

December 4, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Interview with Jack Ruby

Sir:

On December 1, 1963, Lieutenant Jack Revill and Lieutenant F. E. Cornwall interviewed Jack Ruby, presently confined in the Dallas County Jail for the murder of L. H. Oswald. The purpose of this interview was to determine how Ruby gained access to the basement of the City Hall.

During the interview with Ruby it became apparent that he was not going to cooperate in any way as he stated that he did not want to get any police officers in trouble and also anything that he might tell us might be used against him in his forthcoming trial for murder. He did state that he had sent a \$25.00 money order to a friend of his in Ft. Worth from the Western Union Telegraph Company, 2034 Main, at 11:16 a.m. on November 24, 1963. Upon questioning him as to how he gained access to the basement of the City Hall, he became evasive and refused to furnish that information. However, in answer to a direct question as to whether he spoke to anyone in the basement prior to the shooting he definitely stated, "No", that he did not speak to anyone.

He did state that he would cooperate with the Police Department if his attorney, Mr. Tom Howard would give him permission to do so. Mr. Howard telephonically was contacted by Lieutenant Cornwall and requested to come to the County Jail to sit in on the interview with his client, Ruby. Mr. Howard did so and after discussing the matter with Ruby in privacy, they both decided that Ruby would not give us the requested information.

Prior to the termination of this interview, both Attorney Howard and Ruby stated that Ruby would be willing to submit to a polygraph examination; that they had made an attempt to get said polygraph examination but that District Attorney Henry Wade had refused.

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The interview was terminated at this point and Mr. Howard stated that he would contact his other law partners and if they agreed he would give us information which might be significant to the Dallas Police Department investigation. He advised the undersigned officers that he would contact them Monday or Tuesday as to what decision they had reached.

On the morning of December 3, 1963, Inspector Sawyer contacted Mr. Howard, attorney for Jack Ruby and asked him if he had reached any decision regarding the polygraph examination for his client and supplying the Police Department with the information as to how he gained access to the basement of the City Hall. Mr. Howard became evasive and stated that he was going to call in some more lawyers on Friday, December 6, 1963, and that after he had a discussion with them, he would let us know his decision - until this conference would be held, his answer would be negative as far as the polygraph examination was concerned.

On December 3, 1963, Lieutenant Jack Revill and F. E. Cornwall again interviewed Jack Ruby in the County Jail. He was personally given the opportunity to submit to a polygraph examination. He refused, saying he would have to get permission from his legal advisor, Mr. Tom Howard. An attempt was made to gain information from Ruby as to his activities on the morning of November 24, 1963. He refused to furnish any information. He said that it would all come out during his trial and that he wants to tell the world what a great Police Department Dallas has and how much he loves Dallas. During the interview, Ruby became very emotional and was almost to the point of hysteria in his effort to protect any police officer from being implicated into his entrance into the basement of the City Hall.

He related in detail his activities for November 22, 1963, such as upon hearing that the President had been assassinated, he immediately stopped some ads which he had placed earlier that morning in the Dallas Morning News pertaining to his night club, the Carousel Night Club. He related that he became emotionally upset and was in a trance. He went to the Ritz Delicatessen and purchased \$10.00 worth of Kosher type food. He was very specific in getting this information over to us. He then stated that he went to his sister's home and spent the remainder of the afternoon with her. In the late afternoon still feeling disturbed, he drove through the City of Dallas checking to see what business establishments were closed. He felt that inasmuch as he had closed his

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nightclub that the other business establishments should have also been closed out of sympathy for the death of the President. He went to a delicatessen and purchased sandwiches with the intention of bringing said sandwiches to his friends at the Police Department. He called the Homicide and Robbery Bureau and told them that he had these sandwiches and was going to bring them to the Police Department. He was advised by Detective R. H. Sims that they had already eaten but he thanked him for the gesture. Ruby then stated that he drove to the City Hall and went to the basement and mingled with the crowd. He was present in the Police Assembly Room when Lee Harvey Oswald was interviewed by the press. After this interview Ruby stated that he called Radio Station KLIF and got an exclusive interview with District Attorney H. Wade with KLIF. He left the City Hall and drove to Radio Station KLIF with the idea of giving the sandwiches to personnel at that location. The door was locked and he had to wait approximately 15 minutes before Joe Long of Radio Station KLIF drove up and opened the door. He stated that he remained there for sometime and then went home. At this point he became irrational and advised us that he was not going to discuss it any further. At this point the interview was terminated.

Due to Ruby's emotional state, the undersigned officers made no attempt to take notes during either interview. The forgoing information is to the best of our recollection.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lieutenant, Special Service Bureau

F. E. Cornwall
Lieutenant, Special Service Bureau

J. H. Sawyer
Inspector of Police

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