

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1/24/64

FROM : *JHW* SAC, Portland (67-275)

SUBJECT: SA WILLIAM S. BROWN  
SA MAX E. TAYLOR  
RECOMMENDATION FOR LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau 1/22/64, in the case entitled, "JACK L. RUBY aka; LEE HARVEY OSWALD aka (Deceased) - VICTIM, -CR. OO: Dallas," Bufile 44-24016, PDfile 44-225.

The investigation in Portland which resulted in the identification of the photograph as that of VINCENT BLANEY was conducted by SAs WILLIAM S. BROWN and MAX E. TAYLOR. The case was assigned to SA BROWN, who has conducted the major portion of the Portland investigation in matters concerning the assassination of the late President KENNEDY and concerning RUBY and OSWALD. SA BROWN is an Agent with 22 years of experience and is one of the most able and dedicated Agents in the Portland Office. The thoroughness with which he covered the leads which resulted in the identification of the photograph is typical of his work. SA MAX E. TAYLOR is assigned principally to ITSMV matters and handles a great deal of liaison, particularly with the Portland, Oregon, Police Department. He is an Agent with 21 years of experience and is an extremely hard-working dedicated Agent. He handled the liaison with the Portland PD in the above cases, and it was he who actually obtained the information from Lt. WILLIAM BRIAN (BRYAN) in this matter.

It is recommended that suitable letters of commendation be sent to SAs BROWN and TAYLOR for their very thorough investigation concerning the unidentified photograph at Portland which led directly to the identification of the photograph as being that of VINCENT BLANEY thus resolving this very important allegation.

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