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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-24016)

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JACK L. RUBY, aka;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka - VICTIM
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ReBuairtel dated 1/9/64.

On 1/10/64 Mr. PAUL H. SMILEY, 2323 40th Place, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised SAs RICHARD WOOD KAISER and CARROLL M. GARNETT that he is presently retired from government service, having formerly been employed as an Inspector-Investigator for the Veterans Administration (VA). He was with the VA from 1921 to 1956 at which time he retired and accepted other government employment as an investigator on the Congressional Veterans Committee headed by Texas Congressman OLIN TEAGUE. He held this position from 1956 to late 1960 at which time he retired from government service.

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SMILEY said that based upon his lengthy investigating experience he had decided to write the Director and express his observations concerning the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD by JACK RUBY. He is firmly convinced that RUBY could not have gained access to the Dallas Jail without having proper identification, possibly police identification. He feels that this case should be investigated on its own merit with no special considerations

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for any persons involved. He explained that he feels that RUBY obtained such identification through his known contacts with the Dallas Police Department and that any police officials involved should be appropriately identified and prosecuted. He recalled a past experience where police identification had been used for an illegal purpose.

Specifically, he related that during the 1920s he had made a trip to New York City on official business for the VA. While in New York he had attended a private party given by an individual (name not recalled) who owned a retread tire company located on Lexington Avenue. Also attending this party were numerous VA officials from the New York area as well as a Captain and Lieutenant from the area police precinct. The owner of this tire company had a contract with the VA for the training of handicapped veterans. He recalled that liquor was served illegally at this party and that a lewd and obscene show had also taken place.

Following the party he asked the tire company owner how he managed to conduct such illegal activities with the police actually present. This individual informed him that this was no problem with proper connections and as a means of illustration exhibited to him a gold or gold plated badge from the Washington, D.C., Police Department. He allegedly had obtained this badge while in Washington and assured that it would gain him entrance to the White House any time he desired.

SMILEY stated that due to the lapse of time he could recall no specific details concerning the individuals involved and was only citing the incident to prove his point concerning the RUBY case.

SMILEY stated that he has visited Dallas a number of times in his official capacity as investigator for the VA, however, was not personally acquainted with JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He explained that he first heard of these individuals through the press and T.V. due to the

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events which took place following the President's assassination in Dallas, Texas. He has no specific information or knowledge concerning either RUBY or OSWALD other than what he has obtained from the press and T.V.

Throughout the interview SMILEY exhibited a cordial attitude and was assured that his comments would be made a matter of record and that this case was being afforded vigorous and exhaustive investigation by this Bureau.

UACB, the information obtained from SMILEY concerning the police badge possessed by the New York tire company owner is not being disseminated to the U.S. Secret Service because of the time element and the indefinite character as to the identity of the individual involved.

Appropriate FD 302s being forwarded to Dallas by separate communication.