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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *bs*

DATE: 1/30/64

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY, AKA.
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

Jack Ruby, who is presently incarcerated Dallas County Jail, Dallas, Texas, received a letter postmarked 12/8/63 at Portland, Oregon, from a person identified only as Fred in which the writer directly inferred an acquaintance between Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald. The letter enclosed an unidentified photograph of a person the writer alleged was with him at Ruby's night club in Dallas "last May" when they observed Oswald present.

SA Edmond C. Hardin Dallas was assigned to run out this allegation and after conducting a logical investigation at Dallas, to identify the person in the photograph, he forwarded a lead to Portland, Oregon, for them to attempt to identify the writer of the letter and the person in the photograph.

At Portland SAs William S. Brown and Max E. Taylor, who were assigned the lead, conducted logical inquiry at the police department and exhibited the photograph. Lieutenant William Brian of the Portland Police Department recalled having seen the photograph in the October 26, 1963, issue of the Saturday Evening Post. It was identified as being that of one Vincent Blaney whose body was recovered from the ocean off Atlantic City on August 23, 1960. He had been shot in the back of the head. The Post article concerned Blaney's alleged connection with the one-half million dollar burglary of the home of John B. Rich, a Pottsville, Pennsylvania, coal mine owner. Since Blaney was found dead in August, 1960, he obviously could not have been in Ruby's club in Dallas as inferred in the letter and the necessity for further inquiry to discredit the inferred connection between Ruby and Oswald was thus eliminated. This inquiry has been completed and disseminated to the Department and the President's Commission by report of 1/17/64.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SACS DALLAS AND PORTLAND

SAC Dallas stated that the resourcefulness of SA Hardin in setting out the lead for the Portland Division exemplified the highest caliber of investigation and recommended that SA Hardin be commended by the Director.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Callahan

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SAC Portland advised that SA William S. Brown was assigned the lead in Portland and recommended that he be commended for the thoroughness with which he covered the lead which resulted in the identification of the photograph. He stated that SA Max E. Taylor, who handled the liaison with the Portland Police Department, actually obtained the information from Lieutenant Brian and recommended that SA Taylor be commended.

[REDACTED] He said that although Lieutenant Brian has been cooperative with Agents of the Portland Office that it was not felt that a letter from the Director to Lieutenant Brian would be appropriate.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

1. It is recognized that the resourcefulness and industry of SA Hardin of the Dallas Office and SAs Brown and Taylor of the Portland Office in setting forth and running out this important lead was exemplary, however, their efforts cannot be considered above and beyond those normally expected of an Agent in the logical pursuit of such a lead. The General Investigative Division does not concur in the recommendations of the SACs Dallas and Portland and does not recommend commendation for SAs Hardin, Taylor or Brown.

*Following
2-24-64
J. M. P. [unclear]
C. T. [unclear]*

2. The General Investigative Division concurs with the recommendation of SAC Portland that Lieutenant William Brian of the Portland, Oregon, Police Department not be forwarded a commendation from the Director [REDACTED]

[Handwritten signatures and initials]