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JACK LEON RUBY;  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD -  
VICTIM (DECEASED)

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Mr. HERMAN KNIPPA, 322 Summerset, Box 364, Lytle, Texas, telephonically contacted the San Antonio FBI Office on November 27, 1963, and advised that a group of musicians and a group of girls headed by one SIDNEY SIMS moved down from Dallas to Devine, Texas, over the weekend. This SIDNEY SIMS is allegedly a very good friend of RUBY. KNIPPA further stated that he thinks SIMS is acting very strange and in his opinion he should be investigated.

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On November 29, 1963, Sheriff CHARLES J. HITZFE (NA), Hondo, Texas, advised he is well acquainted with SIDNEY SIMS who resides at Devine, Texas. He states SIMS is about 22 years old and graduated from Hondo High School a few years ago. He said SIDNEY SIMS organized a small orchestra and goes around the country playing music at different places. He said that SIMS is the type of person who would take up with a person like OSWALD, but that he has no information there is or was any contact between these persons.

On December 2, 1963, HERMAN KNIPPA, 322 Summerset, Box 364, Lytle, Texas, was interviewed at his place of employment, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and advised that SIDNEY SIMS is the son of A. T. SIMS, a used car dealer from Devine, and Lytle, Texas, arrived home at approximately 3:00 am, November 26, 1963. He stated that the information he has concerning SIDNEY SIMS he has obtained from his wife who teaches at the Lytle, Texas, school with Mrs. A. T. SIMS.

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On November 26, 1963, at approximately 3:00 AM  
SIDNEY SIMS accompanied by two other white males both  
approximately 25 years of age arrived in Devine, Texas.  
He was told that SIDNEY SIMS knows RUBY's sister and has  
seen RUBY and Mrs. SIMS left the impression with Mrs. KNIPPA  
that SIDNEY was friendly with RUBY's sister.

KNIPPA has heard that SIDNEY is in a band which  
plays in strip joints in the Dallas area. He believes SIDNEY  
has been in the Dallas area.

Mrs. A. T. SIMS, Devine, Texas, on December 3, 1963,  
advised that she is the mother of SIDNEY SIMS who plays the  
electric bass in a combo which frequently plays in night  
clubs in the Dallas area. Approximately one week ago she  
believes that her son played in a night club owned by RUBY.  
RUBY's sister at this time was doing the entertainment booking  
for his clubs. She believes her son met RUBY's sister at this  
time, but has no knowledge of her son meeting RUBY. She further  
stated that her son has never mentioned the name OSWALD to the  
best of her recollection. Her son is presently living  
in Lemonwood Apartments, Apartment, 3584, Inwood Road, Dallas,  
Texas, telephone number LA 6-5013, and is presently playing  
in the combo known as Royce McEfee (phonetic).

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