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TO DIRECTOR, AND SAC, DALLAS /44-1639/
FROM - SAC, PITTSBURGH /44-403/ 4P

JACK L. RUBY, AKA / LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. DASH
VICTIM /DECEASED/, CR, OO DALLAS.

~~WILLIAM H. DARNALL~~ AKA BILLY. C.A.A.

RE PITTSBURGH TEL DECEMBER SEVEN LAST, UNDER RUBY CAPTION.

WILLIAM H. QUOTE BILLY UNQUOTE DARNALL, ATTORNEY,

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., INTERVIEWED TODAY BY SAS RAY V. SHOEMAKER
AND ROBERT S. SHIELDS. DARNALL REFUSED TO FURNISH SIGNED
STATEMENT, BUT ORALLY ADMITTED FOLLOWING... **REC 7**

AT APPROXIMATELY TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER ASSASSINATION

OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, HE WENT TO DALLAS, TEXAS, AFTER
SATISFYING HIMSELF OSWALD WAS NOT CONNECTED WITH ANYONE ELSE
OR ANY ORGANIZATION. DARNALL WAS ASKED IF HE WENT TO DALLAS
TO SHOOT OSWALD AND HE REPLIED QUOTE "I WENT TO DALLAS TO
AVENGE THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT AND I WOULD DO IT AGAIN."
UNQUOTE.

DARNALL TOOK WITH HIM THIRTY EIGHT CALIBER

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REVOLVER AND TWENTYFIVE CALIBER AUTOMATIC, HE STATED BOTH GUNS UNLOADED AND LOCKED IN SUITCASE WHICH HE CARRIED ON BOARD PLANE AND PLACED ON CARRYON RACK. STATED GUNS WERE NOT ON HIS POSSESSION AND NOT READILY AVAILABLE ON PLANE.

UPON ARRIVAL DALLAS, TEXAS, HE WENT TO SOUTHLAND HOTEL AND LOADED BOTH GUNS. HE THEN LEARNED OSWALD HAD ALREADY BEEN KILLED SO HE WENT TO SEE TOM HOWARD, RUBENSTEIN-S ATTORNEY, AND OFFERED HIS ASSISTANCE. HE STAYED IN DALLAS THAT NIGHT, GOT QUOTE HALF CROCKED, UNQUOTE AND ON FOLLOWING DAY UNLOADED GUNS, LOCKED THEM BACK UP IN SUITCASE AND RETURNED TO HUNTINGTON, VIA AIRLINES.

DARNALL STATED AT THE INCEPTION OF INTERVIEW HE WAS QUOTE HIGH AND HAD BEEN HIGH FOR TWO OR THREE WEEKS. UNQUOTE HE STATED HE QUOTE "JUST WENT CRAZY," UNQUOTE WHEN HE HEARD OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT, STATING HE WISHED HE COULD HAVE BEEN THERE TO PROTECT PRESIDENT AND TAKE BULLET HIMSELF.

DARNALL STATED HE ACTED STRICTLY ON HIS OWN, NO CONNECTION WITH ANY GROUP OR ORGANIZATION, STATED HE HAD NO
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INTENTION OF HARMING ANYONE EXCEPT OSWALD.

DARNALL MADE AVAILABLE COPIES OF AIRLINE TICKETS WHICH DISCLOSED HE LEFT HUNTINGTON NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST, VIA EASTERN AIRLINES TO LOUISVILLE, AMERICAN AIRLINES TO DALLAS, LEFT DALLAS NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE LAST, VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES TO LOUISVILLE, EASTERN TO HUNTINGTON.

DARNALL MADE AVAILAELE BOTH GUNS HE TOOK TO DALLAS DESCRIBED AS THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER SMITH AND WESSON AIRWEIGHT REVOLVER, SN ONE TWO EIGHT SIX SEVEN FOUR AND TWENTYFIVE CALIBER COLT AUTOMATIC, SN THREE FIVE FIVE FOUR NINE SEVEN.

IT WAS NOTED DARNALL APPEARED TO BE UNDER INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND PERIODICALLY WEPT DURING INTERVIEW BY BUREAU AGENTS

SUBSEQUENT TO INTERVIEW, ROBERT K. MEANS, LAW PARTNER OF DARNALL, VOLUNTARILY ADVISED DARNALL VOLUNTARILY REQUESTED ADMISSION TO VA HOSPITAL, HUNTINGTON, PM TODAY. MEANS STATED REASON APPARENTLY BECAUSE DARNALL REALIZES HIS ALCOHOLIC PROBLEM.

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ABOVE FACTS WILL BE PRESENTED USA, SDWVA WEDNESDAY
AFTERNOON AS TO PROSECUTIVE OPINION RE TAKING WEAPONS ABOARD
AIRCRAFT, UACB. FAA WILL NOT BE ADVISED DUE TO ELAPSED TIME SINCE
OFFENSE, UACB. REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED UNDER DARNALL CAPTION, UACB

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