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JAMES EUGENE FLOYD, JR., Texas Department of Corrections No. 172555, an inmate of the Eastham State Farm, furnished the following information:

In the summer of 1959 he was living in Dallas, Texas, and became acquainted with JACK RUBENSTEIN, also known to him as JACK RUBY, who was operating the Vegas Club on the west side of Dallas. RUBY was well known to police characters in Fort Worth, Texas, as a source of money orders. FLOYD was introduced to RUBY by a mutual friend of Fort Worth, KENNETH TAFT, who is a burglar and check passer and who reportedly was arrested in Oklahoma for stealing a horse and bringing it to Texas. On this occasion, FLOYD purchased 100 money orders for RUBY for an unrecalled amount equal to \$.20 on the \$1.00. FLOYD passed these money orders in Texas and then went to work for a geophysical company located on Highway 75 between Denison and Sherman, Texas, across the highway from the Harris Truck Stop.

He worked for this company in the Sherman, Texas, area, then quit and went to Lubbock as a switchman for the Santa Fe Railroad, lost this job in 1959, and went back to work at the geophysical company who sent him to Alabama. In the last part of 1959, he passed a number of no account payroll checks in Alabama and then returned to Lubbock. In October of 1959, he was arrested at Lubbock and Sheriff of Grove Hill, Alabama, notified, who came after him on check charges. He arrived Grove Hill on November 26, 1959, and was unable to make bond. During the last two or three days of January, 1960, he called RUBY collect at the Vegas Club and told him of his difficulty and also where RUBY could reach FLOYD's wife. In about a week, believed to be February 3, 1960, FLOYD's wife and father came to Grove Hill, Alabama, and got him out on bond. FLOYD's father gave the sheriff \$800.00 in cash and FLOYD, his wife, and father then returned to Dallas. He did not ask, and no one told him who furnished the money, but learned RUBY stated he had furnished money to get FLOYD out of jail. A month later, he returned to Grove Hill, Alabama, pleaded guilty to check charges and received two one-year and one-day sentences to be served consecutively with both sentences then being probated.

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Between March 5 and 15, 1960, he purchased a 1955 yellow and white Pontiac Catalina from Taylor Pontiac on West Jefferson Street, Dallas. RUBY gave him \$750.00 in cash and told him to go to Taylor Pontiac and give the car he wanted and RUBY would call and arrange the financing. FLOYD and his wife picked out the above car and the salesman okayed the deal himself. He does not think RUBY's name was on the financing papers which were handled by GMAC. He made no payments and after six or seven months, the car was picked up by the finance company.

In about February, 1960, he contacted RUBY again at the Vegas Club with no specific purpose in mind. RUBY is a homosexual and FLOYD started visiting RUBY's apartment occasionally and submitted to unnatural sex acts with RUBY. RUBY was giving him spending money. He was still living with his wife, MARY KATHLENE, who in 1961 was married to IRA CABANASS and they were living in Dallas, Texas. He was not spending his nights with RUBY, but was spending them at home with his wife, where they were living at 901 Center Street in Dallas. They did not have a telephone and he was working for Prior Products located on Rachael Street in Dallas.

In August of 1960, he started spending a lot of time with RUBY at his apartment which was located north of White Rock Lake and between Casa Linda Center in an estate known as Red Bird Hill. RUBY lived in the upper lefthand apartment of a four-apartment unit, which was of beige brick construction. The living room was furnished with Early American furniture. The dining room had a large round mahogany table with high back chairs. There were two bedrooms, one furnished with a light wood bedroom suite and the other was of a dark wood. Both were of standard type bed construction, with a headboard and footboard. The living and dining room were separated by an ornamental iron room divider displaying crystal goblets, glasses, etc.

He was working part time for a carpet company across the street from Meadows Building on the central expressway in Dallas. His wife knew he was meeting someone but did not know it was RUBY. He was getting spending money from RUBY but not large amounts.

On September 8, 1960, he was arrested by the Dallas County Sheriff's Office for check forging in 1957. He was tried

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first in Dallas County on January 6, 1961, and received four, three-year sentences to run concurrently. He was then returned to Grayson County, Texas, then Stephens County, where he received sentences to run concurrently with sentences received in Dallas County. After that he was taken to the Sheriff's Office, Fort Worth, Texas, which was in March, 1961, to stand trial for forgery. He wrote to RUBY, who came to visit him at the County Jail. He told RUBY he was going to the penitentiary on check charges and RUBY told him he could get him out of it. A day or so later, he had a letter from RUBY saying he had arranged for FLOYD to get a nine-month county jail sentence instead of being tried on a felony charge. A day or two later, FLOYD was taken to court and received a nine-month jail sentence which was back-dated to the day he had arrived at Fort Worth. He was released on September 2, 1961, and was not sent to the penitentiary to serve the other sentences he had received in other counties. He does not know who RUBY paid off, but RUBY said it had cost him some money.

While he was in jail, on April 8, 1961, his wife, MARY KATHERINE divorced him and on the same day, she married IRA CABANASS.

In September, 1961, he went to Juarez, Mexico, and killed a Fort Worth police character with a pistol. He made this trip for RUBY who paid him \$3,000 for this job. He does not know if this was for RUBY himself, or if RUBY was acting as the middle man in this transaction.

After this job, he went directly to Oklahoma City for two days, where he purchased a 1960 Pontiac from RAYMOND TIDWELL, an Oklahoma City police character. He gave TIDWELL \$1500.00 in cash, and TIDWELL gave him the title which was in some Mexican name. In 1962, he put this car in the east fork of the Trinity River as it had been used in unlawful act by another party and the car was hot. Further, TIDWELL was killed in Oklahoma City a short time after this purchase, by a Fort Worth prostitute named TINA MARTINEZ. 7-1-61

After returning to Dallas from Oklahoma City in September, 1961, he went to work for Wesco Material Company, located about two blocks off Highway 114 just past the traffic circle on Harry Hines Freeway. He worked for this company until about September 27, 1961, when he married SALLY BETT CARROLL in Durant, Oklahoma. About two

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days later, he got into trouble at the It'll Do Club, Dallas. This was when he dumped the 1960 Pontiac in the river. He went by the Vegas Club, told RUBY he was in trouble and RUBY gave him \$300 cash. He picked up SALLY and they stayed at SALLY's sisters house. The next day they traded SALLY's 1954 Chevrolet to the Chevrolet dealer on Ross Avenue for a 1955 Chevrolet. The trade was made in SALLY's name and they left the same day for Seattle, Washington. While in Seattle, they stayed at an unrecalled motel located at 46952 Vancouver Highway, arriving there on December 3, 1961. They stayed in Cabin 13 and outside of this motel was a public pay telephone. On December 4, 1961, he went to the Western Union Office in downtown Seattle and picked up \$200.00 RUBY had wired him in his own name. He was paid in cash and the only message was "Love, Jack." He called RUBY again at the Vegas Club from this same pay telephone on December 8, 1961, to tell him he was planning to return to Dallas to see if the police were looking for him. He paid for both of these calls himself. He and SALLY stayed there until December 15, 1961, and then left without paying the motel bill. They then returned to Grapevine, Texas, December 20, 1961.

On December 20, 1961, he and SALLY had gone over to his mothers at Lake Worth Village when the police came to the house looking for him. He ran out the backdoor and got away and sent to 3221 Apache Drive, Lake Worth Village, and the occupant of this residence gave him permission to use the telephone. He called RUBY at the Vegas Club and told RUBY to come after him, which RUBY did. He dialed the Vegas Club so this telephone call would be charged to the person living at the above address. RUBY drove him to his brother's house, 5608 Taylor, River Oaks, Texas, and RUBY gave him \$20.00 and he left the car.

On December 21, 1961, he and his brother, JACK JEFFERIES, Grapevine, Texas, left and went to Odessa, Texas. On December 23, 1961, he was arrested in Odessa on investigation and vagrancy. The authorities at Midland, Texas, also had a case for fraudulent application for a driver's license, so it was February 28, 1962, before he was returned to Fort Worth, Texas. During this time, he had not been in contact with RUBY.

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He was handled on an old check charge in Fort Worth, Texas and received a six month sentence. He was released on May 5, 1962.

During the time he was in jail in Fort Worth, SALLY left him, and she now is reportedly the wife or intended wife of attorney VERNON (Last Name Unknown, not possibly CLARK) of Dallas, Texas.

During this period he was in jail, RUBY was writing to him at the county jail and was sending him \$5.00 a week to the county jail to be put in his promissory account. He believes it is possible he retained some of these letters from RUBY and if so, they would be in a position with his other letters in the closet of the bedroom of his mother's house.

After his release on May 5, 1962, he alternated staying with his brother and mother.

About May 10-15, 1962, RUBY called him and he met RUBY at the drive-in restaurant on the corner of Haskell and Gaston Avenue in Dallas. RUBY offered him \$10,000 to kill a man in Dallas, and he agreed. RUBY then gave him \$5,000 in one hundred dollar bills that night and was to give him another \$5,000 when the job was completed. Three days later he shot at this man with his rifle on which a scope was mounted and as he was shooting from 600 yards away, he missed the man and the bullet hit the man's car. This apparently frightened him so sufficiently that he left Dallas so RUBY paid off the additional \$5,000 anyway. FLOYD sent \$8,000 of this money in cash to a friend in Bonham, Texas to pay on the \$40,000 farm FLOYD purchased from another man in 1958. To date, he has paid \$28,000 on this 130 acre farm. He said he would not disclose any additional information concerning this farm without consulting his attorney.

Also after his release from jail on May 5, 1962, he worked for two or three weeks for a garage on North Main Street, across from the Triple A Drive-In in Fort Worth. He then started dating MARY HELEN VINTMIGILIA, whose present address would be known to Deputy Sheriff BOB PRINGLEY, Fort Worth. In June, 1962 he moved to Apartment 13, Frances Street, Fort Worth, Texas. In June, 1962, he set up a swindle of a bank in Waco, Texas and then returned to Fort Worth. He went back to Waco in 48 hours and completed the swindle which was worth \$2,230, and then returned to Fort Worth.

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-During the latter part of May and in June and then the first half of July, 1962, he had no contact with RUBY. In the last part of July, 1962, he was picked up by the Sheriff's Office at Fort Worth, Texas, on investigation of narcotics and checks. He was released the same day and immediately left town. He drove to Memphis, Tennessee to his grandmother's house to Evansville, Indiana and back to Memphis. He returned to Dallas during the last two or three days of July, 1962 and went to the Vegas Club to see RUBY. RUBY gave him 25 postal money orders and he was to pay RUBY later. He returned to Memphis, Tennessee and then to Bonham, Texas where he was arrested August 2, 1962 on a check charge from Fort Worth, Texas and also Waco, Texas.

He was returned to Fort Worth and on September 28, 1962, his grandmother put up the money to have JACK RUSSELL, a bondsman, secure his release on bond.

About September 30, 1962, his mother and brother purchased a closed beer tavern called the Blue Haven, located at 7603 Weatherford Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas for \$1,000. He was to operate it to establish himself as a law abiding citizen before going to trial. He put some of his own money in the stock of this tavern but the beer license was in his mother's name as he was not eligible to hold the license as being an ex-convict.

On November 24, 1962, he had a telephone call at the Blue Haven from RUBY, who wanted to know if he wanted "Some local business". FLOYD agreed to go see RUBY that day. He went to the Vegas Club about 9:00 P.M. that day and met with RUBY in the office of the Vegas Club. There was another man present in the office who was not introduced to him. RUBY explained the "local business" was to get rid of someone and FLOYD asked the price. When RUBY said \$5,000 in advance and \$15,000 after completion, FLOYD commented that it must be someone important and RUBY agreed that it was. FLOYD then told RUBY that would carry too much heat and he didn't think he wanted it. The name of the victim was not mentioned so he left and went back to Fort Worth.

During the period November 24, 1962 to January 5, 1963, he went broke in the Blue Haven Tavern and was needing money.

He believed it was sometime in December that he called RUBY at the Vegas Club. He placed this station to station call from the pay telephone in the Blue Haven, PD 7-0852 (?), and talked to RUBY 30 to 40 minutes about his business and the fact.

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he was going broke. RUBY invited him to Dallas but he declined. Nothing was said about their conversation on November 24, 1962.

On January 3, 1963, he married SHARON KAY HILTON, nee, NICHOLS, and he moved into her apartment at 511 South Jennings, Fort Worth, Texas.

On January 5, 1963, he called RUBY at the Vegas Club placing the call from a pay telephone booth on Rosedale Street directly behind their house. He asked if RUBY had made a contact for a deal, and RUBY said no. He told RUBY that if the price was still the same, he was interested and made arrangements to meet RUBY at the Vegas Club early that evening. When he arrived at the Club, RUBY was at the door and took him to one of the back tables. The same man that had been present at the first meeting in the office, was sitting at another back table with another man and two women. This man then came over and joined them at this table. They talked again and FLOYD agreed to do the job for \$20,000. RUBY went to his office and came back with some one hundred dollar bills. FLOYD counted them and there was only \$1,000 so he commented that was not their deal and he was to get \$5,000 in advance. The other man then spoke up and said FLOYD had caught them short on money, and that he would give RUBY \$4,000 within three days to give to FLOYD. There was then a discussion about the date and manner of the killing, and RUBY then identified the Victim to be Governor JOHN CONNALLY of Texas. This man said FLOYD had from 30 to 60 days to complete the job, and there was no special way it was to be done. FLOYD suggested a rifle and this was agreeable. They had a few drinks and then FLOYD left for Fort Worth. On January 7, 1963, he was at his mother's house and received a telephone call from RUBY to meet him at the Fair Park Zoo that night at 9:30 P.M., as he had the rest of the money. FLOYD had no intention of killing Governor CONNALLY and instead planned to cheat RUBY out of the \$5,000. RUBY was about 30 minutes late for the meeting and when RUBY held out the \$4,000, FLOYD grabbed the money, kicked him in the groin, knocking RUBY to the ground. FLOYD pulled his revolver and planned to shoot RUBY but saw a police squad car go by so he turned and ran away from his car in the opposite direction. He heard a shot and the bullet struck him in the fleshy part of his leg just over the left ankle. This knocked him off his feet and in falling, dropped the \$4,000 then got up and ran away without retrieving the money. When he got back to the apartment in Fort Worth that night, he awakened his wife, SHARON, and had her cut out the bullet with a razor blade.

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The bullet was a .22 caliber shell and was close to the surface just under the skin. He told SHARON that he and KENNETH TAFT had been involved in a burglary and that the night watchman had shot him. She commented that it was unusual for a night watchman to be carrying anything as small as a .22 caliber.

On about January 10 or 11, 1963, he left Fort Worth and traveled in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico and on February 4, 1963, he was arrested in Globe, Arizona and has been in custody since that time.

Other than the patrons of the Vegas Club, he knows no one who actually saw him in the company of RUBY. He has told KENNETH TAFT of some of his associations with RUBY, but not any of his business dealings with RUBY.

He added that SHARON KAY HILTON can be located through the Lena Pope Home for Children in Fort Worth, Texas, as three of her children reside there.

FLOYD said he has never been afflicted with mental illness of any type, however, when angry he "goes out of his mind". He added that while in the Army in 1956, he had a fight with another soldier over a woman and he hit this soldier with a metal bar. FLOYD was put in the hospital for observation for a few days and was then released.

FLOYD was questioned as to whether he had ever tried to commit suicide and specifically whether he had attempted suicide in the Tarrant County Jail, Fort Worth. He said he definitely had not, but that while in jail in New Mexico, he had a fight with a Mexican who cut him with a knife several places on the arm and these had not healed completely when he was brought to Fort Worth for trial. He added that he had definitely not attempted to commit suicide.

FLOYD furnished the following description of the man who was present during his conversation with RUBY's attorney, about the business proposition to kill Governor CONNALLY:

Name	Unknown
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Approximately 40
Height	5'10" to 6'
Weight	190 pounds

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Hair	Straight, dishwater blond
Complexion	Ruddy
Peculiarities	Beard - light, clean shave; Eyebrows - Heavy; Accent - Very fast talker with Eastern or Northern accent.
Scars and Marks	Tattoo, a dot on the left check bone

The following is a description of FLOYD obtained from observation and interrogation:

Name	JAMES EUGENE FLOYD, JR.
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	August 13, 1937
Place of Birth	Bonham, Texas
Height	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	170 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown and wavy
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	Bookkeeper
Military Service	United States Marine Corps, 1481931. 1954, Honorable Discharge, to minority; United States Army, serial number 18488309. 1954-1956, undesirable discharge
Marital Status	Married
Relatives	Wife - SHARON KAY FLOYD, nee, NICHOLS, address unknown Ex-wife - MARY KATYERN CABANESS Dallas, Texas Ex-wife - SALLY BETT CARROLL Mother - Mrs. JAMES GRIFFEN (MARY) GREGORY, JR., 317 Pueblo Trail, Lake Worth, Village, Texas Father - JAMES E. FLOYD, SR., 2214 Brookfield Dallas, Texas

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Relatives

Brother - DON FLOYD
5608 Taylor Road.
River Oaks, Texas
Grandmother - Mrs. NEIVA CLARA MITCHELL,
883 Sheraton Drive
Memphis, Tennessee

Admitted arrests

Approximately 18 arrests all for forgery or relates offense.
12/23/56, Odessa, Texas, had two years Texas Department of Corrections;
3/1/60, Grove Hill, Alabama, worthless checks, 2 counts, one year, one day consecutive, prolated;
9/18/60, Dallas, Texas, forgery, three years, Texas Department of Corrections (never served);
2/17/63, Fort Worth, Texas, forgery, four years, Texas Department of Corrections.