

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 1/14/64

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY, AKA.  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. - VICTIM  
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*Mr. Tolson*  
*J. Edgar Hoover*  
*F. B. I.*

In two specific instances we have received the allegation that comments were made by news media immediately prior to the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald by Jack L. Ruby on 11/24/63 that Ruby was expected to commit the act.

One of these allegations was contained in an anonymous letter furnished to the Bureau by the President's Commission on 1/6/64. The letter stated that over NBC-TV prior to the shooting one man said, "Ruby can take care of that," and Ruby answered, "I sure can." There was insufficient information in our files to identify the writer of the letter. It was also searched through the anonymous letter file by the Laboratory but the writer could not be identified.

The second allegation was also contained in a letter furnished to the Bureau by the President's Commission on 1/6/64. This letter stated that Bob Walker, Dallas TV news broadcaster, made the remark immediately prior to the shooting, "Is Ruby there yet?" The writer also expressed some concern re the fact that Walker had two telephones on his desk which he was using simultaneously at the time of the broadcast. The letter was written by a Mrs. M. S. Chadwell of Kokomo, Indiana.

Mrs. Chadwell was interviewed on 1/9/64 at which time she stated that on the date of Oswald's shooting she was watching television and the commentator was a Bob Walker. She got the impression from Walker's attitude that he may have had prior knowledge of Ruby's presence at the Dallas Police Department prior to the shooting but could furnish no tangible information to substantiate this impression. She could not quote any specific statements made by the commentator and stated that she might have misunderstood him. In the interview her primary concern was over the two telephones on the commentator's desk and she questioned why it was necessary to him to have them.

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It is noted that Mrs. Chadwell has previously contacted the Indianapolis Office on three occasions since 1950 at which time she alleged that people were listening in on her phone conversations and cutting in on her telephone line because of a dispute she had with the phone company in Kokomo where she had worked until she was forced out. Chief Raymond Keller, Indiana Police Department, has advised that Mrs. Chadwell had been well known to the Kokomo Police Department for a number of years as a chronic complainer and that she is considered to be mentally unbalanced.

It is further noted that in the investigation of the Ruby matter we have interviewed more than 75 news media representatives who were either present at the time Oswald was shot by Ruby or were connected with reporting the transfer of Oswald from the City Jail in Dallas to the County Jail. None have indicated that either themselves or anyone known to them had any knowledge of Ruby's presence at the Dallas City Hall and Jail prior to the shooting or that Ruby might possibly appear there on 11/24/63.

ACTION:

Dallas presently has a lead outstanding to determine on which network Bob Walker appeared. If his broadcast was taped, the tapes will be reviewed and the matter will be fully resolved. This lead will be closely followed.

*and results furnished to new. R. Austin -*

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*Yes.*  
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