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TO DIRECTOR

FROM DALLAS (44-1639) 5 P

JACK L. RUBY, AKA. LEE H. OSWALD, AKA - VICTIM.

Civil Rights CR:

RE BUREAU TEL TO DALLAS, JANUARY THIRTEEN LAST.

DALLAS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY HENRY WADE WAS CONTACTED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE BY SAs VINCENT E. DRAIN

AND W. HARLAN BROWN. WADE STATED WAGGONER CARR, TEXAS

ATTORNEY GENERAL, HAD NO AUTHORITY TO SPEAK FOR HIM. WADE

STATED HE HAD MADE IT KNOWN THAT HE NEEDS ALL AVAILABLE INFO CONCERNING RUBY AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HIS

SHOOTING OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD AS WELL AS ASSOCIATES AND BACKGROUND OF RUBY. WADE ADVISED HE HAD NEVER STATED THAT

HE WAS HANDICAPPED BECAUSE HE DOES NOT HAVE CERTAIN WRITTEN

STATEMENTS IN POSSESSION OF THE FBI. WADE RELATED THAT

THE DALLAS PD HAD CONDUCTED VERY LITTLE INVESTIGATION

CONCERNING RUBY AND HIS BACKGROUND AND HAD SPENT MOST OF THE TIME SUBMITTING AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT DEFENDING THEMSELVES

BECAUSE OF THE SHOOTING OF OSWALD BY RUBY.

MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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WADE ADVISED HIS PURPOSE IN GETTING THE INFO FROM THE FBI WAS THE FACT THAT IF RUBY SHOULD TAKE THE STAND HE WOULD LIKE TO CROSS EXAMINE HIM CONCERNING HIS BACKGROUND AND INCIDENTS RUBY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN WHICH WADE COULD USE IN CROSS EXAMINATION. ALSO WADE RELATED THAT HE WOULD CROSS EXAMINE ANY CHARACTER WITNESSES THAT MIGHT APPEAR FOR RUBY. WADE WAS ASKED TO STATE SPECIFICALLY AND CATEGORICALLY WHERE HE WAS HANDICAPPED IN ANY WAY BY LACK OF ACCESS TO MATERIAL IN POSSESSION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AT WHICH TIME WADE ADVISED THAT HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO DO SO BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHAT THE BACKGROUND INFO COLLECTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONSISTED OF BUT FELT THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD GONE INTO RUBY'S BACKGROUND AND ASSOCIATES. WADE STATED WITHOUT REVIEWING SUCH STATEMENTS TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ORAL OR WRITTEN HE WOULD HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHAT THESE STATEMENTS CONTAINED. WADE SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING LETTER:

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QUOTE. DALLAS, TEXAS, JANUARY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. MR. GORDON SHANKLIN, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, ONE ONE ONE FOUR COMMERCE, DALLAS, TEXAS. RE: JACK RUBY. DEAR MR.

SHANKLIN: "AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE HAVE A BOND HEARING ON JACK RUBY SET ON JANUARY TWENTY AND THE TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF LEE OSWALD SET FOR FEBRUARY THREE IN CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT NO. THREE OF DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS. IN THAT TRIAL ALL OF THE INFORMATION WE CAN GATHER WITH REFERENCE TO THE BACKGROUND OF JACK RUBY FROM THE TIME HE WAS BORN UP TO THE PRESENT, THE NAMES OF ALL HIS BUSINESS OR SOCIAL ASSOCIATES TOGETHER WITH WHAT THEY MIGHT HAVE SAID CONCERNING HIM OR HIS MENTAL CAPACITY WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT. I FEEL THAT YOU HAVE SOME OF THIS INFORMATION OR ALL OF IT IN YOUR PRESENT FILES. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OBTAINING THE FOLLOWING:

ONE. COPIES OF ALL INTERVIEWS HAD BY YOUR AGENTS CONCERNING JACK RUBY OR ANY OF HIS ASSOCIATES.

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TWO. THE NAMES OF ANY PERSONS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH RUBY TOGETHER WITH THEIR STATEMENTS MADE CONCERNING HIM.

THREE. ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE IN THE RUBY CASE.

FOUR. ANY SUMMARY YOU MIGHT HAVE OF THE WHOLE ACTIVITIES OF RUBY DURING AND AT THE TIME OF THIS MURDER.

FIVE. ANY STATEMENTS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE TENDING TO SHOW ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN OSWALD AND RUBY.

SIX. ANY STATEMENTS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE DEALING WITH WHETHER OR NOT RUBY BELONGED OR HAD BELONGED TO ANY SUBVERSIVE GROUPS.

SEVEN. COPIES OF THE INTERVIEWS HAD BY YOUR AGENTS AT THE CITY HALL AND ALSO THE DALLAS COUNTY JAIL AND WHAT RUBY TOLD THEM.

NONE OF THIS INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED TO THE PRESS, RADIO OR TELEVISION, NOR TO ANYONE ELSE OUTSIDE OF THIS OFFICE, AND WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY IN THE TRIAL OF THIS CASE FOR THE PURPOSES OF CROSS-EXAMINING THE DEFENDANT SHOULD

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HE TESTIFY AND ALSO CROSS-EXAMINING THE CHARACTER WITNESSES,
AND SHOULD ANY OF THESE WITNESSES WHEREIN YOU HAVE A STATEMENT
FROM THEM TESTIFY, IF THEY VARY FROM THE STATEMENTS MADE TO
YOUR AGENT, THEY WILL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CROSS-
EXAMINING THIS WITNESS. I HOPE THAT THIS CAN BE ARRANGED
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SINCE WE WILL HAVE TO READ AND DIGEST
THESE PRIOR TO THE TRIAL ON FEBRUARY THREE. SINCERELY
YOURS, HENRY WADE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS. ¹¹
UNQUOTE.

I DESIRE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ABOVE LETTER AND ADVISE
MR. WADE THAT PURSUANT TO INFORMATION WHICH I HAVE
PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED HIM ON JANUARY TEN LAST, THAT THE FBI
HEADQUARTERS HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND WE STAND READY TO GIVE
HIM ANYTHING THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE WILL PERMIT US TO GIVE HIM. THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT
WILL BE MADE UACB.

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CC MR. ROSEN