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URGENT 11-26-63 2-49 PM GRJ
 TO DIRECTOR AND SACS, DALLAS AND LOUISVILLE
 FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /44-895/ 5P
 JACK LEON RUBY, AKA/ LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA DASH
 VICTIM. CR. OO DALLAS.

BACKGROUND

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AT
 BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, BY SA KENNETH W. BROWN/
 ON NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX INSTANT, CHIEF OF POLICE
 HORACE GRAYSON, NATIONAL ACADEMY, ADVISED THAT AN
 ASSOCIATE OF HIS HAD TOLD HIM THAT A MAN BY THE NAME
 OF GRIMES, AN EMPLOYEE OF WAYNE REEDER, A BAKERSFIELD
 REALTOR, PREVIOUSLY KNEW JACK RUBY.

ON NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX INSTANT, MR. JACK KELLY
 GRIMES, SALESMAN, WAYNE REEDER REALTY, TWO TWO ZERO
 SOUTH CHESTER AVENUE, TELEPHONE EIGHT THREE ONE DASH
 FOUR TWO FOUR TWO, ADVISED HE RESIDES AT TWO SIX ONE ZERO
 NINETEENTH STREET, BAKERSFIELD, HOME TELEPHONE 44-24016-173

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FA THREE FIVE SEVEN TWO NINE. GRIMES RELATED HE KNEW JACK RUBY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS DURING THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN FIFTYNINE. GRIMES REPORTED THAT DURING THIS PERIOD HE WAS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, AUSTIN, TEXAS. HE SAID JAMES E. DUNN, THE SECOND, WAS THEN PRESIDENT OF THIS COMPANY. GRIMES SAID THAT JACK GRIMES, JAMES E. DUNN, AND JOE SLAYTON, WERE DURING THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN FIFTYNINE IN PARTNERSHIP IN THE SOVERIGN ROOM, A CLUB IN AN UPSTAIRS LOCATION ON COMMERCE STREET, ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE ADOLPHUS HOTEL IN DALLAS. GRIMES SAID DURING THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN FIFTYNINE HE HAD BEEN IN DALLAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOLICITING MEMBERS FOR THE SOVERIGN ROOM BY CONTACTING PERSONS WHO WERE KNOWN TO HIM BECAUSE OF HAVING PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONTACTED AS LIFE INSURANCE CLIENTS. GRIMES SAID DURING THE THREE MONTH PERIOD HE HAD DAILY CONTACT WITH RUBY. HE SAID THESE CONTACTS WERE HAD EXCLUSIVELY AT THE SOVERIGN ROOM AND THAT HE COULD NOT RECALL EVER HAVING SEEN RUBY OUTSIDE OF THIS LOCATION. GRIMES

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SAID HE HAD HAD NO CONTACT WHATSOEVER WITH RUBY SINCE THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN FIFTYNINE AND THEREFORE WOULD HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS PRESENT ACTIVITIES, CONTACTS, ASSOCIATES, OR HIS CURRENT ATTITUDE. WITH REFERENCE TO HIS ACTIVITIES BEFORE NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, GRIMES SAID RUBY TOLD HIM HE PREVIOUSLY RESIDED IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. GRIMES SAID HE KNEW NOTHING ELSE CONCERNING RUBY/S ACTIVITIES BEFORE NINETEEN FIFTYNINE.

GRIMES SAID HE HAD NEVER DISCUSSED NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL POLITICS WITH RUBY AND, THEREFORE, HAD NO IDEA AS TO HIS POLITICAL THINKING. HE SAID HE KNOWS OF NO CONNECTION THAT RUBY MAY HAVE HAD WITH THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA, ANY POSSIBLE ACQUAINTANCESHIP HE MAY HAVE HAD WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD OR ANY RADICAL OR EXTREMIST VIEWS OR ACTIVITIES RUBY MAY HAVE HAD.

GRIMES SAID HE KNOWS OF NO RELATIVE OF RUBY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SISTER, WHOSE NAME HE NEVER KNEW, WHO RUBY HAD MENTIONED.

GRIMES SAID DURING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RUBY, HE HAD OBSERVED MANY UNIFORMED OFFICERS AND PERSONS IN

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PLAIN CLOTHES, WHO HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED TO HIM AS BEING DALLAS DETECTIVES, COME INTO THE SOVERIGN ROOM WHERE THEY WERE CORDIALLY GREETED BY RUBY WHO SEEMED TO BE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THEM. HE SAID HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY ANY OF THESE OFFICERS BY NAME. HE SAID HE ASSUMED THESE OFFICIALS CAME TO THE SOVERIGN ROOM IN LINE WITH THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES AS POLICE OFFICERS.

MR. GRIMES SAID THAT DURING THE PERIOD HE KNEW RUBY, HE FOUND HIM TO BE A PERFECT GENTLEMAN AT ALL TIMES. HE SAID HE DID NOT SMOKE, DRINK, OR USE FOUL LANGUAGE. HE SAID RUBY HAD SHOWN HIM A REVOLVER WHICH HE SAID HE THOUGHT WAS A COLT COLBRA AND THAT RUBY TOLD HIM HE CARRIED THE GUN AS A REGULAR HABIT INASMUCH AS HE HAD MADE ENEMIES OVER THE YEARS BECAUSE OF THE BUSINESS HE WAS IN.

MR. GRIMES SAID ~~JOE~~ SLAYTON AND JAMES E. DUNN HAD WITHDRAWN THEIR INTEREST IN THE SOVERIGN ROOM AND THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING AN ELDERLY MAN BY THE NAME OF RALPH FROM FORTH WORTH, TEXAS, AND RUBY HAD OPERATED THE SOVERIGN ROOM AFTER DUNN AND SLAYTON

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WITHDREW THEIR INTEREST. GRIMES SAID THAT RALPH/S COMPLETE IDENTITY WOULD BE KNOWN TO JOE SLAYTON.

GRIMES SAID JAMES E. DUNN AND JOE SLAYTON KNEW RUBY FAR BETTER THAN HE AND SAID HE FELT QUITE CERTAIN THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO FURNISH CONSIDERABLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING RUBY.

GRIMES SAID JAMES E. DUNN PRESENTLY OPERATES THE DUNN PRESS AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, WHERE HE SAID DUNN PUBLICIZES AN INSURANCE REPORTING SERVICE.

GRIMES SAID JOE SLAYTON RESIDES IN DALLAS, TEXAS, WHERE HE SAID HE UNDERSTANDS HE NOW OPERATES A DRUGSTORE.

GRIMES SAID SLAYTON WOULD BE WELL KNOWN TO PRACTICALLY ALL THE BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS ON COMMERCE STREET IN DALLAS.

IF NOT ALREADY DONE, LOUISVILLE WILL INTERVIEW JAMES E. DUNN.

DALLAS WILL INTERVIEW JOE SLAYTON AND THROUGH HIM ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF RALPH IN ORDER THAT RALPH MAY BE CONTACTED.

LOUISVILLE TO BE ADVISED.

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