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TO DIRECTOR

FROM DALLAS (100-10,461)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R-CUBA.

Jack Ruby

REBUTEL CALL JAN. TWENTYFOUR LAST REFERRING TO ARTICLE
APPEARING IN THE NATION OF JAN. TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND A PORTION
THEREOF QUOTING DIST. ATTY HENRY WADE OF DALLAS AND HIS ASSISTANT
WILLIAM ALEXANDER. WITH RESPECT TO THE QUOTE FROM WADE, HE
ADVISES THAT REPORTER HUDKINS WAS FORMERLY A POLICE REPORTER FOR
BOTH THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD AND DALLAS MORNING NEWS, THAT HE WAS
A RATHER WILD TYPE OF REPORTER AND THAT HE WAS HERE AFTER THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRES. KENNEDY REPRESENTING THE HOUSTON POST. HE
REMEMBERS THAT SOMETIME IN LATE DEC., HUDKINS POSED SOME LEADING
QUESTIONS TO HIM ABOUT WHETHER OSWALD WAS AN INFORMANT OF THE
FBI, CIA OR SOME GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY. HE STATED THAT HE TOLD
HUDKINS QUOTE I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT UNQUOTE, AND THAT
HE POSSIBLY MIGHT HAVE SAID QUOTE EVEN IF HE WERE, I DON'T THINK
IT OUGHT TO BE PUBLICIZED. HE DEFINITELY DENIES THE STATEMENT
ATTRIBUTED TO HIM.

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ASST. DIST. ATTY WILLIAM ALEXANDER STATED THAT SOMETIME IN
DEC. HUDKINS DID APPEAR AND TALK WITH HIM AND HE INDICATED THAT
HE WAS WORKING ON A REAL GOOD STORY, TRYING TO PROVE THAT OSWALD
WAS AN INFORMANT OF THE FBI, CIA OR SOME GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND

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THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INFO THAT OSWALD'S NOTEBOOK WHICH HAD BEEN SEIZED BY THE POLICE HAD AGENT HOSTY OR HASTY'S NAME AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE LOCAL FBI OFFICE, AND POSSIBLY A LICENSE NUMBER OF A CAR, AND HE ASKED ALEXANDER IF THAT DIDN'T MEAN OSWALD WAS AN INFORMANT OF THE FBI. ALEXANDER CLAIMS THAT HE TOLD HIM THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIS BEING AN INFORMANT. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE NOTEBOOK, ALEXANDER STATES HE SAID, QUOTE IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE THE STORY THERE UNQUOTE. HE DENIES MAKING ANY FURTHER STATEMENTS TO HUDKINS.

IN ADDITION, BOTH WADE AND ALEXANDER WERE INTERVIEWED THIS DATE RE THEIR APPEARANCE BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION IN WASH., D. C. ON JAN. TWENTYFOUR. MR. WADE ADVISED THAT HE DID APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JAN. TWENTYFOUR AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFO. ON JANUARY TWENTYTWO AT ABOUT TEN P. M., WASSONER, DIST. ATTY. FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS, CALLED WADE AND MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN A NATIONAL MAGAZINE RE THE POSSIBILITY THAT OSWALD HAD BEEN AN INFORMANT OF THE FBI, CIA OR SOME OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND THAT SUPPOSEDLY WADE AND ALEXANDER HAD BEEN QUOTED IN THIS ARTICLE. CARR ADVISED HIM THAT THE COMMISSION WANTED HIM TO APPEAR. HE THEN STATED THAT HE TALKED TO THE COMMISSION AND TOLD THEM THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING, BUT THAT CARR LATER CALLED HIM AND SAID THAT THEY WANTED HIM TO APPEAR ANYWAY, AND THAT ARRANGEMENTS WERE FIRST MADE TO SEND AN AIR FORCE PLANE DOWN TO TAKE THEM UP, BUT LATER THIS WAS CANCELED

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AND HE AND HIS ASST. , ALONG WITH WAGGONER CAR, ROBERT STOREY, FORMER DEAN OF SMU, AND LEON JAWORSKI, HOUSTON ATTY, EMPLOYED BY CARR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER, ALL WENT TO WASH., D. C. ON JAN. TWENTYTHREE. THEY ALL APPEARED AT THE COMMISSION HDQTRS. AND HAD AN INFORMAL TYPE DISCUSSION WITH CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN AND CHIEF COUNSEL LEE RANKIN. THEY WERE QUESTIONED RE THE INFO IN THE NATION ARTICLE, AT WHICH TIME, WADE ADVISED THE COMMISSION THAT HE HAD BEEN MISQUOTED BY THIS REPORTER, THAT HE HAD NO INFO TO THE EFFECT THAT OSWALD WAS AN INFORMANT OF THE FBI OR ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, AND HE ALSO AT THAT TIME EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT EVEN IF HE WERE, HE DIDN'T THINK IT OUGHT TO BE PUBLICIZED.

WADE'S ASSISTANT, ALEXANDER, WAS ALSO QUESTIONED AND HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD NO INFO AS TO OSWALD BEING AN INFORMANT OF THE FBI, CIA OR ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY. HE DID POINT OUT THAT IN A NOTEBOOK OF OSWALDS, SEIZED BY THE POLICE, THAT AGENT HOSTY'S NAME WAS IN THE NOTEBOOK, ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS, IN ADDITION THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE DALLAS OFFICE OF THE FBI, AND THE LICENSE NUMBER OF A CAR.

ALEXANDER STATED THAT IN ADDITION HE TOLD CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN AND RANKIN THAT ON THE AFTERNOON OF JAN. TWENTYONE, AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE BOND HEARING FOR RUBY AND WHILE THE REPORTERS WERE WAITING FOR SOME STATEMENT FROM THE JUDGE, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF REPORTERS IN THE JUDGE'S COURTROOM AND HE HEARD SOME

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HE BELIEVED TO BE FROM THE NORTH AND OTHER REPORTERS
DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY THAT OSWALD WAS A COUNTER SPY FOR
THE FBI, CIA OR SOME GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY. HE REMEMBERS HEARING
THE WORDS SPECIAL SERVICES MENTIONED. HE ALSO REMEMBERS HEARING
SOME REPORTER MAKE THE STATEMENT THAT OSWALD WAS SUPPOSEDLY ON THE
PAY ROLL OF THE GOVT. AT TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS A MONTH, BEGINNING SEPT.
NINETEEN SIXTYTWO AND THAT HE HEARD PAY ROLL NUMBER ONE SEVEN NINE
OR VOUCHER ONE SEVEN NINE MENTIONED. ALEXANDER PURPORTEDLY ALLEGES
THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW THE NAME S OF THESE REPORTERS.

MR. WADE ADVISED THAT HE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH RANKIN AND
CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN THE FACT THAT HE WAS GOING TO HAVE TO EXAMINE
THE REPORTS AT THE USA'S OFFICE AND THAT HE DEFINITELY PREFERRED
TO HAVE THE REPORTS MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM. HE WAS ADVISED THAT
THIS WAS A MATTER THAT HAD TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PARTICULAR
DEPARTMENT, AND HE RECALLS THAT AT THIS TIME SOME MENTION WAS
MADE OF THE FACT THAT THE COMMISSION HAD STILL NOT RECEIVED ANY
REPORT FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR CIA. HE SAID HE ALSO TOOK
UP WITH THEM THE FACT THAT IT HAD BEEN INDICATED TO HIM BY MR.
MILLER OF THE DEPT OF JUSTICE THAT CERTAIN INFO FROM THE FBI
REPORTS MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEFENSE IN THE RUBY CASE
AND HE VOICED HIS DISAPPROVAL OF THIS AND HE WAS ADVISED THAT
AGAIN THIS WOULD BE UP TO THE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN
THEN TOLD HIM THAT THEY HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO MR. BELLI WHEREIN
THEY HAD TOLD HIM THAT THEY WERE NOT AN INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY, ETC.
AND THAT HIS REQUEST FOR REPORTS WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP WITH THE
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DEPT. WADE STATED CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN ALSO READ A LETTER THAT HE HAD DIRECTED TO MR. HOOVER, STATING THE POSITION OF THE COMMISSION WITH REGARD TO THE FILES. HE STATED THAT DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, HE BROUGHT UP THE FACT THAT HE HOPED THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY RE THE LACK OF ANY ASSOCIATION BETWEEN RUBY AND OSYALD FOR FEAR IT WOULD HURT HIS CASE.

WADE ADVISED HE WAS FURNISHING ME THIS INFO IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AS HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WAS ANY INFO RE THIS INTERVIEW OR INTERVIEWS TO BE GIVEN OUT, AND HE DESIRES TO BE PROTECTED. WADE ALSO STATED THAT HE CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED LEE RANKIN THAT ANYTHING THAT ALEXANDER SAID CONCERNING THE FBI OR THE DEPARTMENT HAD TO BE TAKEN WITHA GRAIN OF SALT. HE SAID THAT ALEXANDER AND AUSA B. W. TIMKINS IN THE RECENT TRIAL OF THE CASE WHICH ~~PROSECUTED~~ WAS PROSECUTED IN STATE COURT CAPTIONED FRANK EARL FLECK, AXA, NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, DALLAS, TEXAS, JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYTHREE, JR., BU FILE NINE ONE DASH ONE SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT NINE, HAD HAD QUITE A RUN IN OVER THE TESTIMONY OF AGENTS AND THE PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN RECORDS AND THAT THEY HAD ALMOST COME TO BLOWS. HE STATED ALEXANDER HAD BEEN VERY CRITICAL OF THE DEPT. AND ATTY GENERAL KENNEDY AND THAT THE USA'S OFFICE IN DALLAS DEFINITELY DOES NOT GET ALONG WITH ALEXANDER AND THAT HE HAS BEEN INFORXED BY USA BAREFOOT SANDERS

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THAT HE, WADE, OR HIS FIRST ASST. JAMES ~~SOBIE~~ ^{SOBIE} WILL HAVE
TO ~~REVIEW~~ ^{REVIEW} THE FILES, AS THEY WILL NOT PERMIT WILLIAM ALEXANDER
TO DO SO.
AFTER RETURNING TO THE ~~PD~~ OFFICE, MR. WADE CALLED AND

FURNISHED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO. DURING THE MEETING WITH
THE COMMISSIONER, WADE CANNOT RECALL JUST HOW THE QUESTION WAS
BROUGHT UP, BUT STATES HE GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE COMMISSION
WAS INTERESTED IN THE THREAT AGAINST OSWALD'S LIFE ON NOV.
TWENTYFOUR, AND HE TOLD THE COMMISSION THAT SHERIFF DECKER,
DALLAS COUNTY, HAD TOLD THE PD THAT HE WOULD MOVE OSWALD AT SIX
P.M. IF THE POLICE SO DESIRED.

WADE CANNOT REMEMBER ANYTHING ELSE RE THAT PHASE OF THE CONVERSATION.

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAD NO MOTIVE FOR FURNISHING THIS INFO OTHER THAN HE HAD READ IN THE NEWSPAPER THAT THE DIST. ATTY'S OFFICE WANTED THE USE OF FBI REPORTS IN THE RUBY TRIAL. [REDACTED] STATED ALSO THAT ALEXANDER HAD BEEN KNOWN TO CARRY A GUN ON HIS PERSON AND HAD ACTUALLY BEEN IN THE COURT ROOM WEARING A GUN.

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