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TO : Mr. Belmont *MB*

DATE: December 11, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY, AKA.
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA - VICTIM
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Steve Guthrie, former Sheriff of Dallas County, Texas, has advised our Dallas Office that he understands that either the Mayor or City Manager of Dallas had ordered the Police Chief to move Oswald from the city jail before the television cameras. Guthrie stated that either Mayor Earle Gabell or City Manager Elgin Crull, acting under pressure from television and news media, had issued instructions to Police Chief Curry to move Oswald from the city jail at a time when the television cameras could not afford coverage.

Guthrie further stated that because he was acting under orders Chief Curry will not be removed from his position by city officials and this is also the reason why Curry has remained silent about his "putting on the show".

Dallas Office has advised Guthrie does not have a reputation of being accurate and reliable in his statements. It is to be noted, however, that Captain Fritz of the Dallas Police Department, who was in charge of the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy, was in the process of questioning Oswald when he was told by Chief Curry it was time to move him to the county jail.

ACTION:

Although the information received from Guthrie may be unreliable, Dallas Office is being instructed to resolve the matter thoroughly by interviewing Chief Curry, Mayor Gabell and City Manager Crull. If possible, these interviews will be conducted simultaneously by Dallas Agents.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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