

December 3, 1963.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. Director
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With regard to the killing of Lee Oswald by Jack Ruby, I am curious as to an interview which was broadcast on T.V. right after the killing.

Shortly after Ruby killed Oswald, a man (Mr. Sol, Mr. Senator, or some such name) was interviewed and he stated his belief that Ruby had shot Oswald in the heat of emotion and a group, including himself (he happened to be in the bonding business) wanted to get Ruby out on bond and were prepared to put up \$25 amount to secure his release on bond.

Who are these people who are, so soon after the shooting, ready to put up "any amount" for Ruby's bond considering the probability they must have read how Toblen jumped his \$100,000 bond and fled to England? Few people, it would seem, would be able to secure such backing (especially an operator of a strip lease joint) so soon.

Also, Oswald's first choice of a lawyer to represent him was John Abt. Abt's refusal to represent Oswald on the basis that "it would not be fair to his other clients" seemed flimsy. One wonders if this was the signal that Oswald was being deserted by his ideological colleagues and to foreclose the possibility that Oswald might "talk" he had to be silenced.

Ruby's seemingly easy access to the jail in view of his record puzzles many people. This is especially puzzling in view of the universal knowledge that Ruby was an unpredictably hot-tempered, emotional person. His offer of "free drinks" to newsmen, at his bar, (which was closed) does not give the impression of a man deeply sorrowful and emotionally upset over the assassination.

In view of the tragic event which took place, one can't help remembering the appearance of a spiritualist named Stella on the Jack Carson show a few weeks ago. She foretold that the Communists would, in the not too distant future, make a power move from a place not too far from our shores. She stated that no people would be killed but there would be panic and all lights would go out and Jack Carson would not be able to broadcast. As it coincidentally happened, all the lights on "Frontrow" were turned out and Jack Carson wasn't able to broadcast for several days. I realize this is just an unusual fluke coincidence, but in view of what happened, I'll never a lot of people recall it.

It took 50 years for a John Chancellor to report that British archives contained a list of the guns the Lusitania carried when sunk. He may never get the full truth about President Kennedy's assassination.

Sincerely,
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