

August 27, 1964

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Honorable J. Lee 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 your letter of July 30, 1964, requesting an investigation to determine how "The Dallas Times Herald" learned of questions and answers which were published in numerous newspapers on the polygraph examination of Jack Ruby on July 18, 1964.

The results of this Bureau's investigation were furnished to you by my letter of August 19, 1964, with the exception of an interview with Miss Odell Oliver, the court reporter who recorded the interview. Enclosed herewith are two copies of a memorandum dated August 24, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, setting forth an interview with Miss Odell Oliver.

This concludes the investigation requested in your letter of July 30, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: At the request of the President's Commission, Ruby was afforded a polygraph examination at the Dallas County Jail on 7/18/64 by SAs Herndon and Wood. The questions used in the examination were prepared by the Commission and all arrangements as to who would be present were made by the President's Commission. On 7/22/64 "The Dallas Times Herald" printed an article which set forth what was purported to be the complete questions and answers from the polygraph examination and the President's Commission by letter 7/30/64 requested investigation to determine how "The Dallas Times Herald" learned of the questions and answers which were published. With this interview of Oliver we have completed interview of all persons present during the interview with the exception of the President's Commission's representatives, and all denied releasing the information. Officials of "The Dallas Times Herald" declined to reveal their source of information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-24016)  
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RE: JACK L. RUBY, aka.;  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka. (Deceased) -  
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Re Bureau airtel 7/31/64 transmitting Commission's letter of July 30, 1964, which requested interview with one Mr. GRIFFIN, an employee of "The Dallas Times Herald" who allegedly saw RUBY during the early morning hours of November 23, 1963, along with ROY A. PRYOR in "The Dallas Times Herald" building.

Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum to which are attached results of interviews with ROY A. PRYOR and KENNETH E. GRIFFITH.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Dallas, Texas  
August 24, 1964

JACK L. RUBY;  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD

By letter dated July 30, 1964, the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy requested one Mr. Griffin, an employee of "The Dallas Times Herald", be identified and interviewed, it being pointed out that Griffin, according to Roy A. Pryor, saw Jack L. Ruby at about 4:00 a.m., Saturday, November 23, 1963. Attached are reports of interviews with Roy A. Pryor and Kenneth E. Griffith.

It is noted that on August 3, 1964, Paul Pope, Personnel-Manager, "The Dallas Times Herald", Dallas, Texas, advised that there is no employee of "The Dallas Times Herald" with the surname of Griffin; however, Mr. Pope noted that one Kenneth E. Griffith is an employee assigned to the Composing Room of this newspaper.

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ROY A. PRYOR, 8544 Foxwood Lane, advised that he is employed as a printer by "The Dallas Times Herald" and that he and a man named GRIFFIN or GRIFFITH, first name unknown, had both worked two hours overtime the morning of November 23, 1963. Both had made up time sheets and were about ready to leave "The Dallas Times Herald" composing room when JACK RUBY came in at approximately 4:10 a.m. PRYOR spoke to RUBY but does not recall if he introduced RUBY to "GRIF." If RUBY and "GRIF" spoke at all, it would have only been to say hello. PRYOR stated that "GRIF" would not have been in RUBY's presence more than five or ten seconds before "GRIF" left. PRYOR stated that "GRIF" is approximately 39 years of age.

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on 8/7/64 at Dallas, Texas

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by Special Agent JOHN J. O'DONNELL:vm

Date dictated 8/7/64

Date August 21, 1964

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FENNECH E. GRIFFITH, Apartment 1, 3817 Hawthorne, Dallas, Texas, advised that he is employed in the Composing Room at "The Dallas Times Herald" newspaper in Dallas, Texas, and was so employed during the early morning of November 23, 1963.

Mr. GRIFFITH stated that he knows of no employee at the newspaper with the surname of "GRIFFIN", whether it be in the Composing Room or any other department of this newspaper.

Mr. GRIFFITH stated that around 3:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 23, 1963, as he was just getting off work, a person previously unknown to him and whom he thought was another newspaper employee came into the Composing Room with an advertising insert in his hand.

GRIFFITH did not know the name of this man, but heard someone (identity not now recalled) refer to this individual as "JACK".

GRIFFITH stated he was in "JACK's" presence about five or six minutes as he, GRIFFITH, was trying to get out of the building and go home as it had been a hectic night with many of the advertising merchants changing their regular advertisements to ones expressing condolences over the tragic death of President KENNEDY in Dallas on the previous day.

While in "JACK's" presence these few minutes, he recalls that "JACK" appeared to be in a very jovial mood and not at all remorseful, and laughingly had mentioned that he had been hanging around the Dallas City Hall that night although he was not supposed to be there. "JACK" said he

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on 8/20/64 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 44-1639

by Special Agent RICHARD J. BURNETT /jtf Date dictated 8/21/64

had done favors in the past for unnamed individuals and had been allowed to enter City Hall that night.

"JACK" also mentioned that "we" (not further identified) are trying to find out who the man really is that placed the ad in "The Dallas Morning News" on November 22, 1963, prior to the President's death making strong accusations against the President. "JACK" by all outward indications acted as if he did not know who this advertiser was (BERNARD WEISSMAN). "JACK" said, "It is probably someone posing as a Jew".

GRIFFITH stated he then continued on his way and never thought anything more of "JACK" or his comments.

GRIFFITH stated that he was home on Sunday, November 24, 1963, watching television when the television showed JACK RUBY shooting OSWALD. Even at this time, GRIFFITH stated he had not connected RUBY with the "JACK" he had seen briefly early Saturday morning, November 23, 1963, in the newspaper building.

GRIFFITH stated that it was not until Thanksgiving morning, November 28, 1963, when someone unrecalled, a fellow newspaper employee, mentioned to him that RUBY was the same "JACK" that he, GRIFFITH, had met in "The Dallas Times Herald" Composing Room early Saturday morning, November 23, 1963, that he, GRIFFITH, realized that "JACK" was the same person who shot OSWALD. Up to this time GRIFFITH had not made the connection of "JACK" being the same person as JACK RUBY.

GRIFFITH added that he had never known RUBY previously and did not recall ever having seen RUBY in person prior to or after November 23, 1963.



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August 26, 1964

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
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Dear Mr. Rankin:

In reply to your letter of July 30, 1964, requesting that we identify and interview an employee of "The Dallas Times Herald" by the name of Griffin, there are enclosed herewith two copies of a memorandum dated August 24, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, setting forth the results of the desired investigation.

This concludes the investigation requested in your letter of July 30, 1964.

Sincerely yours,  
 L. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: The President's Commission by letter 7/30/64 advised that Ray Pryor, a composing room employee of The Dallas Times Herald in testifying before the Commission stated that he saw Jack Ruby, about 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 11/23/63 and that a fellow employee by the name of Griffin was present during part of his conversation with Ruby. It was requested that we identify and interview Griffin. Dallas determined that Griffin's correct name was Kenneth E. Griffith who stated that he was present for a few minutes during Pryor's conversation with Ruby, at which

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time he recalled Ruby mention the fact that he had been to the Dallas Police Department earlier in the night and he discussed with Pryor the controversial Bernard Weissman advertisement that had appeared in the Dallas morning news on 11/22/63.