

UNITED STATES GOV

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *at*

DATE: 2/10/64

FROM : A. Rosen *RS*

SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY, AKA.
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. - VICTIM
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Mr. Seth Kantor, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer, "Washington Daily News" Building, Washington, D. C., who was in Dallas at the time of the President's assassination on 11/22/63 upon interview 12/3/63 stated that while he, Kantor, was at the Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, he was approached by Ruby who spoke to him at approximately 1:28 p.m. He placed the time at 1:28 p.m. because he said he was then en route to the press conference which was called for 1:30 p.m. wherein the death of President Kennedy was announced. Kantor filed a story in which he stated that he had seen Ruby at Parkland Memorial Hospital on 11/22/63.

Ruby upon interview has flatly denied that he was at the Parkland Memorial Hospital at any time on 11/22/63. We conducted extensive investigation on this point which clearly established that Ruby was present in the "Dallas Morning News" Building on 11/22/63 at the time the news of the President's death was announced and that he had been present in the building for sometime prior. He could not, therefore, have been present at Parkland Memorial Hospital at 1:28 p.m. as alleged by Kantor.

Kantor was recontacted on 1/2/64 and it was brought to his attention that Ruby had denied being at the hospital and that Ruby's whereabouts were known prior to the announcement of the President's death which was shortly after 1:30 p.m. Kantor then stated that upon reflection it might have been after the press conference at about 2:00 p.m. when he saw Ruby at the hospital rather than at 1:28 p.m. as previously stated.

We have continued our investigation to specifically pin down Ruby's exact movements as far as possible on 11/22/63. One of his employees at the Carousel Club, Curtis LaVerne Craford, has stated that Ruby arrived at the Carousel Club at about 1:30 p.m. on 11/22/63. Another employee, Andrew Armstrong, has stated that Ruby arrived at the Carousel Club at about 1:45 p.m. and

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remained there until 4:00 p.m. He said that he felt his times were accurate within five minutes. Ruby made a number of telephone calls while at the club and correlating statements of Armstrong with records of the telephone company established that Ruby made telephone calls both local and long distance from the Carousel Club between 1:51 p.m. and 2:43 p.m. 11/22/63. Armstrong made one long-distance telephone call from the club at the direction of Ruby at 1:45 p.m.

Extensive investigation was conducted at the Parkland Memorial Hospital and no other person was located or identified as being present there on 11/22/63 who saw Ruby at the hospital. The preponderance of our investigation indicates that Ruby went directly from the "Dallas Morning News" Building to the Carousel Club on 11/22/63. The distance from the "Dallas Morning News" Building to the Parkland Memorial Hospital is about three and a half miles and from the hospital to the Carousel Club it is about four miles. In order for Ruby to have been at the hospital as alleged by Kantor he would have to have traveled this distance of seven and a half miles through heavy traffic, and stopped long enough at the hospital to speak to Kantor within a matter of 10 to 15 minutes at the outside between 1:30 and 1:45 p.m. Even if it were possible, it would have placed him at the hospital at the time when Kantor states that he was attending the press conference announcing the President's death.

Dallas points out that if the District Attorney or if the defense attorneys for Ruby became aware of the claims of Kantor, they may become an issue at the trial of Ruby. They also pointed out that it was possible that the President's Commission might consider calling Kantor as a witness and, in view of this, suggested that the Bureau might wish to direct a reinterview of Kantor.

OBSERVATION:

Kantor filed a story with his newspaper in which he stated he saw Ruby at the Parkland Memorial Hospital on 11/22/63 and he is apparently stuck with this story. When interviewed by Agents on 1/2/64 and the true facts were pointed out to him, he hedged on the time that he originally stated he saw Ruby. There is every indication that if he is interviewed further he will hedge further. If this matter becomes an issue in the trial of Ruby, the prosecution had access to reports showing the details of our investigation and the names and addresses

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of witnesses have been furnished to the defense. The President's Commission is in possession of all of our reports of the investigation and interviews as set forth in these reports will clearly show that Ruby was not at Parkland Memorial Hospital as alleged by Kantor on 11/22/63.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Kantor not be interviewed further concerning this matter as to do so would merely place further emphasis on a point which has not actually been placed in issue as yet and which can, if it is put in issue, be clearly disproved.

ACTION:

Dallas, the office of origin, and Washington Field Office, which covers Kantor's residence, Washington, D. C., will be instructed not to contact Kantor further re this particular matter.

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