR A. KISTLE, Chief Deputy District Attorney, Sacramento County, sets forth information to the effect that NANCY PERRIN made a request for the letter which begins "To Whom It May Concern". Mr. PUGLIA stated that his department did not wish to hire NANCY PERRIN at the time these letters were written.

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Lieutenant ~~WALTER PARKER~~, Burglary Detail, Oakland, California Police Department, furnished the following information:

He stated that during October, 1963, NANCY PERRIN appeared at the Oakland Police Department seeking work. She produced a letter from the District Attorney, Sacramento County, California, addressed "To Whom It May Concern". She stated that she desired to engage in an undercover investigative assignment. At the time of this request by PERRIN, the Oakland Police Department was involved in an investigation concerning one JOHN GADON, owner of the Bandstand, a night club located at 466 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif. It had been reported that GADON was a receiver of stolen property. PERRIN stated that she could obtain employment in the above mentioned night club and having obtained this employment would furnish information to the Oakland Police Department on a confidential basis.

In order to assist PERRIN in obtaining this job, Lieutenant PARKER arranged for her to be issued an identification card bearing the name JULIE ANN CODY, address 167 Harder Road, Hayward, California. The card also includes the identification number P-34571, and the date of issue as February 3, 1962.

Lieutenant PARKER stated that PERRIN was given this card after which she obtained employment as a cocktail waitress at the Bandstand. The owner of this establishment terminated her employment in approximately two weeks. PERRIN was unable to obtain any information of value to the Oakland Police Department during the period of this employment. She was given approximately \$7.00 a night for each night she worked at the Bandstand and was, therefore, a paid informer of the Oakland Police Department.

Lieutenant PARKER stated that there is no so-called "false police record" for PERRIN in the Oakland, California Police Department. He stated that during the period he had dealings with PERRIN, he came to the conclusion that she is emotionally unreliable. He specifically described PERRIN as a "screwball" and "nutty as a fruitcake". He advised that PERRIN reportedly volunteered her services to a number of local law

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enforcement agencies in the San Francisco-Oakland area. She made efforts to re-establish herself as a paid informer with the Oakland Police Department following the investigation involving the Bandstand, mentioned above. Lieutenant PARKER stated that his department has had no official dealings with her since that time.

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Re: Mrs. NANCY PERRIN RICH

By letter dated June 8, 1964, the General Counsel, President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY, in part advised Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., as follows:

On June 2, 1964, NANCY PERRIN, now the wife of FRANCIS L. RICH, whom she married on April 11, 1964, was deposed by a member of the Commission staff. During the course of testimony, Mrs. NANCY PERRIN RICH produced a letter dated October 25, 1963, addressed "To Whom It May Concern", and signed by "OSCAR A. KISTLE, Chief Deputy District Attorney". The complete text of this letter is set forth under the interview with ROBERT PUGLIA.

The Commission expressed its desire to know whether the above document is authentic, and if so, the circumstances under which it was given to Mrs. RICH.

The Commission letter^{AKA} mentioned above further advised that during the course of her testimony, Mrs. RICH produced a card bearing the name JULIE ANN CODY. She informed the Commission that this card was given to her by the Police Department of the city of Oakland, California, in order that she could do some undercover work for this department. In addition, she stated that there is a false police record in the Oakland Police Department under the name JULIE ANN CODY, made up in order to get her to a "particular place".

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Sergeant CARL DAHL, Commanding Officer, Intelligence Section, Oakland, California Police Department, advised as follows:

He stated that he remembers the case involving EDWARD O. DRUMMOND and the participation in this investigation by NANCY PERRIN. He stated that sometime during September or October, 1963, the Oakland Police Department received a telephone call from the office of the District Attorney, Sacramento County, Sacramento. The Oakland authorities were informed that EDWARD O. DRUMMOND was suspect in a conspiracy to commit abortion. They were also told that DRUMMOND was believed to be in Oakland, and further that NANCY PERRIN, who had volunteered her services to the District Attorney, might be in a position to obtain evidence concerning DRUMMOND. Based on this information, officers of the Oakland Police Department assisted PERRIN in obtaining the desired information.

Following the above incident, PERRIN appeared on frequent occasions at the Oakland Police Department, according to Sergeant DAHL. She volunteered her services to this department. She also volunteered "fanciful" information regarding organized criminal activity in Oakland, California. Sergeant DAHL stated that this information had no substance and was apparently a product of PERRIN's imagination. He recalled that PERRIN made statements to the effect that she was personally acquainted with various individuals prominent in the entertainment field and prominently mentioned in connection with national criminal activity. He advised that he would place little credence in anything furnished by PERRIN. This opinion was based upon his conversations with her subsequent to the investigation involving EDWARD O. DRUMMOND. He advised that in retrospect, he must consider PERRIN to be emotionally unstable.

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Chief N. LAWRENCE D'AFILE, Mansfield, Massachusetts Police Department, advised that at 2:15 PM, on May 28, 1964, a Mrs. FRANCIS RICH, 16 River Street, Hanover, Massachusetts, appeared at the Mansfield Police Department and complained that an unknown man had followed her from Brockton, Massachusetts to Mansfield. She stated that this man was driving a car which bore Massachusetts registration Z3232, and that she was certain this man deliberately followed her the entire distance between those communities. At this time, she also volunteered that she has been the recipient of a threatening telephone call in Hanover, Massachusetts, and she felt there is a definite connection between the two incidents.

Chief D'AFILE stated he determined that Massachusetts registration Z3232 is listed to one JIM S. ALBERTO, 32 Ashville Road, Hyde Park, Massachusetts, and he arranged for ALBERTO to come to the Mansfield Police Department on May 31, 1964 for an interview. On that date, ALBERTO advised that he is employed as a construction worker by Suburban Excavators, Wakefield, Massachusetts, and that he was working on Route 95 which is being constructed in the Mansfield-North Attleboro, Massachusetts area. ALBERTO said that on May 28, 1964, he had a few hours off from his duties, and he drove over to Rockland, Massachusetts to visit with a friend. Upon his arrival in Rockland, he determined that his friend was not at home and he then commenced driving back toward Mansfield. His route took him through Brockton, Massachusetts, but he denied that he deliberately followed anyone, pointing out that he drove leisurely and paid no particular attention to any other car which might have preceded him. Chief D'AFILE advised that ALBERTO appeared to be sincere, and it is his opinion that ALBERTO was telling the truth.

According to Chief D'AFILE, Mrs. RICH recontacted him on June 4, 1964, at which time he informed her of the results of his inquiries. He said she appeared to be satisfied that the incident was innocuous.

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Patrolman JOHN B. LINGLEY, Hanover, Massachusetts Police Department, advised that at 10:48 PM, on May 23, 1964, he was detailed to 16 River Street, Hanover, where he talked to Mrs. FRANCIS RICH. Mrs. RICH complained that she had just received a telephone call from an unknown individual who said, "We're going to get you," and then hung up. She was unable to identify the voice, and further was unable to state whether it was a male or female voice.

She also advised that she has been in receipt of other telephone calls, and that when she answered the phone, a voice on the calling end would laugh and then hang up. She told the Police Officer that she suspected these calls were being made by her husband's former spouse, but she has no information to substantiate her suspicions.

Patrolman LINGLEY stated that this was the only official contact with Mrs. RICH and no additional information has been developed regarding the threatening call or the previous calls to Mrs. RICH.

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MARILYN WYSONG, also known as Mrs. HARRY EDWARD WYSONG, formerly known as MARILYN OWENS and DIANA HUNTER, was interviewed at the residence of her mother, 814 Reverchon, Dallas, telephone FE 7-5316. She stated her home address is 501 Carrier Parkway, Grand Prairie, where she had been living with HARRY EDWARD WYSONG, whom she married in February 1964. She stated WYSONG had beaten her on many occasions, had finally had himself committed to the Terrell State Hospital, a mental institution, in Terrell, Texas, and had recently disappeared from that place. She said he has homicidal tendencies, that she is afraid he may attempt to kill her and her children if he finds them, and that she is attempting to hide from him at the present time.

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She said that in 1961 she had been in financial difficulty, and had a daughter who needed an eye operation. She sought employment from JACK RUBY at Carousel Club shortly after the name was changed from Sovereign Club to Carousel Club. RUBY gave her a job as a waitress and answering the telephone. On one occasion, about two months after she went to work for him, RUBY saw the child, asked MARILYN why she did not have the child's eyes taken care of. She told RUBY that was the reason why she was working, to get enough money to send the child to a good doctor for an eye operation.

RUBY told her she would never get enough money to do this at the rate she was going. He immediately lined her up with a booking agent, bought her costumes, paid for her membership in the union, and used her as a stripper in his club.

From that time until September 1961, she worked in his club, sometimes as a waitress, sometimes as a stripper. In September 1961, she went on the road as a stripper, and did not return to Dallas until March 1962. From that time until she went on the road again in September 1963, she worked almost continually at Carousel Club for RUBY. This period of employment was frequently interrupted when she and RUBY would

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fight. RUBY would fire her, she would leave for a week or two, and eventually return to work at the Carousel. She recalled that on one occasion he had fired her seven times in one night.

She described RUBY as being "soggy hearted," saying he was extremely kind-hearted and good to the girls who worked for him, but that every time he did something nice for one of them, he seemed to feel it necessary to offset this by acting tough. She also said RUBY had a keen sense of justice, and that when one of his employees was in the right in an argument, he would back the employee despite his relationship with the various participants in such arguments.

She said she had frequently seen RUBY beat up customers who had insulted one of his girls, that these customers were frequently much bigger than JACK, but that ordinarily they were drunk or they would not have caused whatever trouble led JACK to beat up on them. On the other hand, she said she had seen him sit almost all night with a drunk customer who had not caused trouble, trying to sober the customer up enough to put him into a cab to go home.

She said that in September 1963, she went on the road again as a stripper, leaving Dallas for Cincinnati at that time. On November 24, 1963, she was working at the Brass Rail, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and on that day saw a tape of the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD by JACK RUBY, and even though only the back of RUBY could be seen in this film, she knew immediately it was JACK RUBY because she recognized the hat, and his whole general attitude and bearing.

She said she immediately called the Carousel Club and talked with ANDY ARMSTRONG the manager, said she was returning to Dallas, and asked if there was a job available for her. ARMSTRONG told her things were so upset that no one knew what the status of the club was, so he could not offer her a job. She said she was returning anyway, because of her long

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friendship with JACK RUBY, the fact he had done so much for her, and her concern for him. She then left Milwaukee in her own automobile, arriving back in Dallas on Tuesday, November 26, 1963. That was her first return to Dallas since leaving Dallas in September 1963.

Mrs. WYSONG said she had seen RUBY's gun and knew he frequently carried it while carrying large sums of money for deposit. She said she had never seen him pull the gun in the club or pull it on a customer, although she assumed he wore the gun while in the club.

She said she had no contact with RUBY, RALPH PAUL, GEORGE SENATOR, BRECK WALL, or any of RUBY's other employees during the period November 23-24, 1963.

She said she had never noticed any unusual sensitivity on the part of JACK RUBY because of his Jewish background. To the contrary, she said, some of the girls, when fighting with RUBY, would frequently curse him and call him a Jew, and his usual reaction would be to laugh. She had never heard him discuss his position in Dallas as a person of Jewish background.

She said that any allegation RUBY might have been homosexual was ridiculous, that he had had a number of girl friends, was very masculine, and never gave any indication of homosexuality. She said that the same was true of RUBY's roommate, GEORGE SENATOR, that he had a number of girl friends, and gave every indication of being completely normal sexually. With regard to RALPH PAUL, she said he was supposed to have a nice family in Arlington, Texas, and that a stripper, TAMMI TRUE, was his girl friend at the club. She said she knew TAMMI TRUE to like men and not to be abnormal in this respect.

She said that during her entire acquaintance with RUBY she had known him to hire Lesbians only on two occasions, one being LISA LAND and the other TONY TURNER.

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She said she knew of no Mexican stripper who had worked for RUBY other than DIOR ANGEL, previously mentioned by her to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

She said she feels certain OSWALD was never in the Carousel Club, that each of the waitresses took careful notice of each customer, particularly a "champagne" customer, and that none of them recognized OSWALD as anyone who had ever been in the club.

She said that she felt BILL DE MAR's claim that he had seen OSWALD in the Carousel Club was merely an attempt on his part to gain some publicity. She said that from the stage, with the bright footlights shining in the performer's eyes, it is completely impossible for a performer to recognize anyone in the audience.

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 Mr. MITCHELL SIMON, Del Prado Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he cannot specifically place JACK RUBY as a former acquaintance although he came from the same Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago and feels that he must have known the RUBY family in his youth. He said that he is 57 years old and left the Lawndale district in 1943. Since that time he has resided on the south side of Chicago and at present operated the Zebra Lounge, 1346 East 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

SIMON said that he used to frequent the Lawndale Restaurant on Roosevelt Road in Chicago in the 1930's and early 1940's. He said that sometime after 1943, after his move from the Lawndale neighborhood, he was in the Lawndale Restaurant and heard that the previous day JACK RUBY had attacked a man with a chair when the man made a derogatory comment about President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. According to his present recollection, SIMON believes that the man hit by RUBY was knocked down and dazed, but not seriously hurt. He could not recall the name of the injured man, nor can he recall who told him this story. He specifically denied being present when this incident occurred and said he could recall no one who might have been an eyewitness. He recalled that the owner of the Lawndale Restaurant, Mr. COHEN, is now dead.

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WILBURN W. Litchfield

WILBURN WALDON LITCHFIELD, also known as Bob Litchfield, upon interview at his residence, 4411 North Shepherd Drive, Apartment 1B, Houston, Texas, furnished the following information:

WILBURN Litchfield

He is presently employed as a salesman for Great Books of the Western World, Pappas Building, 401 Louisiana Avenue, Houston, Texas, and he formerly resided in Dallas, Texas. He is a personal acquaintance of JACK L. RUBY.

In early November, 1963, possibly on a Tuesday or a Thursday night, he appeared at the Carousel Club in Dallas for the purpose of discussing a business matter with RUBY. There were three other individuals at the club ahead of him who also were waiting to see RUBY. LITCHFIELD noticed an individual seated at a table some twelve to fifteen feet distant from the table at which he was seated. This individual was not wearing a conventional suit coat, but was attired in some sort of white sweater. It was definitely not a turtle neck sweater, and quite possibly was a slip-over style. This individual went into Ruby's office ahead of Litchfield, and en route passed within two or three feet of the table at which LITCHFIELD was seated. He appeared to be in his mid-twenties, and his height was somewhere between five feet, seven inches, and five feet, nine inches. His hair was medium brown in color, dry, sloppily arranged, and did not appear to have had oil applied to it. His complexion was somewhat ruddy, and his chin area was either slightly pimpled or bore slight acne pockmarks. This individual definitely did not wear glasses, and LITCHFIELD has no present recollection of any unusual features relating to his ears, nose or other head and facial areas. He wore no tie. His trousers were gray in color, and of the type of material ordinarily used for commercial uniforms. His general appearance would be described as untidy. For an approximate period of between fifteen and thirty minutes, LITCHFIELD was in a position to observe this individual.

Photographs in color of CURTIS LAVERNE CRAFARD, showing the latter in five different poses, were exhibited.

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to LITCHFIELD. After carefully scrutinizing these photographs, LITCHFIELD advised he could not state with any degree of certainty that the above-described individual whom he had seen at the Carousel Club in early November, 1963, was either identical or not identical with the individual depicted in the photographs. The overall general appearance of both are about the same, although the hair of the person in the photographs appears to be a bit more full than that of the individual he had seen in the Carousel Club. LITCHFIELD stated that because of the passage of time since he observed the individual in question in the Carousel Club, it is utterly impossible for him to comment more specifically at this time. He declined to make further comment in this regard.

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ERNEST FRANCIS STOY, Owner, Stoy's Garage, 2222 Larcot, Dallas, Texas, advised he is acquainted with WILL LITCHFIELD, J. W. GRUBBS, and MAX LEWIS, and recalls playing poker with these men on Saturday evening, November 23, 1963, at the GRUBBS residence in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. STOY stated this poker game was in progress all Saturday night and most of Sunday morning, November 24, 1963. STOY recalled that during the morning hours J. W. GRUBBS left the poker game for a few minutes and went into the kitchen for coffee. Upon returning to the poker table, GRUBBS stated that OSWALD had been shot. STOY stated that all four men then viewed television for a while and learned that OSWALD had been shot by JACK RUBY. At this point, LITCHFIELD stated, "That's the fellow that owns the night club. I have been in there." STOY stated he can recall no further conversation thereafter. He advised all four of his group were startled by the announcement of OSWALD being shot.

STOY further advised he never heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY prior to the events of President KENNEDY's assassination.

He advised he has known LITCHFIELD for two years, having met him while bowling. STOY said he has no reason to doubt LITCHFIELD's character or integrity and STOY considers LITCHFIELD to be an honest man.

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JESS WILLARD GRUBBS, 4104 Huckleberry Circle, Dallas, Texas.

President, Facilities Engineering Company, 3611 Folklore Trail, Dallas, advised he was present on November 23, 1963, at his house during a poker game involving MAX LEWIS, ERNEST STOY, and WILL LITCHFIELD. GRUBBS stated this poker game began about 9:00 p.m. and lasted until the afternoon of November 24, 1963.

GRUBBS recalls that around 9:00 a.m. on November 24, 1963, he went into his kitchen and at that time heard on television that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been shot by JACK RUBY. GRUBBS stated he informed the other members of the poker game of this event. Shortly thereafter, LITCHFIELD said something such as "what did that crazy bastard do? He's a close and personal friend of mine." LITCHFIELD then made a reference to the Carousel Club and a remark that he was associated with JACK RUBY in other clubs.

GRUBBS stated he discounted all of LITCHFIELD's remarks concerning an association with JACK RUBY. GRUBBS stated he has known LITCHFIELD for four years and considers LITCHFIELD to be of poor character and definitely not a man to trust. GRUBBS stated LITCHFIELD had boasted and bragged about himself in the past and he thought LITCHFIELD's remarks about knowing RUBY were in a boastful vein. GRUBBS further advised that LITCHFIELD lost at the poker game that night and paid his debts with bad checks.

GRUBBS stated he never heard of RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to the events of the assassination of President KENNEDY. He also stated he never heard LITCHFIELD mention the name RUBY or OSWALD prior to or after the aforementioned poker game.

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MAX LEWIS, 505 Westpoint, Apartment 108 (2800 block of Davis), telephone No. FE 9-9755, advised as follows:

DALLAS, TEXAS

LEWIS recalled being involved in a poker game with WILBURN W. LITCHFIELD, J. W. GRUBBS, and ERNIE STOY. The game was held on November 23, 1963, at GRUBBS' home, 4104 Huckleberry Circle, Oak Cliff section of Dallas, and lasted all night. The game began Saturday night and broke up sometime on Sunday. LEWIS was unable to recall the exact times the game began or ended.

LEWIS had been out all night Friday night, the night before the poker game. He slept for a while on Saturday and then Saturday evening went to GRUBBS' home to play poker. After playing poker all night Saturday, LEWIS took a nap on the couch while the game continued in progress. He recalled he discovered that RUBY shot OSWALD sometime after he awoke from this nap. LEWIS was unable to remember whether someone told him RUBY shot OSWALD or whether he saw it on television. LEWIS left the poker game on Sunday morning, went home, and then returned to the game after a short nap.

LEWIS stated that during the poker game LITCHFIELD made some reference to slightly knowing RUBY. LEWIS was unable to recall the exact context of this conversation but remembered that RUBY's name was mentioned by LITCHFIELD and LEWIS thought LITCHFIELD's knowledge of RUBY was very slight.

LEWIS could not remember whether LITCHFIELD stated he (LITCHFIELD) was in the Carousel Club. LEWIS stated he never heard LITCHFIELD mention that he (LITCHFIELD) saw OSWALD in RUBY's company at the Carousel Club.

LEWIS stated he would never place any faith in LITCHFIELD's statements. LEWIS believed LITCHFIELD always tried to give the impression that he was a "big shot" and if any names were prominent in the newspapers LITCHFIELD would make a point of remarking he was familiar with that particular personality. Further, LEWIS knew LITCHFIELD had issued several forged checks and this was another

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reason why he would not place any credence in LITCHFIELD's comments. In addition, LEWIS knew of several instances in which LITCHFIELD made exaggerated statements which were untrue and unbelievable.

LEWIS stated he knew of one instance in which LITCHFIELD "conned" a woman from Arizona out of several thousands of dollars. LITCHFIELD opened a used car lot with this money but the woman recovered some of it. LEWIS advised LITCHFIELD was known among his associates as a "con man."

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RALPH PAUL, Bull-Pen Drive-In, 1936 East Abrams, telephone CR 5-4591, was informed a notation, believed to be a telephone number, "JE 8-7475," was found in the effects of JACK L. RUBY following his arrest on November 24, 1963. He was asked if he could identify such a number.

He promptly stated this is the telephone number of his brother, DAVID PAUL. Referring to a notebook in his possession, Mr. PAUL stated the number is JE 8-7475 and is that of his brother, DAVID PAUL, 1152 College Avenue, Bronx, New York. N.Y.

PAUL stated he had given the telephone number of DAVID PAUL to RUBY as a number through which he, RALPH PAUL, could be reached should he be absent from his residence and visiting his relatives in the New York City area.

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The 1964-65 New York Telephone Directory for Bronx County, New York, lists LEE PAUL, 1152 College Avenue, Bronx, New York, as having telephone JE 8-7475. Investigation has established LEE PAUL is the wife of DAVID PAUL, same address.

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 GEORGE CARTER, Police Reporter, Dallas Times Herald Newspaper, advised he had related to Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY, Dallas Police Department, circumstances of contacts he had with BENJAMIN L. BINION, also known as BENNY BINION, Las Vegas, Nevada, gambler, formerly of Dallas. CARTER said he was aware Chief CURRY had relayed the information to FBI, Dallas.

CARTER stated he had read an article in the Dallas Morning News, possibly by reporter CARL FREUND, which made mention of the report JACK L. RUBY had traveled to Cuba at sometime in the past and had possibly been in contact with gamblers in Havana. He said he made some inquiries at the time and learned from various sources that LEWIS J. MC WILLIE, formerly of Dallas, later in Havana, and now in Las Vegas, Nevada, had been in Cuba at the time of RUBY's visit. He said there was also an indication MC WILLIE had at one time, either in Dallas or Las Vegas, worked for BENNY BINION.

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CARTER said he has never personally met BINION but knew of him by reputation and because of both Federal and Texas State prosecutions of BINION in recent years. He said BINION in turn, knew of CARTER because of CARTER's having reported some of the information relative to BINION for CARTER's newspaper. He said he conceived the idea of calling BINION by telephone on the theory BINION might be able to elicit a story from MC WILLIE if, in fact, MC WILLIE had any information concerning RUBY over and above that which had been published.

CARTER related he had, about one week prior to Christmas, 1963, called and talked to BINION in Las Vegas. BINION called CARTER back at the latter's Dallas residence the same night. CARTER said he had told BINION in the first conversation of his desire BINION attempt to get any further information from MC WILLIE as to RUBY's visit to Cuba. BINION admitted he knew MC WILLIE and said he had, in fact, seen him that day. BINION is recalled to have said or intimated he had heard from MC WILLIE or read about

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RUBY's visit to Havana. [BINION] said nothing to indicate he, [BINION], knew RUBY or that MC WILLIE had information which had not already been published.

CARTER said [BINION] volunteered information that he still had a six-months' penitentiary sentence "hanging over his head" in Texas. (CARTER said [BINION] actually has only about thirty days remaining of his state sentence). [BINION] told CARTER the latter might be able to help [BINION] out in avoiding having to serve the remainder of the Texas sentence. CARTER said he gave [BINION] no encouragement.

[BINION] called CARTER's residence that night. The gist of the conversation was that [BINION] would get MC WILLIE to talk to CARTER if CARTER, in turn, would intercede for [BINION] with Dallas County District Attorney. CARTER said he, at that time, told [BINION] he, CARTER, was a newspaperman, that he could, under no circumstances, attempt to influence the District Attorney and would be fired from his job if he even tried. He said he has heard no more from [BINION].

CARTER said he has no information that the full story of MC WILLIE has not been given by MC WILLIE or that [BINION] has any indication MC WILLIE has not related his story in full.

CARTER said he knows of [BINION]'s reputation for violence and alleged connection with gangland murders and attempted murders in the past. He said he would actually fear violence to him should it be known to [BINION] that CARTER had related [BINION]'s attempt to have CARTER intercede with the District Attorney for [BINION].

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MELVIN EUGENE SARGENT, Inmate Register Number 87510-A United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, (USP-A), after having been advised he was not required to make any statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, and that he was entitled to legal counsel before making any statement; was interviewed concerning an anonymous letter directed to the Attorney General which indicated he (SARGENT) had knowledge concerning JACK RUBY and the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

BORN June 9, 1939 AT FLORENCE COUNTY ALABAMA

SARGENT initially denied having any information concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY, or knowledge concerning JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He stated he had no information concerning "Cuba" and he had no knowledge as to the identity of the individual who may have written the Attorney General indicating he (SARGENT) had knowledge of such affairs.

SARGENT stated that on May 13, 1964, while confined in the Fulton County Jail, Atlanta, Georgia, he became "hopped up" on some pills, but he would have had no reason to mention KENNEDY, RUBY, or OSWALD. He also stated that an individual, whom he refused to name, that resided in Miami, Florida, formerly visited him at the Fulton County Jail about every Friday but that he and this unidentified individual did not discuss KENNEDY, RUBY, or OSWALD. He stated this individual's name would not appear on his visiting records anywhere, due to the fact he "pulled strings" so that his name did not so appear.

SARGENT then stated it was true he was acquainted with JACK RUBY. He stated that in April, 1956, he was employed as a bellboy at an unrecalled hotel in Mobile, Alabama, and in connection with this employment he met RUBY. In the year that followed this meeting, according to SARGENT, he stole approximately forty cars in the states of Alabama and Georgia, which he delivered to RUBY's representatives, names and descriptions unrecalled, at various unrecalled locations in New Orleans, Louisiana. He indicated he was paid \$550.00 for every car he delivered to New Orleans and that he received this payment in the form of cash mailed to his residence in Alexander City,

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Alabama, on a monthly basis by RUBY.

SARGENT advised he was incarcerated in the Alabama State Penitentiary, Kilby, Alabama, from February, 1958, until November 21, 1963. While he was incarcerated he had no personal contact with RUBY, but RUBY's representatives contacted him in the penitentiary on numerous occasions. He stated that the representatives, whom he could not describe, were unknown to him, and he had no idea as to how the identities could be obtained. He stated these representatives of RUBY were allowed to visit him at the penitentiary without registering for the visit.

SARGENT continued by stating that during April, 1963, he was contacted by another representative of RUBY, whom he could not describe, and this representative asked him if he would be willing to kill Secretary of State DEAN RUSK for \$50,000.00. He stated he agreed to do this job. On or about October 29, 1963, however, according to SARGENT, he was contacted by still another unidentified representative of RUBY who informed him the plans had now been changed and it was their intention to have him kill President KENNEDY. SARGENT stated this representative instructed him to go to Pensacola, Florida, following his release from Kilby prison and he would be contacted at Alex's or the Ajax Bar at Pensacola for additional instructions.

SARGENT reported that following his release from Kilby prison on November 21, 1963, he traveled directly to Pensacola by bus and waited at the bar he had received instructions concerning. He stated that about 7:00 p.m. he received instructions from another unidentified person via telephone directing him to a motel, name unrecalled, on the outskirts of Pensacola. He stated he traveled to the motel and at about 7:30 p.m., November 21, 1963, RUBY drove up. SARGENT reported RUBY was accompanied by a person he now knows to be LEE HARVEY OSWALD. RUBY and OSWALD, according to SARGENT, informed him it was their intention to assassinate the President at Dallas, Texas, the following day, and that his (SARGENT's) job in this assassination

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was to operate a getaway car for OSWALD. He stated he backed out of the deal at this time, and to the best of his knowledge RUBY and OSWALD left the Pensacola area that night to carry out their assassination plans.

SARGENT denied having written the anonymous letter implicating him in instant assassination. He also denied having made up the information he furnished during this interview.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent LESLIE J. NORREGARD:

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

On June 12, 1964, SAM CARTER, Administrative Assistant, United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, (USP-A) made available the institution file concerning MELVIN EUGENE SARGENT, also known as MELVIN EUGENE JONES, Inmate Register Number 87510-A, FBI number 910 185 D; and a review of this file reflects the following:

SARGENT was sentenced on May 11, 1964, at Newnan, Georgia, to serve two concurrent three-year sentences for transporting stolen motor vehicles interstate. He was committed to the USP-A on May 15, 1964, and has been confined in the Admission and Orientation Building since that time. He is scheduled for conditional release on August 31, 1966, and his full term expires on November 11, 1966. A detainer charging Grand Larceny has been filed by the Police Department, Greenville, South Carolina.

SARGENT is described as a white male American, born June 8, 1939, at Elmore County, Alabama. He is 6'1" tall, weighs 185 pounds, has brown hair, blue eyes, and his permanent residence is listed as Alexander City, Alabama.

Included in subject's institution file was a pre-sentence report dated May 5, 1964, prepared by JAMES H. YOUNG, United States Probation Officer, Middle District of Alabama, which indicated the following:

"According to members of home community, subject returned to Alexander City after his release from prison, and worked for a while for Dr. HAGEN." *LJA*

SARGENT's mother, ANNIE RUTH YARBROUGH, Route 5, Alexander City, Alabama, "continues to express interest in this subject's welfare but feels he is in need of some sort of psychiatric treatment."

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"He is described by law enforcement officers as being a pathological liar."

YOUNG's report indicated SARGENT was released from the Alabama State Penitentiary, Kilby, Alabama, on November 21, 1963, after having received three years concurrent sentences on February 10, 1963 and February 18, 1963, for Grand Larceny and Burglary; and two years on July 25, 1961, for escape.

SARGENT has an IQ of 73 and is an admitted passive homosexual.