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had never heard any conversation regarding JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He stated positively that he had never seen anyone resembling the photograph of RUBY while he was in Houston. He stated that he had never heard any mention made of the possibility that JACK RUBY and/or LEE HARVEY OSWALD had homosexual inclinations. He stated that the only information he has ever had concerning either of these two individuals was gained from television and news media after the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-32655)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-939)
SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY;--
LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

RE: Bureau airtel to WFO, 10/22/64.

On 10/30/64, the copy of the transcript of the interview of JACK L. RUBY which had been obtained from Attorney JOE H. TONAHILL, Jasper, Texas, was personally returned to Mr. TONAHILL at Jasper, Texas. A signed receipt for this transcript was executed by Mr. TONAHILL, which will be retained in the Houston file of this case.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-24016)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-1639)

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

Re Bureau airtel, 10/27/64 which refers to the recently published book by MELVIN M. BELLI. *TEXAS COLIF*

RUBY was interviewed on 11/24/63 at Dallas City Jail by SA C. RAY HALL. He neither made nor received any telephone calls during the time SA HALL was with him. SA HALL gave RUBY no money whatsoever for telephone calls or for any other reason.

RUBY was interviewed by SA HALL and SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS at Dallas County Jail on 12/21/63 in the presence of BELLI and other defense attorneys. RUBY neither made nor received any telephone calls, nor was any money given to him for any purpose, a fact which is of course well known to BELLI, who was present.

With respect to the statement by BELLI that Agents contacted him in the hotel room to advise him specifically that JACK RUBY was not and had never been an employee of the FBI, CIA or any other Federal agency, the following facts are set out. On 2/28/64, by telephone call from the Bureau, I was furnished information that representatives of the Hearst News Publications had advised that an unnamed reporter had been told by MELVIN BELLI that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was an FBI informant. BELLI is also supposed to have told this reporter that although he would not care to comment so much regarding RUBY's connection with the FBI, he knew from reliable sources that RUBY had been an informant for eight weeks and OSWALD an informant for thirteen weeks. Based upon this information, I was instructed to contact BELLI and straighten him out in this regard.

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On the night of 2/28/64 MELVIN BELLI was interviewed by me and SA VINCENT E. DRAIN in a hotel room in the Statler-Hilton Hotel secured strictly for that purpose. BELLI insisted upon his fellow counsel JOE TONAHILL being present. BELLI was advised that we had received information from a reliable source that he had stated that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was a security informant of the FBI for a period of thirteen weeks. He was informed that there was absolutely no truth in this and that I desired to secure from him any and all information which he had in this regard.

BELLI stated that sometime around the first of the year 1964, he had seen an article in the "Houston Post" by LONNIE HUDKINS, which article was a rumor to the effect that OSWALD might have been an informant of the FBI or CIA, and subsequent to that article, BELLI did subpoena HUDKINS to appear as a witness in a change of venue hearing before Judge JOE B. BROWN. Sometime during that same period, he heard another rumor around the court house to the effect that OSWALD might have been an informant of the FBI. BELLI blamed these rumors on Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM ALEXANDER and he stated he placed no credence whatsoever on the rumors that OSWALD was an informant of the FBI.

BELLI also stated that he had talked to numerous reporters during the weeks preceding the interview and could not recall to whom he had talked, but he did recall to the best of his memory that approximately some three weeks prior to this interview, someone had asked him if he had heard the rumor that OSWALD had been an informant of the FBI. He believed this person was a reporter, and to the best of his memory, he told this person that he had heard the rumor around the court house. He stated he did not recall exactly what he had said, but was certain that he had never said anything to the effect that OSWALD had been an informant for thirteen weeks or that OSWALD had been a security informant. BELLI was at this time again emphatically told that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had never been an informant of the FBI. There was no mention made of CIA or any other Federal agency.

At this time BELLI was also advised that we had received information that he had allegedly stated that JACK LEON RUBY had been an informant of the FBI for a period of eight weeks. Both he and TONAHILL stated that they had at no time ever heard anyone state that RUBY was an informant or infer that he was an informant. BELLI then insisted upon calling his Other co-counsel, PHILLIP BURLESON, and asked him

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in my presence if he had ever heard this rumor. BURLINSON advised that he had never heard any rumor from anyone to the effect that RUBY was an informant of the FBI. All three insisted that they had never told anyone or inferred to anyone that RUBY was an informant of the FBI. They pointed out that they had interviewed RUBY extensively concerning his entire life and they were certain that if RUBY had been an informant, he would have told them. They stated that RUBY had never mentioned in any manner whatsoever cooperating with the FBI. BELLI again reiterated that he felt that Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM ALEXANDER was planting these rumors. He then specifically asked me if RUBY had ever been an informant of the FBI as this was the first he had ever heard of it, and I specifically advised BELLI that RUBY had never been an informant of the FBI. I again made no statement whatsoever regarding CIA or any other Government agency. My complete interview with BELLI was furnished the Bureau by teletype, 2/28/64.

November 2, 1964
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The David McKay Company, New York recently published a book entitled "DALLAS JUSTICE, The Real Story of Jack Ruby and His Trial," written by Mel Belli and coauthored by Maurice C. This book sets forth the statement that FBI Agents furnished Ruby a great sack of nickels and dimes to make telephone calls and thereafter interviewed person Belli and also that Agents contacted that Ruby had never been an employee of FBI, CIA or other Government agency. Attached airtel sets forth true facts re these two inaccurate allegations. It would be pointless at this time to contact Belli to straighten him out on true facts, however, should any person make inquiry re these inaccuracies, they will be promptly straightened out. Inquiries have been received to dat

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (RUC)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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ATTENTION: CRIMINAL SECTION
(Bufile 105-82555)
(WFOfile 105-37111)

JACK L. RUBY
LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS
(Bufile 44-24016)
(WFOfile 44-520)

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ReBuairtel 10/22/64, with twelve enclosures consisting of items of evidence submitted by WFO in connection with WFO investigation with regard to the leak of information relating to the RUBY testimony which appeared in DOROTHY KILGALLEN's columns.

On 10/23/64, SA CARL E. GRAHAM returned to the President's Commission all nine (9) items which had been obtained from the Commission. Receipt was obtained from the Commission for:

(1 - 4) Copies 1 thru 4 of Testimony of JACK RUBY prepared by Ward and Paul and classified "Confidential."

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(5). Original Stenographic typed transcript of testimony of JACK RUBY.

(6). Xerox copy (not classified) of RUBY testimony obtained from office of Mr. WILLENS, Staff member.

(7). Xerox copy (not classified) of RUBY testimony obtained from office of Mr. REDLICH, Staff member.

(8). Xerox copy used by Printer (not classified).

(9). Copy of "New York Journal American" newspaper of Tuesday, 8/18/64.

On 10/23/64, SA GEORGE J. LEX, Jr., returned to the office of Congressman GERALD R. FORD Copy number 5 (Ward and Paul reproduction) of the testimony of JACK RUBY (classified "Confidential"). SA LEX obtained a receipt for the return of this document.

It will be noted that one of the items returned to WFO from the FBI Laboratory was a sample of blank paper, pre-stamped "Confidential," which had been obtained from Ward and Paul. This blank paper was not returned but was destroyed by WFO.

On 11/2/64, SA ALBERT H. SOLOMON, Jr., returned a xerox copy of the RUBY testimony which had been obtained from the office of Senator RICHARD RUSSELL. Receipt was obtained.

WFO is retaining receipts obtained for the return of this material to the Commission, to Congressman FORD and to Senator RUSSELL.

Mr. Belmont

November 3, 1964

A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
(R. E. Lenihan)
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Hines
- 1 - Mr. Rogge

**THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE ASSASSINATION
OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY**

PURPOSE:

To recommend the attached letter be sent to Assistant Attorney General Miller advising the data concerning the assassination and the Lee Harvey Oswald investigation developed subsequent to the termination of the President's Commission will be disseminated to the Department.

DETAILS:

By letter 9/23/64 we asked the Commission to whom we should send our investigative results in connection with the above matters.

By letter 10/15/64 J. Lee Rankin advised in part "I have been instructed to advise you that these matters should be handled, insofar as the Commission is concerned, the same as any other investigation involving law enforcement." Rankin's letter continued the Commission's responsibilities, "except as to closing out its operations and the publication of its hearings and exhibits, were terminated" on 9/24/64 when its report was delivered to the President.

In connection with the Lee Harvey Oswald investigation, the approved memorandum Branigan to Sullivan dated 12/19/63 captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald, Internal Security - Russia" recommended that since we furnished the Department the summary which was sent to the Commission and since investigative reports are being furnished to the Commission, we would not send these reports to the Department or any other agency. Inasmuch as our reports on Oswald have been furnished to the Commission for its evaluation and use in the preparation of its report on the assassination, it is not deemed necessary to furnish these hundreds of reports to the Department.

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- 1 - 62-109090 (Assassination of President Kennedy)
- 1 - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)
- 1 - 44-24016 Jack

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: THE PRESIDENT' COMMISSION

With reference to the investigation captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas, Miscellaneous - Information Concerning," we received numerous complaints, remarks and threats made by individuals which included their feelings concerning President Kennedy, the former Attorney General, other officials and the policy of the administration. Included were allegations that persons other than Lee Harvey Oswald were involved in the assassination. Therefore, these miscellaneous type reports were furnished to the Department. The Jack L. Ruby investigation was conducted at the request of the President's Commission and the Department based on a possible violation of Oswald's civil rights. Reports have been disseminated to the Department as done in all civil rights cases.

In view of Rankin's letter it appears desirable that reports containing miscellaneous type information relating to our continuing investigation of the assassination as well as the results of our continuing investigation of Oswald be furnished to the Department.

It is proposed that in the future when miscellaneous type reports and reports entitled "Lee Harvey Oswald" are received they will be furnished to the Department following review. If deemed necessary, they will also be furnished to other appropriate agencies of the Government, such as Secret Service, Central Intelligence Agency, etc. where such agencies might have an interest in the data reported. Since the Commission did not designate any authority to whom our reports should be disseminated the following is recommended:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The attached letter be furnished to Assistant Attorney General Miller advising we will disseminate reports to the Department.
2. Pertinent reports will be disseminated to other appropriate agencies of the Government where such agencies might have an interest in the data reported.
3. You will be kept fully advised of any pertinent developments in these investigations.

Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Director, FBI

November 4, 1964

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Sullivan
(R.E. Lenihan)
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1 - Mr. Rosen
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THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE ASSASSINATION
OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

On September 23, 1964, we directed a letter to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy requesting information as to who the appropriate authority would be to receive results of our investigations conducted in connection with the assassination subsequent to the termination of the President's Commission.

Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the President's Commission answered this by letter dated October 15, 1964, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Reports containing miscellaneous allegations and information relating to the assassination and reports concerning the killing of Lee Harvey Oswald by Jack L. Ruby have been and will continue to be furnished to the Department. In addition, reports containing results of our continuing investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald will also be furnished in view of the importance of this case. Where relevant, dissemination of these reports will also be made to other Governmental agencies having an interest in the data reported.

Enclosure

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- 1 - 62-109090 (Assassination of President Kennedy)
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NOTE:

See Rosen to Belmont memo dated 11/3/64, RDR:REL:rab.

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TO : Mr. Belmont *MB*

DATE: November 9, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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SUBJECT: DALLAS JUSTICE,
THE REAL STORY OF
JACK RUBY AND HIS TRIAL
BOOK REVIEW

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"DALLAS JUSTICE, The Real Story of Jack Ruby and His Trial," was written by Melvin M. Belli, Ruby's defense attorney who was fired by Ruby's family after Ruby's trial in March, 1964, and coauthored by Maurice C. Carroll, a reporter for "The New York Herald Tribune" who was in the Dallas basement when Ruby shot Oswald and who covered the Ruby trial for his newspaper. It was recently published by the David McKay Company, Incorporated, New York. The book is primarily a self-serving pat on the back to Melvin Belli from his greatest admirer Melvin Belli. He attempts in the book to justify and back up his publicly stated belief that Ruby did not receive a fair trial in Dallas but was railroaded by a court and jury controlled by the Dallas oligarchy or "establishment." He ridicules Dallas justice as such and belittles Judge Joe B. Brown who tried the Ruby case, District Attorney Henry Wade and his staff who prosecuted the case and the jury who convicted Ruby and almost all other persons mentioned in the book with the exception of Belli.

Basically the book relates: (1) Belli's story of the conditions in Dallas existing at the time of the assassination and shooting of Oswald by Ruby with emphasis on his belief that the city was controlled by the Dallas Citizens Council, a group interested only in the protection of the Dallas image, (2) the factual incidents that occurred during the assassination and shooting of Oswald by Ruby, (3) the preparation of Ruby's defense with emphasis on medical examinations of Ruby, (4) the trial itself and the presentation of the evidence, and (5) the conviction and his subsequent outburst against the city of Dallas which he attempts to justify.

He reports the facts of the assassination of the President and subsequent shooting of Oswald by Ruby with a reasonable degree of accuracy as established by our investigation and contained in the Warren Commission Report. He agrees with the conclusions of the Warren Commission that Oswald and Ruby

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RE: DALLAD JUSTICE,

both acted alone and that there was no conspiracy on the part of either or between the two. He attributes the conviction of Ruby primarily to the preconcluded determination of the court and jury, the failure of the jury to open-mindedly consider and comprehend the medical testimony which he presented to show that Ruby was in a psychotic state and not responsible for his actions when he shot Oswald, and the testimony of Dallas Police officers which established premeditation on Ruby's part.

Belli makes reference to the FBI on six occasions in the book. On page 26 in discussing the President's visit to Dallas, it was stated that the FBI and Secret Service had apparently seen no need to keep an eye on Oswald although the Government had lengthy files on him. He does not comment further or enlarge upon this statement and apparently refers to the fact that the FBI had some information regarding Oswald prior to the assassination.

On page 48 in discussing Ruby's personality, he says that Ruby was a compulsive communicator and that the FBI had assessed his personality pretty well in that they gave him a great sack of nickels and dimes to make telephone calls and thereafter interviewed persons called by him. This statement is completely false and inaccurate. Ruby was interviewed by the FBI on 11/24/63 and again on 12/21/63 and at no time was he ever furnished any money for telephone calls of any other purpose. Belli should be well aware of this as he was present at the second interview.

On page 98 he refers to the fact that an FBI Agent had testified at Ruby's bond hearing in January, 1964. SA C. Ray Hall did testify at this hearing concerning his interviews of Ruby on 11/24/63 and 12/21/63. On page 182 Belli states that FBI Agents contacted him in a hotel room to advise him that Ruby had never been an employee of the FBI, CIA or any other Government agency. Belli was contacted in a hotel room by SAC Shanklin and SA Vincent Drain on 2/28/64 at the instructions of the Bureau for the specific purpose of advising him that neither Oswald or Ruby had ever been informants of the FBI. No mention was made to him regarding the CIA or other Government agency. This was done because Belli had publicly made certain statements to the effect that he had heard that Oswald and Ruby were Bureau informants.

On page 162 in recalling the testimony of Dallas Police Officer D. R. Archer, Belli said Archer stated that he had heard Ruby remark after the shooting that he had intended to shoot Oswald three times. Belli points out that Archer had not in his initial statements to his superiors immediately after the shooting recalled Ruby making this statement. He then asked Archer if

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RE: DALLAS JUSTICE,

he had told the FBI when interviewed that he had overheard Ruby make this statement and Archer replied, "No." We did interview Archer within a few days subsequent to the shooting of Oswald and Archer did not at that time state that he overheard Ruby make the statement that he intended to shoot Oswald three times.

With regard to the above two inaccurate statements concerning the furnishing of money to Ruby for telephone calls and advising Belli that Ruby had not been an informant of the CIA or other Government agency, it was recommended and approved that it would be pointless at this time to contact Belli to straighten him out on the true facts; however, should any other person make inquiry regarding these inaccuracies they will be promptly straightened out. No inquiries have been received to date.

ACTION:

For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-24016)

DATE: 11/10/64

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1200)

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SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY, aka;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka -
VICTIM (DECEASED)
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: Dallas

Enclosed herewith is an illegible letter which was mailed to U. S. Post Office, U. S. Marshal, Room 331, Savannah, Ga., on 11/6/64. The letter does not appear to make sense, but since it mentions the name "JACK RUDY", it is being forwarded to the Bureau for information and whatever action deemed necessary.

One copy of this letter is being forwarded to Dallas as office of origin, and one copy to Knoxville inasmuch as the envelope contains a Knoxville, Tenn. return address. One copy is being retained in Savannah files.

The name, H. SMITH, 515 Bruce Alice, Knoxville, Tenn., has been searched through the Savannah Field Division's files with negative results. No further action is being taken by this division.

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He was born at [REDACTED], Alabama, [REDACTED] and he graduated from [REDACTED] Alabama High School in 1958. He resided at [REDACTED] Houston, with his brother [REDACTED]. He had Social Security Number [REDACTED]. His father was shown as [REDACTED] and his mother as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] was employed there as [REDACTED] from about January 21, 1959 until approximately February 15, 1960.

On September 22, 1964, [REDACTED], Personnel Office, [REDACTED] Houston, after checking the records, furnished the following:

[REDACTED] was employed there as Office Boy from February, 1960, until July, 1960. When he terminated, he advised his father was ill and he had to return to his home at [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama. He resided in Houston, Texas at [REDACTED].

On September 22, 1964, [REDACTED], Manager, Apartment House located [REDACTED], Houston, Texas, advised she had been there for four years and she had no knowledge of [REDACTED] having resided there.

On September 22, 1964, [REDACTED] Houston, stated she had lived there since late June, 1960. The people who had previously lived there were named [REDACTED] and they reportedly had moved to some distant city.

Mr. Belmont

11/17/64

A. Rosen

- 1 - W. C. Sullivan (R. E. Lenihan)
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (J. W. Hines)
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Boggs

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA
IS - R - CUBA

PURPOSE:

To recommend that Columnist Walter Winchell be contacted for the identity of one "R. P." who he claims could substantiate the rumor that Oswald and Jack Ruby were associated in some manner.

DETAILS:

The 11/6/64, issue of the "New York Journal - American" on page 25 contains a syndicated column of Walter Winchell which in part relates to the rumor that Oswald and Ruby were associated. Mr. Winchell indicates many newspaper people are still working on this angle and that, "The person who supposedly could support the 'rumor' is initial'd R. P. of a Dallas suburb."

BACKGROUND:

The allegation that Oswald and Ruby were associated was initially put forth by New York Attorney Mark Lane. We have thoroughly investigated this allegation and have never developed one scintilla of evidence to substantiate the allegation.

We do not know the identity of the individual with the initials "R. P." however; Ruth Paine with whom the Oswalds associated resides in Irving, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. Ruth Paine has been interviewed on numerous occasions and has never indicated she knew of any association between Oswald and Ruby. In fact on 11/24/63, Paine specifically stated she did not know Ruby and had never heard the Oswalds mention Ruby. The only way we will

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Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA

be able to check this matter out is by contact with Mr. Winchell to learn of the identity of the individual with the initials "R. F." and then interview this individual for any information of value.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

If you approve Mr. Winchell will be located for interview concerning the identity of "R. F." and if not already done interview this individual to determine if he or she has any information of value concerning an association between Oswald and Ruby.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE DALLAS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS	DATE 11/19/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/17/64 - 10/27/64
TITLE OF CASE JACK L. RUBY, aka; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka (Deceased) - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY MANNING C. CLEMENTS	TYPED BY jtf
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	

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REFERENCES:

Reports of SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS, Dallas, dated
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Report of: MANNING C. CLEMENTS Office: DALLAS, TEXAS
 Date: November 19, 1964
 Field Office File No.: 44-1639 Bureau File No.: 44-24016
 Title: JACK L. RUBY;
 LEE HARVEY OSWALD, (DECEASED) - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: CARL SAYERS, inmate of county jail, Portsmouth, Ohio, alleged saw RUBY in Cicero, Illinois, late 1950's, later in Chicago in company of well-known hoodlum, and saw him in Cicero and Chicago after assassination of President KENNEDY. JAMES J. KNEIDING, inmate, State Prison of Southern Michigan, alleged homosexual association of RUBY and OSWALD, that RUBY was well-known to homosexual group in Houston, Texas; persons named by KNEIDING deny having known RUBY and OSWALD.

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CARL SAYERS was interviewed at the Scioto County Jail, Portsmouth, Ohio, where he is confined on a charge of forgery of true name-type checks.

SAYERS said that his residence is 829 Rust Street, Sciotoville, Ohio, but that he has travelled throughout the United States.

He was interviewed pursuant to a request on his part.

He advised that sometime in the late 1950s, possibly about 1958, he was in the Frolics, a club in Cicero, Illinois, when his curiosity was aroused by an individual who entered the club. He asked someone who the person was and was told that he was JACKIE. SAYERS said he then asked JACKIE who, and was told that his last name was RUBENSTEIN (PH), an individual who was a club operator.

Some months later, he was in the Devonshire (PH) Hotel on Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, and saw this same individual talking with JIMMIE ALGORETTI (PH), whom he described as an owner or operator of the hotel.

SAYERS claimed that ALGORETTI has underworld connections, which information he learned when he read a story in a national magazine which mentioned ALGORETTI.

SAYERS said that he recognized the individual identified as JACKIE RUBENSTEIN as being identical with JACK RUBY, the individual who shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He recalled having seen this individual in both Cicero and Chicago, Illinois, after the publicity surrounding the assassination of the President.

SAYERS said that he never saw this individual subsequent to that time, nor had any contact with him other than to have observed him in these two locations.

SAYERS said he furnished this information since it appeared to him that RUBY had "underworld connections".

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The Chicago Office has advised JAMES ALLEGRETTI is one of the most publicized hoodlums in Chicago, whose activities center in the Rush Street area. He normally utilizes Valentino's Restaurant in the Berkshire Hotel, 15 East Ohio Street, as a headquarters, according to newspaper accounts.

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 Inmate **JAMES J. KNEIDING**, State Prison of Southern Michigan, Jackson, Michigan, number E-86325, furnished the following information:

He is presently serving his fifth prison term in the State of Michigan. He was first sentenced in 1950 from Detroit, Michigan, for auto theft. He then escaped from the Michigan Reformatory, Ionia County, Michigan, and was sentenced in 1950 in Ionia County for this offense. In 1954 he was again sentenced to prison for attempted breaking and entering in the nighttime in Oakland County, Michigan. After his release from prison on this sentence, he went to Texas, arriving in Houston, Texas, about March 1, 1958. He resided in and around Houston until he left there to return to Michigan about the first week of May, 1960. After he returned to Michigan, he was again arrested and sentenced to prison from Oakland County for gross indecency. He was paroled in 1961 and was arrested and sentenced in Recorder's Court, Detroit, on September 25, 1961, to a term of four and one-half to five years for attempted robbery armed, which sentence he is now serving. He said this last sentence was a result of possible morals action on his part.

KNEIDING continued that during his stay in Houston, he worked for Fulton or Foulton Snow Roofing, putting on roofs as an applicator. From this, he worked into becoming a canvasser for salesmen, selling home improvements, such as aluminum siding, under the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) home improvement plan. His job was to line up prospects and the salesmen would then call on the prospects and attempt to sell them. He said the salesmen worked for various contracting firms but the main one was Kraft Construction, Houston. He also advised the main salesman he worked for was one LEONARD/LYONS who resided at that time at 7522 Kernel, Pecan Park, Houston. During the period of 1958 to 1960, KNEIDING said he resided at various motels in Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma while traveling in this work. During the spring and early summer of 1959, he resided at the Rainbow Inn Motel, Highway 90, Houston, and next at the South Main Hotel

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for Men, 4500 block of South Main, Houston. He said these were the two main residences he had during his stay in Texas.

KNEIDING advised in January, 1960, he was arrested by the Houston Police Department when they caught him speeding and the car in which he was driving was found to have been stolen in Kansas City, Kansas. He said he had borrowed the car from another party in Oklahoma and the FBI had interviewed him in Houston at that time and he was later released and he never heard anything further about the matter.

After arriving in Houston, he advised that he fell into going with a group of homosexuals and visited and frequented various clubs where this crowd hung out. He named the main clubs which he frequented as the Desert Room on Mc Gowen Avenue; the Encore Club on Westheimer Street, a private club; the Whiffenpoof, the Surf Club, and others in Houston. He also frequented the Alley Theatre in Houston which was a hang-out for homosexuals and would-be actors and actresses. In Dallas, Texas, he visited the Purple Onion, located in the Old Cliff section, which was also a hang-out for homosexuals.

KNEIDING advised his closest acquaintance and the person he associated with the most was a Castillian Spaniard named MARTY RUIZ, also known as Rachael Ruiz, who resided on Crawford Street in Houston on the part of the street which was the highway out of Houston. He described this person as of Spanish descent, early twenties, black hair, very fair skin and complexion, and small build. This person was well known at the Desert Room where they spent most of their time. Another person known to him was named "PETE" (LNU), who was a good friend of MARTY RUIZ and also well known at the Desert Room. Another was named WAYNE CRAVEN (phonetic), a young fellow from Alabama who worked at the "Houston Chronicle" newspaper. Still another was PAUL (LNU), who worked as the liaison man for the Disabled American Veterans at the Huntsville, Texas, Penitentiary and would contact the veterans at the prison and arrange for their pensions, etc. KNEIDING said that he was known to these persons as JIM and/or BUTCH.

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One evening at the Desert Room in Houston, he said he was with MARTY RUIZ and some of his other Spanish friends, he believed the above-mentioned PAUL (LNU) and others whose names he could not recall. He was introduced to JACK RUBY, who was in the group with some other men about the same age as RUBY, after it was learned he, KNEIDING, was from Detroit, and RUBY mentioned he had a brother there. During the conversation, LEE OSWALD's name was mentioned because his name was, at that time, in the local newspapers because he was either trying to get permission to go to Russia or permission to return to Texas from Russia, he could not recall which.

There was conversation about OSWALD among the group who all seemed to know of him. The talk got around to the fact that RUBY had "brought OSWALD out", which means among homosexuals that RUBY had seduced OSWALD and started him into homosexual ways and activities. He continued that he later learned from his friends and from listening that JACK RUBY was well known among the homosexuals as an active homosexual although not preferring young men but rather preferring people in his own age bracket.

KNEIDING said that there had been a mock wedding at the Desert Room the night that he first met RUBY (the date of which he could not recall), and the "bride and groom" had been toasted by all of them, including RUBY. He said that he had met and seen RUBY after that at the Desert Room in Houston and also one time at the Purple Onion in Dallas. He said he is almost sure that he also met and observed RUBY another time at the Encore Club, Houston. He also said that he had heard RUBY's name mentioned at the Alley Theatre as a well known homosexual among the "gay crowd" when he had visited that establishment. He said that he had also observed RUBY at another place or two in both Houston and Dallas, but he could no longer remember the names of the places.

He continued that he did not know anything about RUBY's background or personal life and was not aware at that time that he was interested in clubs or possibly show business. He said he did not know anything about RUBY's business at that time and has only learned what he has read and heard on the news since he had shot

OSWALD in Dallas. He reiterated that RUBY was well known as a homosexual among such persons in both Dallas and Houston, and the persons he previously named all were more aware of this fact than he had been, as he had learned it from them and others, whose names he could not recall.

KNEIDING said that he had thought about this matter ever since he first learned about the shooting of OSWALD, whom he had never met or known, but knew only by name as RUBY's protege. He continued that because he was in prison, he had first taken the attitude that he was not going to tell anything he knew about this matter. However, it has been preying on his mind and now he is due for release in a few months and he wanted to get this matter off of his mind. He added that he wished he could better remember names and places but the above is the best he can recall.

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[REDACTED] State Prison of Southern Michigan (SPSM), Jackson, Michigan, advised that the SPSM file number E-86325 concerning inmate JAMES J. KNEIDING, indicates that KNEIDING is not psychotic nor is he a pathological liar. This record indicated that KNEIDING has been treated in the Psychiatric Clinic at SPSM for a nervous condition believed to have been caused by an epileptic condition and possibly by an early injury to the head caused by a fall.

[REDACTED] advised that two Electroencephalograms (EEG), administered to KNEIDING, indicated an abnormal EEG pattern. He advised that a psychological report concerning KNEIDING, dated September 12, 1960, reflects that KNEIDING is "A victim of a chronic brain syndrome which was atypical in nature and would give rise to a severe emotional disturbance."

[REDACTED] advised that another entry in KNEIDING's file indicates that he had been on medication of Dilantin for an epileptic condition and, because of an injury, he has some brain damage which may be affecting his behavior.

[REDACTED] advised that a medical report in KNEIDING's file records the fact that he has had Epilepsy since 1946 and was also hit on the head when young.

[REDACTED] advised that a pre-sentence report prepared by the Bureau of Probation, State Department of Corrections, Lansing, Michigan, dated August 19, 1960, contained in the KNEIDING file at SPSM indicates that KNEIDING had been found guilty of Gross Indecency in the Oakland County Circuit Court, Pontiac, Michigan, which offense occurred on June 12, 1960, in the City of Madison Heights, Michigan, where KNEIDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He advised that this report also indicated that KNEIDING has been on Adult Probation, has been given three prison sentences, and had served approximately six years and four months of the preceding ten years in prison.

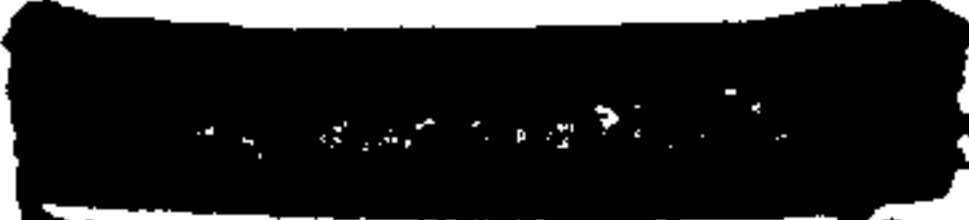
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 said this report also indicates that KNEIDING appears to be psycho-neurotic and needs treatment and counseling. This report indicates that KNEIDING is easily frustrated and has always attempted to make people believe that he will "get even" some day.

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[redacted] Psychiatrist, [redacted],
[redacted] State Prison of Southern Michigan (SPSM),
Jackson, Michigan, advised that inmate JAMES J. KNEIDING is
presently under treatment as an outpatient in the prison
clinic. He advised that KNEIDING is definitely not psychotic
nor is he a pathological liar.

[redacted] added that KNEIDING has an epileptic
condition, is infantile, immature, and is unstable emotionally.
KNEIDING is now, and has been at times in the past, on
medication of Dilantin, which is the common drug for the
treatment of epilepsy. [redacted] added that this medication
will not cause upsets or hallucinations, but tends to quiet the
patient. [redacted] advised that KNEIDING possibly conjured
up fantasies which are probably based on some factor of truth,
but are possibly amplified and drawn out of reality by
KNEIDING because of his condition.

[redacted] stated that KNEIDING is a manipulator
and uses many various means of attempting to get his own
end with the Therapists at the Clinic and said KNEIDING could
possibly be attempting to use this same manipulation as a means
to gain something from others, or he could be fabricating a story
to gain attention because of his infantile, immature and
unstable emotional condition.

[redacted] advised that he would prepare an
evaluation report based on his records and talks with the
Therapist working with KNEIDING now, and other Therapists
who worked with him in the past, and would have this report
ready on September 22, 1964.

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[REDACTED] Psychiatric Clinic, State Prison
of Southern Michigan (SPSM), Jackson, Michigan, furnished
the attached up-to-date evaluation report regarding inmate
JAMES KNEIDING, SPSM #E86325.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA DANIEL W. FULTS, JR.:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

The indices of the Houston Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reflect that in January, 1960, investigation entitled JAMES JOSEPH KNEIDING, Aka., Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle, was conducted. JAMES JOSEPH KNEIDING was arrested January 9, 1960, at Spring, Texas, for speeding in a 1958 Chevrolet Impala Convertible. This car was determined to be the property of THOMAS BRADSHAW, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. In a signed statement dated January 14, 1960, JAMES JOSEPH KNEIDING stated that while hitchhiking from Detroit, Michigan to Houston, Texas, two men in a 1958 Chevrolet Impala convertible picked him up on January 5, 1960 near Fort Smith, Arkansas; they all drove to Muskogee, Oklahoma and the two men had been drinking; the two men claimed to be in the insurance business and wanted KNEIDING to work for them; KNEIDING told them his clothes were in Houston, Texas and he would have to go and get his clothing; and KNEIDING left Muskogee in this vehicle alone and drove toward Houston, Texas until arrested at Spring, Texas. The Office of the United States Attorney, Houston, Texas, declined prosecution of KNEIDING in favor of prosecution by State authorities in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

The indices of the Houston Division reflect that in February, 1960, an investigation entitled EDWIN DONALD NASH; MAXEY LEON AARON; ROBERT FALCON, Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle, Selective Service Act, 1948, was conducted. On February 2, 1960, the Houston, Texas Police Department arrested EDWIN DONALD NASH, MAXEY LEON AARON and HARRY WAYNE CRAVEN, on a local charge of Theft by False Pretenses after a set of tires was purchased with

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a stolen credit card. NASH admitted to Houston Police Officers he was a homosexual and advised that AARON and CRAVEN were not involved in the theft or use of the credit card. Interview of HARRY WAYNE CRAVEN by Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents on February 5, 1960, developed [REDACTED]

No prosecutive action was taken against CRAVEN at this time.

On September 21, 1964, Houston City Directories for the years 1958 through 1963 were reviewed for information relating to [REDACTED], also known as [REDACTED]. No identifiable information was located except as follows:

The 1960 Edition disclosed that [REDACTED] residence [REDACTED] Houston, Texas, was employed as Office Boy by the [REDACTED]

On September 21, 1964, at the Credit Bureau of Greater Houston, [REDACTED] upon check of the records, advised no information was located which was identifiable with HARRY WAYNE CRAVEN or MARTY RUIZ, also known as RACHAEL RUIZ.

On September 21, 1964, at the Bureau of Identification, Harris County, Texas Sheriff's Office, Lieutenant REX FULLERTON advised after searching the records that nothing could be located that was identifiable with HARRY WAYNE CRAVEN or MARTY RUIZ, also known as RACHAEL RUIZ.

On September 21, 1964, [KATYIE CRAFT] Bureau of Identification, Houston Police Department, made available the file relating to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and the following data was obtained:

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Name	[REDACTED]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'4½"
Weight	102 pounds
Hair	Black
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	[REDACTED] Alabama
Marital Status	Single
Residence	[REDACTED] Houston, Texas
Employment	[REDACTED] Houston, Texas
Relatives	[REDACTED] father [REDACTED] Alabama; [REDACTED] mother [REDACTED] Alabama; [REDACTED] sister [REDACTED] Alabama; [REDACTED] sister [REDACTED] Georgia

[REDACTED] was arrested February 2, 1960, and held for Burglary Theft. He was arrested along with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that no information identifiable with MARTY RUIZ, also known as RACHAEL RUIZ could be located.

On September 21, 1964, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Houston, Texas,
furnished an Application for Employment dated January 21, 1959, filed by [REDACTED] which included the following:

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Mrs. HAZEL KINGCAID, Operator of the Desert Room Lounge, located at 1710 McGowen Street, advised that she had operated this lounge with her husband for a number of years. She stated that never, to her knowledge, has JACK L. RIBEY been in this lounge.

Mrs. KINGCAID advised that she recalled that during the period from about 1958 to 1961, there were three individuals by the names of MARTY, PETE and PAUL, who used to frequent this lounge. She stated, however, that she did not know their last names and does not know where they reside or are employed. She said further that the individual known as PAUL is a hair-dresser.

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PAUL GUERRERO, 310 Crosstimbers, advised that his full name is PAUL POLO GUERRERO and that he resides at 310 Crosstimbers alone, his mother having recently died. He said that he is 42 years of age and has been a hairdresser in Houston for the past 22 years and is presently employed at the Gulfgate Beauty Salon, Gulfgate Shopping Center.

GUERRERO stated that friends with whom he associates known as PETE and MARTY, are PETE FLORES and MARTY RIZO, who has also been called RACHAEL. He said that he and PETE and MARTY, for several years prior to 1961, were often in the Desert Room Lounge, 1710 McGowen Street. He stated, however, that he never has met JACK RUBY and never heard of RUBY's ever having been in the Desert Room. He stated further that he has never held any conversation with any of his friends regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD and, in fact, never heard of RUBY or OSWALD until the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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PETE FLORES, advised that he resides at 2407 Austin Street, in the home of his sister, PATSY FLORES, and can be reached through phone number FA 3-6972. He stated that he is presently employed by the L. C. Lopez Engineering and Construction Company, location at 8421 Bertwood. He said that he is a friend of MARTY RIZO, also known as RACHAEL, and of PAUL GUERRERO.

FLORES related that he was often in the Desert Room Lounge at 1710 McGowen Street with MARTY and PAUL, during the period from 1958 to 1961. He said, however, that he never knew of JACK RUBY being in the Desert Room Lounge, never met him, and never heard of him or of LEE HARVEY OSWALD until the assassination of President KENNEDY. He stated further that he never had any discussion with his friends regarding OSWALD or RUBY. FLORES advised that he did not recall having met an individual by the name of JAMES KNEIDING or WAYNE CRAVEN.

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MARTIN RIZO, was interviewed at 3839 Buffalo Speedway, where he is employed as a bus boy in the Geo Club at that address. He said that he resides at 2611½ Peckham and has phone number JA 2-2153.

RIZO advised that he is a close friend of PAUL GUERRERO and PETE FLORES. He said that he is more commonly known to his friends as MARTY RIZO and a few years ago, was known under the nickname of RACHAEL.

RIZO stated that he recalls JIM KNEIDING who was with him and his friends PETE and PAUL, sometime during the period between 1958 and 1961. He said, however, that he was in contact with KNEIDING on only a few occasions.

He related further that he also recalled an individual by the name of WAYNE CRAVEN, whom he met during the same period. He stated, however, that he does not know the present whereabouts of these individuals.

RIZO denied that he ever met JACK RUBY and never knew of his ever having been in the Desert Room Lounge. He stated that he never discussed RUBY with either KNEIDING, CRAVEN or his friends PETE and PAUL and never heard of RUBY or OSWALD until the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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HARRY WAYNE CRAVEN, who stated that he is also known as Wayne Craven, was interviewed at the Birmingham Office of the FBI, according to previous arrangements.

He advised that he resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. ROY H. CRAVEN at 4028 39th Court, North, Inglenook, Birmingham, Alabama, and his employment as a hairdresser at Shaw's Hair Fashions, Clark Building, 1926 4th Avenue, North, Birmingham.

He advised that during 1959 and until mid-1960 he had resided at Houston, Texas, and first had been employed as a delivery boy for the Home Title Company of Houston and later was employed from February to July as an office boy by the Houston Chronicle Newspaper. He stated that while in Houston, he was only twenty years of age and therefore was not allowed admittance to such clubs as the Desert Room, the Encore Club, the Whiffenpoof, or the Surf Club since he had not then reached his majority. He related that he for awhile resided at the South Main Hotel, on South Main Street in Houston, and his room was the first one at the top of the stairs on the second floor. He stated that he does not know any person by the name JAMES J. KNEIDING, but presumes that individual is identical with a "JIM", who also resided at that hotel for awhile and whose room was about two doors down the hall from his room. He stated that he occasionally associated with "JIM" and that he also during that period had occasionally associated with one "MARTY", whose last name he does not recall, but could possibly have been RIZO. He stated that the only individual by the name PAUL he can recall was a PAUL, last name unknown, who took his job as delivery boy for the Home Title Company at Houston when he had been promoted to a filing clerk.

CRAVEN stated that he was very well known around the Alley Theatre in Houston and had attended one or two classes offered there for prospective actors. He stated definitely that during his entire residence in Houston and associations with the above-named individuals, he

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had never heard any conversation regarding JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He stated positively that he had never seen anyone resembling the photograph of RUBY while he was in Houston. He stated that he had never heard any mention made of the possibility that JACK RUBY and/or LEE HARVEY OSWALD had homosexual inclinations. He stated that the only information he has ever had concerning either of these two individuals was gained from television and news media after the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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Nov. 22, 1964

F.B.I. Director
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Washington, D.C.

Jack Ruby

My Dear Sir:

May I congratulate you on your article appearing in most all newspapers. I was one of the many thousands who on television who saw the fatal shooting of President Kennedy. Yet only about a year ago Robert Kennedy told a group that only Oswald was involved. How silly can a person be.

Enclosed is a clipping "BIG CHANGES IN JUBY AFTER YEAR IN JAIL".

Dear Mr. Hoover, it seems to me that the House or the Senate should introduce a new law requiring that the real name of an adult criminal should be published. In this case Jack Rubinstin. As I look back over the many years, in each case the killers were Jews. The Goldberg case (husband and wife. The Harding case. The killer was Cozolgosh, trained by a woman and her associates in Chicago, Illinois.

You will recall the Hiss case. Former Vice President, but at that time a member of Congress, state that we had spies in our State Department. Nixon was criticised, but later Alger Hiss was convicted.

Again I congratulate you, keep up your good work.

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Big Changes in Ruby After Year in Jail

Sloppy, Befuddled
With Delusions
He's Persecuted

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—A year behind bars has taken a heavy toll on Jack Ruby.

The once well-groomed, well-exercised night club operator now is a sloppy, befuddled man who apparently suffers from delusions of persecution.

He is confined to a blocked-off section of a hallway inside the Dallas County Jail, a stone's throw away from where President Kennedy was assassinated last Nov. 22.

Ruby has been in jail since Nov. 24 when he gunned down Lee Harvey Oswald, the assassin of the President. Since March 14 he has been under the death sentence imposed by a jury which found him guilty of murder with malice.

Malice Claimed

Ruby's lawyers hope to win a reversal of the verdict when they argue before the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin sometime next spring.

They will contend, among other things, that local conditions made it impossible for Ruby to get a fair trial in Dallas, and that testimony from certain police officers, which tended to show malice on Ruby's part, should have been ruled inadmissible.

A succession of attorneys have joined and left the Ruby defense team since Melvin Belli was dismissed after the trial. At present, Phil Burleson of Dallas and Joe Tonahill of Jasper, Tex., are the attorneys of record in the case, with Sol Dann of Detroit apparently acting in a consultant capacity for the Ruby family.

Burleson said he intends to file a complete statement of facts by Saturday which will complete the legal process leading to a hearing by the appellate court. Because of the backlog of cases, this hearing probably will not take place before next March or April.

Short Term

Tonahill said Ruby might be a free man in a year if the Austin court reverses the case.

"If the appellate court supports us on the issue of inadmissible police testimony," he said, "then the element of malice will be gone from the case. Murder without malice means 2 to 5 years, and, considering time off for good behavior, Jack already will have served the minimum time on such a sentence."

Both Burleson and Tonahill said a sanity hearing could not be ruled out. If a jury found Ruby insane, he then would be committed to a mental institution, where his lawyers say he belongs.

Meanwhile, in his constantly guarded jail quarters, wearing white coveralls and sandal-type shoes, Ruby waits. Sheriff Bill Decker maintains strict security measures.

Ruby's food each day is selected at random from serving carts to avoid the possibility of poisoning. His visitors are restricted to his family, his rabbi, and his lawyers.

Suicide Attempts

Though Ruby would not see him, say he appears to lose touch with reality, and raves about how Jews are suffering because he killed Oswald. He has attempted suicide by banging his head against a steel wall, and by sticking his finger into a light socket. He has lost weight, and let his body go soft.

A man who formerly liked to flash a large roll of bills, Ruby now is a declared pauper. His family is said to have little money. Voluntary contributions apparently help defray legal and other expenses.

Ruby's old club, the Carousel in downtown Dallas, looks dirty and deserted. A number of new owners have tried and failed to bring it back to life.

Does Ruby realize the first anniversary of the assassination is approaching? "I'm sure he's aware of it," said Burleson, "but he doesn't like to talk about these things anymore."

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JACK L. RUBY, aka;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka - VICTIM
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Re Buairtel 12/10/64, with enclosure, copy of
letter of Mrs. ROBERT A. WILLIS, Van Horn, Texas.

El Paso is being furnished two copies of reairtel
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P. O. Box 394
Van Horn, Texas 79555

J. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Mr Hoover:

We own and operate a small retail store here in Van Horn Texas, highway 80. Among other things, we handle guns and ammunition.

On August 7, 1964, several small construction trucks stopped here, had come from a job somewhere west of here, were going to a job in Louisiana.

Two of the drivers were in the store for quite some time, and one of them purchased a rifle, a 22 Cal. Noble, lever action, model 275, and a box of ammunition.

According to our book, this mans name is Darrell D. Cline.

While in the store, this same man remarked that they had a quota of 15 negroes to kill, then boasted that the quota was then two or three less than the original 15. These construction trucks were from Jackson Miss., IRBY construction Co.

This information might possibly help in some way, some time.

In Feb. 1964, a young man stopped in the store, was just out of Dallas, going to Calif., the assassination of President Kennedy came up, I remarked that Jack Ruby evidently had nothing to do with the assassination, since I had heard or read nothing to indicate that Ruby ever knew Oswald. This young man immediately remarked that he did not understand that, and said that he had done some repair work on the speakers in Hubys Club, just a few nights before the assassination, and that he had a receipt for his work, signed by both, Ruby and Oswald, said that he gave the receipt to an FBI man in Dallas, but never heard anything more about it, I believed the man, he had nothing at all to gain by telling us such a lie.

Actually we have few facts pertaining to the assassination, we know that Kennedy is dead, we watched the murder of Oswald, as did the Dallas police.

It has not been proved that Oswald killed the President, and if he did, I believe he was simply used, was capable and available, I believe there are one or more persons who expected an attempt on the Presidents life. I believe the South assassinated Kennedy, and for the same reasons they assassinated Lincoln a hundred years ago, to me it is that simple, as to reasons or motive.

It is stated as a fact, that Oswald was an expert rifle shot, so there must be an explanation of some kind, about Oswald failing in his attempt to kill Edwin Walker. I do not believe that Oswald actually tried to kill Walker. It is a fact that Oswald was an expert shot, and a fact that Edwin A. Walker was sitting at a table, doing his tax return, yet Oswald the expert missed. In sure Oswald left the note and assume he fired the shot, but do not believe it was to kill Edwin A. Walker. Only after the assassination of our President, we hear about this phoney sounding episode of Oswald and Walker, of April 1964.

I hope we eventually have all the facts, regardless of who, or what, is involved.

We have several of the lunatic fringe in this small Texas town, I wonder what it is like in the cities of the South. Im sure you are interested only in facts, not opinion, and sure you know there are many hundreds of thousands, with opinions the same as mine. This letter does contain some facts, and perhaps you will forgive my personal opinions.

Sincerely, Mrs Robert A. Willis

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

Enclosed is a copy of a self-explanatory letter received from Mrs. Robert A. Willis, Post Office Box 394, Van Horn, Texas. A portion of her letter relates to captioned case wherein she alleges that an unidentified man stopped at her place of business in February, 1964, at which time this unidentified person told her that he had done repair work on the speakers in Ruby's club a few nights before the assassination and that he had a receipt for his work signed by both Ruby and Oswald, which he had given to the FBI in Dallas but had heard nothing more about it. Mrs. Willis states she believes this individual as he had nothing to gain by telling such a lie. Within three days of receipt of this communication, you should interview Mrs. Willis and obtain complete details of this alleged incident as well as a complete description of the unidentified person. At time of the interview her letter to the Bureau should be acknowledged. Logical investigation based on information received from Mrs. Willis should be conducted so as to resolve this alleged incident. Buairtel within ten days of receipt of this communication setting forth results of investigation. For your information the information furnished by Mrs. Willis concerning Darrell D. Cline is being handled by separate communication.

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