

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: CLAYTON H. CLARK  
FRISCO, TEXAS

DATE: 1-9-64

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*Jack Ruby*

The above-captioned individual sent a letter dated 12-21-63 to "U. S. News and World Report," Washington, D. C., and it was subsequently forwarded to the Bureau by Mr. David Lawrence of that company who is on the Special Correspondents' List and a close personal friend of the Bureau. Clark in his letter claimed that the assassination of President Kennedy has made him a target for a gunman on two occasions. He also claims to have frequented Jack Ruby's night spots several times in the past 10 years. According to Clark, he left a letter for the FBI "at the car drop at the central post office in Dallas," on Thanksgiving Day but he received no reply to it from the FBI until he subsequently wrote a letter to Congressman Ray Roberts. On the afternoon of November (December) 12, 1963, two FBI Agents came to his farm house and talked to him for about half an hour. He then referred in a somewhat rambling and incoherent manner to an alleged "wild and dangerous automobile ride" where he was concerned about his personal safety. He attached some special significance to a rope that was allegedly tied to his car radio antenna when the car was parked in the Dallas parking lot on the morning of December 16th. He stated he referred the above two incidents to the FBI in telephone calls but he claimed that nothing came out of these inquiries. He stated he then sent a telegram to Congressman Roberts on December 18th but he received no acknowledgment from this wire. Clark's purpose in writing to Mr. Lawrence's publication was to request a courier to reach Congressman Roberts in Washington to determine if he had received Clark's telegram and to warn Roberts of the possible danger because of Robert's knowledge of the case involving Clark.

As it was not possible to identify Clark with any information in Bufiles the Dallas Office was asked to submit a resume of contacts he had with that office.

RESULTS OF FIELD CHECK:

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Clayton H. Clark, Route 2, Frisco, Texas, was interviewed by Agents of the Dallas Office on 12-12-63 as a result of a letter dated 11-28-63 to the Dallas FBI Office and a letter dated 11-30-63 to Congressman Ray Roberts which had been in turn forwarded to the Dallas Office. Clark related a number of incidents regarding his visits to bars in the Dallas area where he picked up female companions whom he continued to meet on a social basis. He attached special significance to certain statements and actions by these companions such as reference to a mural on a barroom wall; a girl who he claimed mistook him for an Army General and she continued to ask him questions about physics; and a

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woman who was being beaten by four other women outside of a Dallas town and alleged that the victim of the attack had tried to involve him in the foray. He related a number of other incidents which were equally bizarre but felt that there was some sort of conspiracy against him to obtain information, the exact nature of which he could not explain. One of the bars he attended was the Carousel Club owned by Jack Ruby. He had no information regarding the background of Ruby nor had he ever seen Lee Harvey Oswald and knew of no association between Oswald and Ruby.

Clark later telephonically contacted the Dallas FBI Office on 12-17-63 and stated he wanted to make sure that they received his letter of 11-28-63 and stated he was afraid the letter might fall in the hands of the communists and some harm might come to him.

The Dallas Office has forwarded a copy of Clark's letter of November 28, 1963, to the Bureau as well as a copy of his letter of 11-30-63 to Congressman Ray Roberts. Both letters referred in part to the substance of the information he furnished the contacting Agents during the interview with him on 12-12-63.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Mr. David Lawrence of "U. S. News and World Report" be advised that we have checked into the letter to his publication from Clayton H. Clark and when interviewed by Agents of the FBI on 12-12-63 Clark could furnish no information of interest to the FBI. *LETTER ATTACHED SIGNED BY C.D. DE LOACH*

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*[Signature]*