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TO DIRECTOR AND SACS, DALLAS
AND LOS ANGELES

FROM SAC, CHICAGO 44-NEW 9-P

JACK LEON RUBY, AKA, . LEE HARVEY OSWALD DASH VICTIM.

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RE BU TEL TO CHICAGO AND DALLAS ELEVEN TWENTY FOUR LAST
REGARDING QUESTIONING JACK RUBENSTEIN-S CONNECTION IN SHOOTING
OF LEON COOK. FILES OF THE CHICAGO OFFICE REFLECT THE FOLLOWING..

QUOTE CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE UNQUOTE OF DECEMBER NINE, NINETEEN
THIRTY NINE CARRIED AN ARTICLE STATING THAT JOHN MARTIN, PRESIDENT
OF THE SCRAP IRON AND JUNK HANDLERS UNION LOCAL TWO ZERO FOUR SIX
SEVEN, AF OF L, HAD SHOT LEON R. COOKE, THE ATTORNEY FOR THE ABOVE
UNION. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] WHO WAS INTERVIEWED AT
THAT TIME, THE INFORMANT WAS THEN IN THE PROCESS OF FORMING A RIVAL
UNION AFFILIATED WITH THE CIO AND HAD WRITTEN SEVERAL LETTERS
TO JUNK DEALERS IN THIS REGARD WHICH HE HAD SIGNED QUOTE COOK

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UNQUOTE. MARTIN LEARNED OF THESE LETTERS, ASSIMED HE WAS BEING DOUBLE CROSSED BY LEON COOKE, AND DURING AN ARGUMENT BETWEEN MARTIN AND COOKE WHICH ENSUED, MARTIN SHOT LEON COOKE. MARTIN THEN BECAME A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.

MAURY CAHN, TWENTY EAST DELAWARE, CHICAGO, ADVISED SA ROBERT L. BUCKINGHAM ON ELEVEN TWENTY FOUR SIXTY THREE THAT HE IS A FORMER ASSOCIATE OF RUBY. BOTH HE AND RUBY USED TO DOUBLE DATE. CAHN COULD NOT RECALL RUBY EVER BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNION, NOR COULD HE RECALL RUBY BEING CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH THE SHOOTING. CAHN ADVISED THAT THE NAME OF LEON COOKE WAS UNFAMILIAR TO HIM. CAHN ADDED THAT OF ALL THE PEOPLE HE KNEW, RUBY WAS THE LEAST LIKELY TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH VIOLENCE.

CAHN RECALLED THAT RUBY, AT ONE TIME, WORKED FOR HIS UNCLE IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR OR NINETEEN

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THIRTY SIX IN A CLOTHING STORE LOCATED NEAR HALSTED STREET AND ROOSEVELT ROAD IN CHICAGO. AFTER THIS EMPLOYMENT, HE SOLD PREMIUM ITEMS, . THAT IS, SUCH THINGS AS RAZOR BLADES, ETC.

CAHN USED TO SEE RUBY REGULARLY AS BOTH WOULD ATTEND THE FIGHTS AT MARIGOLD GARDENS, CHICAGO, EVERY MONDAY NIGHT. CAHN ADVISED THAT HAROLD RYAN, MEMBER, ILLINOIS STATE BOXING COMMISSION, IRA COLITZ, OWNER OF THE CLOVER BAR, AND LOUIS SCHNITZ WERE FRIENDS OF RUBY. IN FACT, THE LAST TIME CAHN SAW RUBY WAS AT THE CLOVER BAR ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO. RUBY AT THE TIME WAS INTERESTED IN BOOKING AN ENTERTAINER AND WAS INQUIRING OF COLITZ AND CAHN WHOM HE COULD CONTACT IN NEW YORK.

PAUL DORFMAN, FORMER HEAD OF ABOVE UNION, IS QUOTED IN IRV KUPCINET-S COLUMN, QUOTE CHICAGO SUN TIMES UNQUOTE DATED NOVEMBER TWENTY FIVE SIXTY THREE AS ADVISING RUBY WORKED AS AN ORGANIZER OF THE UNION FOR A SHORT PERIOD BUT WAS UNSATISFACTORY.

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JOE JACOES, LABOR ATTORNEY AND ATTORNEY FOR LOCAL TWO ZERO FOUR SIX SEVEN SCRAP IRON AND JUNK HANDLERS UNION, UNTIL FIVE YEARS AGO, ADVISED SA C. LEONARD TREVIRANUS ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW RUBY NOR DOES HE RECALL HIS BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNION DURING LATE THIRTIES OR EARLY FORTIES.

AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH OF THE RECORDS OF CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT DID NOT REFLECT ANY REFERENCE TO JOHN MARTIN, JACK RUBY OR JACK RUBENSTEIN OR TO MURDER OF LEON COOK.

IRVING SCHOENWALD, FORMER BOXING PROMOTER, ONE THREE ONE THREE WEST RANDOLPH, CHICAGO, ADVISED SA JOHN R. BASSETT ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE THAT HAROLD RYAN, WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE WORKING FOR THE ILLINOIS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION, IS CURRENTLY ON A CRUISE AND WILL VISIT EUROPE. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO CHICAGO IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. RYAN HAS TELEPHONE NUMBER MERRIMAC SEVEN DASH ONE TWO FIVE FOUR. THIS NUMBER IS LISTED TO NAOMI RYAN, ONE SEVEN ZERO FOUR NORTH MELVINA, CHICAGO. SCHOENWALD DID NOT KNOW JACK RUBY, QUOTE SPARKY UNQUOTE, OR JACK RUBENSTEIN.

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SAS PETROS A. KOTSOS AND JOHN E. DALLMAN ATTEMPTED ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE TO CONTACT RYAN THROUGH TELEPHONE NUMBER ME SEVEN DASH ONE TWO FIVE FOUR WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ART WINCH, MEMBER, ILLINOIS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION, ONE SIX ZERO NORTH LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO, ADVISED SA KOTSOS ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE THAT HAROLD RYAN IS NO LONGER WITH THE COMMISSION. RYAN WAS AN OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR FOR OVER TEN YEARS AND WAS LET OUT WHEN THE POLITICAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS CHANGED APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO. RYAN IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED WITH THE METROPOLITAN SANITARY DISTRICT, CHICAGO. WINCH HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OR INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT RUBY.

MR. TED LAUGHRAN, GUARD, METROPOLITAN SANITARY DISTRICT, ONE ZERO ZERO EAST ERIE, CHICAGO, ADVISED SA DALLMAN ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE THAT MR. HAROLD RYAN, SECRETARY TO MR. MAHONEY, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF CONSTRUCTION THERE, WAS PRESENTLY ON A MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE AND WOULD NOT

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RETURN TO CHICAGO UNTIL ABOUT DECEMBER FIRST, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.

HE COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHICAGO TRIBUNE MORGUE, FOUR THREE FIVE NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ADVISED SA BRYCE S. PLESNER THAT A CHECK OF THEIR RECORDS REFLECTS AN ARTICLE STATING THAT LEON R. COOK DIED ON JANUARY FIVE, NINETEEN FORTY. HE RESIDED AT ONE ONE THREE FIVE SOUTH SACRAMENTO, AND WAS THE FOUNDER OF THE IRON AND JUNK HANDLERS UNION, EVEN THOUGH HE HELD NO OFFICE WITH SAID UNION. ON DECEMBER EIGHT NINETEEN THIRTYNINE COOK WENT TO THE OFFICE OF THE IRON AND JUNK HANDLERS UNION, THREE ONE FIVE NINE SOUTH ROOSEVELT AND WHILE TALKING TO JOHN MARTIN, PRESIDENT OF THIS LOCAL, WAS SHOT AS A RESULT OF AN ARGUMENT INVOLVING AMOUNT OF PAY GIVEN TO UNION MEMBERS. THE ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT COOK WENT TO THE HOSPITAL UNDER HIS OWN

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POWER AND GAVE A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT WHILE TALKING WITH MARTIN HE HAD COMPLAINED THAT THE UNION MEMBERS WERE NOT RECEIVING ADEQUATE SALARIES AND MARTIN BECAME ANGRY AND PULLED A GUN AND SHOT HIM. THE ARTICLE POINTED OUT THAT MARTIN RESIDED AT EIGHT ZERO TWO THREE SOUTH WOLCOTT, CHICAGO, AND THAT AFTER COOK-S DEATH, MARTIN AND HIS SECRETARY, MRS. GLADYS WALSH, THIRTYFIVE, FOUR ZERO NINE WALNUT, HINSDALE, ILLINOIS, COULD NOT BE LOCATED. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THEY SUBSEQUENTLY DID APPEAR AT THE POLICE STATION AND THAT IN THE TRIAL MARTIN MAINTAINED THAT HE SHOT COOK IN SELF DEFENSE AS IT WAS COOK WHO HAD THE GUN AT THE TIME HE APPEARED AT MARTIN-S HOME ON DECEMBER EIGHT, NINETEEN THIRTYNINE. MRS. WALSH TESTIFIED THAT SHE SAW THE TWO MEN ARGUING AND STRUGGLING, BUT COULD NOT SEE WHO HAD THE GUN OR HOW IT WAS FIRED.

THIS ARTICLE STATES THAT MUCH OF THE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER WAS RECEIVED FROM JACK RUBENSTEIN ON DECEMBER NINE NINETEEN THIRTYNINE. RUBENSTEIN, SECRETARY OF THIS

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UNION, STATED THAT HE WAS ONLY A COLLECTOR FOR THE UNION.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT A SECOND ARTICLE REFLECTED THAT ON JANUARY SIXTEEN NINETEEN FORTY UNION PRESIDENT JOHN MARTIN WAS FREED OF THE CHARGE OF MURDERING LEON R. COOK. SHE STATED THAT NO OTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE LOUIS E. SCHNITZ, TWO TWO SEVEN ZERO GARRISON, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED SA JOHN E. DALLMAN THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW JACK RUBY OR THOSE ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH HIM. SCHNITZ STATED THAT HE HAS A COUSIN NAMED LOUIS SCHNITZ, ONE ZERO ONE ZERO FOUR WYTON DRIVE, WESTWOOD, CALIFORNIA, WHO MIGHT KNOW RUBY.

LOS ANGELES CONTACT LOUIS SCHNITZ, WESTWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AND DETERMINE HIS KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING RUBY AND ASSOCIATES. IF SCHNITZ ACQUAINTED WITH RUBY LA SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ADVISE CHICAGO OFFICE IN ORDER THEY CAN DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO CONTACT OTHER PERSONS WITH SIMILAR NAMES.

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CHICAGO OFFICE RECONTACTING CAHN FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
HE MAY POSSESS CONCERNING RUBY AND ASSOCIATES. CHICAGO OFFICE
WILL ALSO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO CONTACT IRA COLITZ FOR INFORMATION
CONCERNING SUBJECT.

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