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URGENT 12-2-63 9-40 PM GM

TO DIRECTOR /44-24016/, DALLAS /44-1639/, MIAMI, AND TAMPA/44-187/ADY
FROM SAC BUFFALO /44-214/

JACK L. RUBY, AKA, LEE HARVEY OSWALD- VICTIM- DECEASED- CR.

RE TP TEL TO BUREAU DEC ONE LAST.

FRANK ANTHONY CORTELLI, JR. LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED IN

PRESENCE OF HIS WIFE AT HIS REQUEST. HE DENIES KNOWING JACK RUBY OR HAVING ALLEGED CONVERSATION WITH RUBY RELATIVE TO A. C. ROBERT KENNEDY. ALSO STATED PRESENTLY UNEMPLOYED AND ON WELFARE.

INVESTIGATION REVEALS CORTELLI EMPLOYED PART TIME AT PARK LANE RESTAURANT BUFFALO, NY, AND CURRENTLY LISTED AS EMPLOYEE. CORTELLI IN MIAMI BEACH, FLA., FROM OCT NINETEEN SIXTYONE TO MAY NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, RESIDING TWO TWO THREE AND ONE HALF DASH TWENTY THIRD STREET. EMPLOYED AS WAITER AT PICCUULO-S ITALIAN RESTAURANT, THIRD AND WASHINGTON STREETS, PACINI-S ON SEVENTY NINTH STREET CAUSEWAY NW AND TENTH AVENUE AND LIGHT HOUSE AT BAL HARBOR ALL IN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE. ALSO AT FOUNTAIN BLEAU HOTEL NINETEEN SIXTY ONE TO APRIL NINETEEN SIXTY THREE. QUIT JOB BECAUSE OF SUN POISONING AND RETURNED TO BUFFALO.

STATES HE PATRONIZED TAHITI BAR, TWENTY THIRD STREET AND LIBERTY AVENUE, WAS ACQUAINTED WITH BARMAID R PAREN LNU END PAREN AND MALE EMPLOYEE KNOWN AS QUOTE CHEESY. UNQUOTE. OTHER RECREATION INCLUDED SWIMMING AT BEACH ON TWENTY SECOND STREET AND OCCASIONAL

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DISCLAIMS ANY HEAVY GAMBLING OR DRINKING. REASON FOR GOING TO MIAMI BEACH WAS RESULT OF DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES. NEVER HAD A CAR WHILE IN MIAMI BEACH. STATES HE WAS A QUOTE LOWER UNQUOTE AND HAD NO CLOSE ASSOCIATES.

CORTELLI ACKNOWLEDGED ACQUAINTANCE WITH [REDACTED] DENIES ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH HER RE ALLEGED STATEMENTS CONCERNING JACK RUBY OR ROBERT KENNEDY.

[REDACTED] LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.

STATES CORTELLI TELEPHONED HER ON THE SUNDAY OSWALD SLAIN. HE ASKED WHAT SHE THOUGHT OF THAT QUOTE MEATBALL UNQUOTE. SHE INQUIRED WHICH ONE AND CORTELLI REPLIED QUOTE RUBY UNQUOTE. HE SAID IT WAS HIS OPINION RUBY SHOT OSWALD TO QUOTE SHUT HIS UP UNQUOTE SPECULATING THAT ROBERT KENNEDY HAD BEEN QUOTE CRACKING DOWN HARD UNQUOTE ON THE RACKETEERS. CORTELLI VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD MET JACK RUBY IN MIAMI BEACH AND REFERRED TO HIM AS A QUOTE BULL UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] ASKED IF RUBY WAS INVOLVED IN A PLOT AND CORTELLI TOLD HER NO. SHE IS OF OPINION ABOVE IS A THEORY ON PART OF CORTELLI. SHE HAS NO INFORMATION RE CORTELLI-S ASSOCIATES, MALE OR FEMALE, IN THE MIAMI AREA. SHE HAS KNOWN CORTELLI SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY AND KEPT COMPANY WITH HIM FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR. SHE SAID THEIR RELATIONSHIP NEVER WAS INTIMATE BUT ADMITS HE HAS GIVEN HER SEVERAL GIFTS OF SOME QUALITY. ALSO THEY HAD FREQUENT DINNER DATES AT THE BETTER RESTAURANTS IN THE BUFFALO AREA. SHE SAID CORTELLI ALWAYS KNEW MANY PEOPLE

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IN THESE PLACES AND INTRODUCED THEM TO HER. SHE COULD NOT RECALL ANY SPECIFIC IDENTITIES AS THERE WERE MANY. SHE DESCRIBED CORTELLI AS A QUOTE SPENDER UNQUOTE AND ESTIMATED A NIGHT OUT WOULD COST ABOUT THIRTY TO FIFTY DOLLARS DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF DRINKS CORTELLI BOUGHT FOR HIS FRIENDS. SHE SAID CORTELLI IS A MODERATE DRINKER AT MOST. SHE WAS UNAWARE THAT CORTELLI IS MARRIED.

IN VIEW OF DISCREPANCIES IN CORTELLI-S STATEMENTS MIAMI CHECK MIAMI BEACH PD RE IDENTIFICATION ISSUE, AND VERIFY EMPLOYMENTS, RESIDENCE, AND HANGOUTS IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN IF HE MAY HAVE HAD ANY ASSOCIATION WITH RUBY.

DALLAS ADVISE OF ANY INFO REVEALING PRESENCE OF JACK RUBY IN THE MIAMI BEACH AREA FROM OCTOBER NINETEEN SIXTY ONE TO APRIL NINETEEN SIXTY THREE.

TAMPA RECONTACT MARY J. WALKER RE KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF CORTELLI IN FLORIDA. ALSO ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF BETTY MC BEE, FORMER ROOMMATE OF [REDACTED] WHO SAID MC BEE HAD MOVED TO FLORIDA.

CORTELLI DESCRIBED AS M/W, DOB TWO-STWENTYTHREE-NINETEEN, - BUFFALO, FIVE FOOT SIX, ONE SEVENTYFIVE LBS., BALDING, BROWN EYES, ALWAYS WEARS GLASSES, SOC SEC NUMBER ONE TWO TWO - ZERO FIVE - ZERO TWO SEVEN SEVEN, MIAMI BEACH PD IDENT CARD NUMBER THREE ONE ONE THREE
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ONE FOUR ISSUED TEN - SEVENTEEN - SIXTYONE.

INVESTIGATION AT BUFFALO CONTINUING, REPORT TO FOLLOW.

SUTEL ANY POSITIVE INFO DEVELOPED TO BUFFALO FOR

REINTERVIEW OF CORTELLI.

CORR- PAGE 1, LAST PARA, LINE 2, WORD 8- INSERT "CHARLOTTE" FOR "Y".

END AND ACK PLS

IS CHARLOTTE BARMAIDS FIRST NAME YES

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