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Mr. PATRICK W. MC NAMARA, 4401 Lorraine, retired manager of a Coca-Cola Bottling Plant, advised he has a summer cabin near Boulder, Colorado, but that he has not been to Colorado since the Presidential assassination. He stated he had never sent a congratulatory message to JACK RUBY following the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

His son, PATRICK W. MC NAMARA, and wife, CAROLYN ^{MC NAMARA}, currently reside in Lubbock, Texas, where PATRICK W. MC NAMARA, JR., is employed as an executive by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company. Mr. MC NAMARA's son and his wife have frequented Mr. MC NAMARA's cabin at Boulder, Colorado, but Mr. MC NAMARA stated positively that his son had not been in Colorado since the Presidential assassination and therefore could not have been the PAT W. MC NAMARA who sent a congratulatory message to RUBY from Denver.

Mr. MC NAMARA stated he had never heard of either LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY prior to the assassination, and shooting of OSWALD.

on 12/28/63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 44-1639
 by Special Agent HAROLD R. DOBSON - LAC Date dictated 12/30/63

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ROBERT B. O'BRIEN, 1600 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, Texas, advised that he has been employed for many years as a travelling salesman for the Vassarette Company of Chicago, manufacturers of brassieres and girdles. Mr. O'BRIEN said that he is acquainted with JACK RUBY of Dallas, Texas, in that he was introduced to him at his night club about two years ago by a friend who knew RUBY. He said that he probably would not recognize him if he would see him on the street and that he has had no personal dealings with him or knowledge of him or his acquaintances, whatsoever.

O'BRIEN was questioned concerning the telegram sent to RUBY, and he denied knowledge of such a telegram having been sent. He recalled that he had just returned to Houston on November 24, 1963, and had found that his wife had moved out of their apartment, desiring a separation. He said he was quite despondent and remembers that he became quite intoxicated over this weekend and could have sent such a telegram, while in a drunken condition.

Mr. O'BRIEN checked records of long distance calls from his telephone and found that he had made twelve (12) long distance calls on this day, which he said was most unusual for him and was further indication to him that he was drunk beyond normal competence.

O'BRIEN stated that he has a personal conviction that RUBY possibly did a service to the country by disposing of OSWALD, but he had not intended to make this feeling a matter or record. He denied knowing any of RUBY's friends and having any knowledge of his relationship with Dallas Police Officers.

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The records of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Houston, Texas, will reflect that a Western Union Message was sent from Houston, Texas, to Dallas, Texas, on November 25, 1963, at 6:00 AM. This Message was addressed to JACK RUBY, c/o Dallas, Texas, Police Department, and read:

"JACK thank you as an ex-Chicagoan and may be mobster. You have done what everyone wanted. Thank you. If you need money you will get it boy. Your defense will be the best."

This telegram was signed "ROB" *OK'd*

These records will reflect that this telegram was billed to R. B. O'BRIEN, 1600 Holcombe, Houston, Texas, phone RI 8-2958.

If testimony is required of the Western Union Company at Houston concerning this matter, a subpoena duces tecum should be issued to Mr. H. I. LANGSTON, Office Manager, Houston, Texas.

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AT LYNWOOD, CALIFORNIA

EUGENE OLSON, 4157 Fernwood, Lynwood, California, advised SA DONALD L. ALLEN on December 20, 1963, that he sent a telegram to JACK RUBY on the spur of the moment implusse five minutes after the shooting of OSWALD. OLSON stated that he does not know RUBY or OSWALD.

OLSON stated that he also sent a telegram to Chief Justice WARREN saying that he hoped RUBY would "get off with justifiable homicide.

OLSON furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	March 14, 1913
Place of birth	La Crosse, Wisconsin
U.S. Navy	1933 to 1937
	Honorable discharge
Serial Number	C195471
Occupation	Seaman, Semi-retired
Miscellaneous	Owms his residence

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM E. DAVIS:

AT COTTONWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Mrs. DOROTHY PFIITZER, Dersch Road, advised on
December 20, 1963, that she and her husband, TOM, sent a telegram
to JACK RUBY, Dallas, Texas, immediately after they heard the news
that he shot and killed LEE HARVEY OSWALD. ~~PFIITZER~~

Mrs. PFIITZER advised that they did not know JACK RUBY
and did not know the exact spelling of his name but their action
in sending him a telegram was prompted by their upset condition
after the assassination of President KENNEDY by OSWALD. She
advised that they developed so much dislike for OSWALD that their
first impulse after hearing that JACK RUBY shot and killed
OSWALD was to send RUBY a telegram of congratulations.

Inasmuch as they did not know RUBY, Mrs. PFIITZER and
her husband realized later that they acted in their confused
condition.

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Fort Worth, Texas
JIMMIE M. RHODES, 700 Felix, owner and manager of 312 Club, 2701 East Lancaster, advised he had seen and talked to **JACK RUBY** on two occasions. This was about two years ago when **RUBY** came over from Dallas and came into the 312 Club. He stayed a short time and had a drink and talked to **RHODES**. He asked **RHODES** to come to Dallas and visit his night club. **RHODES** was never in a night club in Dallas and has not seen or talked to **RUBY** in two years.

On the day **RUBY** shot **OSWALD** in Dallas, **RHODES** was in a cafe in Fort Worth and several people mentioned they felt sorry for **RUBY** and someone should send him words of encouragement. **RHODES** advised he volunteered to send him a message and did send a telegram to **RUBY** care of the Dallas Police Department. He did not intend to convey any meaning as to actual sympathy for **RUBY** but at the time did feel a little sorry for him. He has since regretted sending this telegram. **RHODES** stated he has never seen or been around **LEE HARVEY OSWALD**, did not know any member of the family of **OSWALD** and knows of no association of **RUBY** and **OSWALD**.

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 by Special Agent in Charge ROBLEY D. MADLAND and EARLE HALEY - gj Date dictated 12/31/63

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RAYMOND R. RIEHLE, Jr.:

AT GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

Efforts to contact individuals at the RICHARD SCOTT residence, 10602 Barbett, Garden Grove, California, on December 20, 23, and 24, 1963, were negative. On December 26, 1963, Mrs. RICHARD SCOTT, 10602 Barbett, advised neither she nor her husband knew JACK RUBY or LEE OSWALD or of any connection between them. She stated a telegram was sent to RUBY congratulating him for killing OSWALD inasmuch as at the time she felt a situation of "an eye for an eye" existed. She said the telegram was sent to RUBY on impulse only.

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The following investigation was conducted at Detroit, Michigan, by SA MELVILLE H. SHANNON on December 19, 1963:

A review of current directories for the City of Detroit, its metropolitan areas and adjacent suburbs fails to disclose any listing for an individual with the last name SEDLER.

A review of information available to the Detroit Office of the FBI and local agency checks at Detroit failed to disclose a listing for any individual who might be identical with FNU SEDLER.

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JOHN R. SHAW, JR., 206 Beckleywood, Dallas, Texas, who sent a telegram to RUBY under the signature of "SAM" following the shooting of OSWALD by RUBY, furnished the following information:

Mr. SHAW stated that he is presently employed as an independent oil promoter. He stated that he was employed as patrolman by the Dallas Police Department during 1946 and 1947 and for several months during 1951. He stated that in connection with his employment as a police officer with the Dallas Police Department, he met JACK RUBY in about 1946 when he, SHAW, was working with police officer RIO SAM PIERCE, now a Lieutenant with the Dallas Police Department. SHAW advised that he and PIERCE frequently saw and talked with RUBY at his club, the Silver Spur, in connection with their police duties. As a result of their contacts with RUBY, he became fairly well acquainted with RUBY and was rather friendly with him as are many members of the Dallas Police Department.

SHAW stated that he last saw RUBY about October, 1963, at Dallas, Texas, and noted nothing in his conversation with him at that time or at any other time indicating that he ever knew LEE HARVEY OSWALD. SHAW added that he himself was never acquainted with OSWALD and never received any information indicating an acquaintance or association between RUBY and OSWALD. Neither did he receive any information relative to reasons concerning why RUBY shot OSWALD nor how he gained access to the basement area of the Dallas Police Department prior to this shooting.

SHAW stated that when President KENNEDY was assassinated and when RUBY shot OSWALD, he, SHAW, was in the Ramada Inn in Midland, Texas, in connection with his business. He stated that as a result of the assassination of President KENNEDY, he, SHAW, was unsuccessful in obtaining a business account due to change of plans, etc., on the part of his customers. As a result, SHAW went on a "binge". He stated that when he heard the news of the shooting of OSWALD by RUBY, he was still intoxicated and inasmuch as he was a friend of RUBY, he began drinking all the heavier and feeling sorry for old RUBY and due to his being glad that OSWALD had been killed, he decided to send

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RUBY a telegram expressing his approval of the killing of OSWALD and also to try to comfort RUBY in his present trouble. SHAW stated that he does not recall the exact wording of his telegram, which he called to the desk by phone, but remembers that it went something as follows: "Congratulations. You killed a snake. Don't worry, I'll be in Dallas and help get you a lawyer." SHAW added that he did not follow up his promise of getting a lawyer for RUBY inasmuch as he learned that RUBY had already obtained counsel.

SHAW insisted that he had no information whatsoever concerning the shooting of OSWALD on the part of RUBY and added that he sent RUBY the telegram only because he was extremely intoxicated and upset. He stated he has no additional information concerning this case.

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MARIE JONES, Clerk, Ramada Inn, Midland, Texas, advised that JOHN R. SHAW is a frequent guest of the Ramada Inn and had sent a wire to RUBY care of the Dallas Police Department on November 24, 1963.

SHAW, who was intoxicated at the time, was happy that RUBY had killed OSWALD. SHAW told her that RUBY was a good friend of his. He also told her to sign the wire "SAM" as that is how RUBY knew him.

Miss JONES advised that SHAW was a frequent guest of the motel and had in fact checked out of the Ramada Inn on December 18, 1963 presumably to return to Dallas, Texas.

Miss JONES stated that SHAW registers at the motel as JOHN R. SHAW, Shawnee Production Company, with addresses of 206 Becklywood and 101 East Jefferson, Dallas, Texas. Miss JONES stated that SHAW is a heavy drinker and a big spender.

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by SA WILLIAM B. ANDERS/st Date dictated 12/19/63

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AT VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA:

On December 19, 1963, Mr. ARTHUR VOLNEY SMITH, Apartment 3, 14422 Runnymede Street, furnished the following information to SA CHARLES A. SHAW:

He said that he is 37 years of age and a veteran of World War II and the Korean War and holds the DFC and the Air Metal. He admitted being very emotionally upset over the assassination of the President and considered KENNEDY to be a very able President. Upon learning of the shooting of LEE OSWALD by JACK RUBY he had then sent a telegram of congratulations to RUBY at Dallas, Texas, because of his personal feelings in the matter, although he now feels that every man should first have his day in court before being judged guilty. Mr. SMITH stated that both JACK RUBY and LEE OSWALD were unknown to him and that he had no first hand information concerning either men.

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The following investigation was conducted at St. Louis, Missouri by Special Agents JOHN H. CREECH and C. PERSHING BELL:

On December 19, 1963, Colonel JACK STINSON, ^{Mo.} President of the American Society of Auctioneers, was contacted at his home, 5326 Conde.

Colonel STINSON stated that he did send a telegram to JACK RUBY in Dallas which was of a congratulatory nature and which was sent shortly after the death of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Colonel STINSON said that he had been drinking and was very morose over the death of the President. He believes that this condition caused him to send the telegram because when he later considered what he had done he was rather regretful.

Colonel STINSON advised that he never knew JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD and that the idea of sending the telegram was strictly his own and not that of the American Society of Auctioneers. He felt that by sending the telegram it might boost RUBY's morale.

Colonel STINSON stated that the title Colonel preceding his name is one of an honorary nature and reflects no past military service. He stated that the title Colonel is one often given to auctioneers. He said that during the War he worked in the small arms plant in St. Louis and did not see military service due to a punctured eardrum. He stated that his date and place of birth were August 29, 1904 at St. Louis, Missouri.

Colonel STINSON stated that he is married and has two children and has been an auctioneer since the end of World War II.

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The following investigation was conducted at Springfield, Oregon, by SA WILLARD T. LINEHAN:

ROBERT J. WRIGHT, 1974 N. 16th Street, telephone number 746-1984, said on December 21, 1963, that he is the Eugene area general agent for ICOA Life Insurance, which business is located at 29 West 11th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon.

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Mr. WRIGHT said that on November 24, 1963, he and his wife were at their home watching the telecasts concerning the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. They were watching television at the time JACK L. RUBY shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD. They continued watching and the more he thought about the matter the more he became convinced that he should send a telegram to RUBY. After some little time he went to the telephone, called Western Union in Eugene, Oregon, and dictated a message to the operator, charging the message to his home telephone, 746-1984 in Springfield, Oregon (a closed telephone number).

He sent the telegram to JACK RUBY, Dallas City Hall, Dallas, Texas, and he dictated one word "Congratulations." The telegram was signed by him as BOB WRIGHT.

After he had dictated the telegram the girl to whom he dictated it, identity not known, mentioned something to the effect that she was not sure whether or not a telegram of this type could be sent. He did not argue with her over the matter. He returned to watch television and the more he thought about the matter of the remark made by the Western Union Clerk, the better he felt over the fact that apparently the telegram was not going to be sent.

The next information he knew concerning the telegram was knowledge gained by him from his telephone bill that the telegram actually was transmitted.

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He remarked that he possessed no personal knowledge concerning JACK L. RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and knows no information that they may have any connection with each other.

Mr. WRIGHT explained that although some time elapsed between the time he observed the shooting on the telecast and the time he sent the telegram, his action concerning the latter was a "spur of the moment act," and he has felt quite "foolish" about his action.

The following description of ROBERT J. WRIGHT was obtained through interrogation and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	July 6, 1920
Place of Birth	Marquette, Michigan
Height	Five feet, 11 3/4 inches
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Marital Status	Married
Children	Six
Occupation	General agent for IOAC Insurance Company in Eugene, Oregon
Military Service	Received honorable dis- charge at end of World War II from U.S. Navy
Navy Serial Number	2998872

Although he was born in Marquette, Mr. WRIGHT grew up in Chicago, Illinois, and he said he lived there until he entered the service at about the age of 17 years. He never met any persons in Chicago by the names of JACK LEON RUBY, JACK RUBINSTEIN, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, or O.H. LEE.

Mrs. ROBERT J. WRIGHT was interviewed on December 19, 1963, at which time it was ascertained that

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her husband was presently on a road trip and would return sometime during the next weekend.

She was questioned concerning the action on the part of her husband. Information as received by her is so similar to that received at a later date from her husband that the same is not at this time being set forth.

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AT HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

The following investigation was conducted by Investigative Clerk JAMES D. MC KENZIE on December 19, 1963:

Investigative Clerk EUGENE KIRKMAN of the Washington Field Office assigned to the D.C. Credit Bureau, advised that a report of that agency dated August 14, 1961 pertained to a WILLIAM H. MC CLELLAND and his wife SHELBY JEAN MC CLELLAND who at that time resided at 7226 Forest Road, Kent Village, Maryland. Mr. MC CLELLAND was employed with the Association of American Railroads as a graphotype operator and his wife SHELBY was employed with the Acme Visible Records Company located at 707 H Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

Investigative Clerk KIRKMAN also located a D.C. Credit report made in 1963 for a ROBERT O. O'SHEA, date of birth December 24, 1916 and his wife SUSAN FRANCES O'SHEA, who at that time resided at 3542 Madison Street, Hyattsville, Maryland. This report disclosed that Mr. O'SHEA is employed as manager of the National Shirt Shop located at 432 F Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. This report also contained a notation that both Mr. and Mrs. O'SHEA were from Dublin, Ireland.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES W. SIBERT on December 19, 1963:

Mrs. ROBERT CHRISTOPHER O'SHEA, 3542 Madison Street, advised that she was at home on Sunday, November 24, 1963, when her husband called in a Western Union telegram by phone, which was sent to JACK RUBY care of the Dallas, Texas Jail.

Mrs. O'SHEA stated that she and her husband are citizens of the Republic of Ireland and have not yet obtained their American Citizenship and have been in this country for approximately 7 years. She further remarked that her husband was so very disturbed and despondent over the assassination of President KENNEDY that he had broken down and cried immediately following this event and had, therefore, sent the congratulatory telegram to JACK RUBY after OSWALD had been killed.

Mr. ROBERT CHRISTOPHER O'SHEA, Manager of the National Shirt Shop, 432 7th Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C., who resides at 3542 Madison Street, advised that he had returned from Mass on Sunday, November 24, 1963 and was listening to the car radio when he heard the news announcement that RUBY had shot OSWALD. He stated after arriving home, he immediately sent a spontaneous Western Union telegram congratulating RUBY on his action.

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Mr. O'SHEA stated that "if he had anything to do with it, he would have given RUBY the Congressional Medal of Honor". Mr. O'SHEA stated that he is not acquainted with RUBY, has never had any connection with JACK RUBY and is in possession of no information indicating that RUBY and OSWALD were previously acquainted prior to OSWALD's death.

Mrs. SHELBY JEAN MC CLELLAND, Apartment D-7, 4077 Warner Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland, advised that she is no longer employed with Acme Visible Records and is currently a housewife. She advised that she had sent a Western Union telegram to JACK RUBY and that this was done on the spur of the moment after she had observed OSWALD's death on television. Mrs. MC CLELLAND stated that she could not account for her action in sending this telegram other than she felt that OSWALD got what he deserved and she personally feels that RUBY should "get off" any murder charges now pending.

Mrs. MC CLELLAND stated that she is not acquainted with JACK RUBY and has had no type of association with this individual and furthermore has never received any information indicating that RUBY and OSWALD had associations prior to OSWALD's death.

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On December 19, 1963, DANIEL J. FITZMAURICE, 16 Huntington Avenue, Worcester, Massachusetts, advised SA GEORGE S. WALLACE as follows:

He is a machine operator employed by Henry R. Hanson Company, Worcester, Massachusetts, and he did send a congratulatory message by telegram to JACK RUBY following the killing of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He stated he did this on the spur of the moment because he was agitated. He denied that he was acquainted with RUBY or OSWALD or that he had any information concerning either of them.

On December 23, 1963, Mrs. RENA L. JORDAN, 905 Watertown Street, West Newton, Massachusetts, advised SA JAMES J. STRATFORD, JR. that she was so devoted to the late President KENNEDY and her heart was so filled with patriotism that she sent a telegram directed to JACK RUBY after RUBY had been arrested and charged with the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She said she does not recall the message and does not believe that it was congratulatory in nature, but she sent it because she hated violence and she loved President KENNEDY. She stated that she has never been in Dallas, Texas in her life and she does not know JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

B. APPROX 11:30

On December 30, 1963, THOMAS T. HANTAKOS, age 37, a bakery worker, married, has two children, residing 31 Claybourne Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts, advised SA JAMES J. STRATFORD, JR., as follows:

He sent a congratulatory telegram to JACK RUBY "on the spur of the moment." He said he was upset over the death of President KENNEDY and had no personal interest in JACK RUBY. He said he has never been to Dallas, Texas and does not know RUBY or OSWALD or anything concerning them other than what has appeared in news media.

On December 26, 1963, WILLIS C. HARRIS, 82 Middle Street, Braintree, Massachusetts, an oil burner repairman, age 34, advised SA JAMES J. STRATFORD, JR. that he had sent a congratulatory telegram to JACK RUBY. He stated that sending this telegram meant nothing to him and he now realizes that it was a stupid thing to do. He stated that he has never been in Dallas, Texas and does not know JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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AT AKRON, OHIO

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs JACK EVANS MEHL and RICHARD G. PETERSON on December 20, 1963:

Mr. VERN TOMPKINS, 206 Melody Lane, Akron, Ohio, advised that on November 24, 1963, he sent a telegram to JACK RUBY, C/O Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, congratulating him on the assassination of LEE OSWALD. TOMPKINS stated he has never met RUBY or OSWALD nor has he ever belonged to any organization that these two individuals were affiliated with. He also stated he has no knowledge of any personal connection between RUBY and OSWALD and has no knowledge of their activities. TOMPKINS explained he was extremely upset by the news of President KENNEDY's assassination and did "quite a bit of drinking" over that weekend of November 22-25, 1963. He continued that on Sunday, November 24, 1963, the day he sent the telegram, he had been drinking again and when he received the news that RUBY had shot OSWALD he decided to send him a communication congratulating him.

Mr. JOSEPH CURRIER, 162½ E. York Street, Akron, Ohio, advised that on November 24, 1963, he sent a telegram to JACK RUBY, C/O Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, congratulating him on assassinating LEE OSWALD. He explained his main reason in sending this communication was to let RUBY know he (CURRIER) was glad OSWALD was dead because he was afraid if OSWALD's case went to trial "southern justice" would have set him free. He would not explain further what he meant by "southern justice." CURRIER said he does not personally know RUBY or OSWALD, has no knowledge of any connection between these two individuals and had never heard of them prior to the President's assassination. CURRIER also said he is not a member of any organization whatsoever.

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