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and they too, are of the opinion REX is having mental trouble.

He in no way believes that REX has any information concerning any invasion of Cuba.

He described REX as follows:

Age	45
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	October 1918 at Hackett, Arkansas
Height	5'7"
Weight	130 pounds
Hair	Brown and graying, almost bald on top
Eyes	Believed to be greenish gray, deep-set
Complexion	Medium

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
ALFRED D. NEELEY, February 1, 1964, at Dallas, Texas:

Records of the Dallas, Texas Police Department reflect REX HARDING BASINGER, white male, born November 11, 1918, was arrested at Parkland Hospital, Dallas, December 14, 1963, on a charge of vagrancy. He was released by the Police Department to the same hospital on December 17, 1963, with notation "lunacy". Dr. WIRT JACKSON, Parkland Hospital, subsequently reported to the Police Department his diagnosis as "probable psychosis, possible brain syndrome".

Since JACK L. RUBY had been removed from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail prior to BASINGER's confinement at Dallas City Jail, RUBY and BASINGER could not have been in the same cell block.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ALFRED D. NEELEY, at Dallas, Texas:

During interview on December 21, 1963, JACK LEON RUBY advised "at a time when CASTRO was popular in the United States" he read of an individual in the vicinity of Houston, Texas, having been engaged in "gun running" to CASTRO. RUBY stated that he attempted to contact this individual by telephone as he had in mind "making a buck" by possibly acquiring some jeeps or other similar equipment which he might sell to persons interested in their importation to Cuba. RUBY claimed nothing came of this. On January 14, 1964, Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM ALEXANDER, Dallas, advised that he had learned from some source, RUBY had reportedly had contact with one DAVIS described as an ex-convict believed living in Beaumont, Texas. ALEXANDER stated he understood the FBI, Houston, had handled the investigation of this person resulting in conviction for gun-running activities.

The Houston Office advised by communication January 17, 1964, that investigation had failed to identify (FNU) DAVIS either at Houston or Beaumont, Texas. The Houston Office advised that ROBERT RAY MC KEOWN was the most logical individual to whom RUBY referred. MC KEOWN was arrested February 25, 1958, and on October 24, 1958, he was sentenced in the U. S. District Court, SDT, Houston, Texas, to sixty days to serve and \$500.00 fine on a charge of conspiracy to smuggle goods to Cuba and given a two year sentence suspended for five years on his second count. The Houston Office further stated that on March 28, 1958, information obtained from the Houston Chronicle (newspaper) disclosed at a hearing regarding this matter, a partial list of arms obtained at residence of MC KEOWN was produced and entered in evidence by CHESLEY JONES, an agent of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, Dallas, Texas.

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On January 28, 1964, CHESLEY JONES, Agent, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, 1114 Commerce Street, advised that he could not recall an individual by the name of (FNU) DAVIS in the ROBERT RAY MC KEOWN case but would check his file and the indices of his office to determine if such person could be identified. Mr. JONES advised on January 29, 1964, that he was unable to identify (FNU) DAVIS through a check of the MC KEOWN file or the indices of his office.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent DANIEL W. FULTS, JR.:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

On January 24, 1964, at the file room of "The Houston Chronicle" newspaper the following information was noted pertaining to ROBERT RAY MC KEOWN:

On April 28, 1959, the photograph of MC KEOWN and FIDEL CASTRO appeared in "The Houston Chronicle" newspaper. CASTRO, on that occasion, briefly visited Houston, Texas. The article accompanying the photograph quoted CASTRO as saying that when MC KEOWN could come to Cuba he would be given a post in the Cuban Government or perhaps would be given some franchises.

The March 12, 1958, edition of "The Houston Chronicle" noted that a partial list of the weapons seized in the home of MC KEOWN, located in the Shady Lake section near Pasadena, Texas, was entered in evidence at a bond hearing for MC KEOWN by CHESLEY JONES, Dallas, Texas, an agent of the Alcohol, Tobacco Tax Unit of the Internal Revenue Service.

On January 27, 1964, Captain GUS GEORGE, Harris County Sheriff's Office, advised no record would be available at this time concerning an individual reportedly calling from Dallas, Texas, in early 1959 for the purpose of getting in touch with ROBERT RAY MC KEOWN.

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ROBERT RAY MC KEOWN, born January 28, 1913, residence Bay Cliff, Texas, unlisted telephone number Bay Cliff 9661492, upon interview at the Houston Division of the FBI furnished the following information:

He is presently employed as a salesman for the Houston Slush Pump Company, 2112 Quitman Street, Houston, and he formerly resided with his sister, MRS. FRANK DENNY, 9138 Wayfarer Street, Houston. His wife makes her residence in Miami, Florida. On February 25, 1958, he was arrested and charged with conspiracy to smuggle guns and related equipment to Cuba for the benefit and use of FIDEL CASTRO and his forces. On October 24, 1958, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, Texas, he was sentenced for these activities to 60 days to serve and fined \$500 on one count, and was given a two year sentence suspended for five years on good behavior on a second count. The period of his probation expired December 11, 1963. At the time of his arrest, conviction and sentencing, considerable publicity concerning him and his activities appeared in the press. His photograph appeared in the newspapers on a number of occasions. He knows FIDEL CASTRO personally, and when CASTRO visited Houston, Texas, briefly in April, 1959, MC KEOWN went to the Houston Airport, visited with CASTRO, and had his photograph taken with CASTRO. This photograph was widely publicized. CASTRO tried to persuade him to stay on the airplane and proceed to Cuba with him (CASTRO). However, because he was then on probation, he told CASTRO it would not be possible. CASTRO was somewhat irritated at this, and suggested that MC KEOWN disregard the probation and go anyway. CASTRO stated he would give MC KEOWN a Government position in Cuba or perhaps he might give him some franchises or concessions there. MC KEOWN responded that he fully intended to comply with his probation to the letter, and stated he would come to Cuba when he could do so in a completely legal manner.

During 1958, while MC KEOWN was out on bond and prior to his sentencing, he and a MR. JARRETT entered a partnership and opened up the J and M Drive-In on Red Bluff Road near Taylor Lake and Clear Lake, in the vicinity of

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Kemah and Seabrook, Texas. MC KEOWN obtained his share of the funds for this venture by borrowing from CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, former President of Cuba with whom he had a close friendship. About two years ago, MR. JARRETT died, and the business was sold.

FIDEL CASTRO took over the leadership of Cuba on about January 1, 1959, following the revolution which he had led. About one week after that, while he was on duty at the J and M Drive-In, Harris County, Texas, Deputy Sheriff ANTHONY "BOOTS" AYO appeared and said that some person had been frantically calling the Harris County Sheriff's Office in an effort to locate MC KEOWN. The name of the caller was not known to AYO, but he was calling from Dallas, Texas, and on the last call had said it was a life and death matter. MC KEOWN advised AYO to provide the caller with the telephone number of the J and M Drive-In. In about one hour's time, (8:00 p.m. or 8:30 p.m.) a person called MC KEOWN on the telephone and said his name was "Rubenstein". The caller said he was calling from Dallas, Texas, and indicated he was aware that MC KEOWN had influence in Cuba and particularly with CASTRO. The caller stated he wanted to get three individuals out of Cuba who were being held by CASTRO. He stated that if MC KEOWN could achieve their release he would be paid \$5,000 for each person. The caller added that a person in Las Vegas, Nevada, would put up the money. MC KEOWN replied that he most certainly was interested in making some money, and assured the caller he could obtain the release of any person being detained by CASTRO; however, MC KEOWN specifically advised the caller he would do nothing toward this end until he was paid \$5,000.00 in cash at the outset. The caller stated he would clear this with the man in Las Vegas, and would later recontact MC KEOWN. Nothing further was ever heard from this individual by MC KEOWN.

About three weeks following this telephone call, a man personally appeared at the J and M Drive-In and spoke with MC KEOWN. This person did not identify himself to MC KEOWN, nor did MC KEOWN ask his name. The man said he had a proposition whereby MC KEOWN could make \$25,000. When he indicated genuine interest in the man's proposition, they went to the rear of the Drive-In where patrons sit to

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drink beer and where they could talk more privately. The man stated he had an option on a great number of jeeps which were in Shreveport, Louisiana, and he desired to sell them to CASTRO at a very profitable figure. He wanted MC KEOWN to provide him with a letter of introduction to CASTRO, which letter would clearly indicate that the bearer was responsible and reliable. MC KEOWN said he would gladly provide such a letter of introduction for a fee of \$25,000, but before he undertook to do anything he would have to have in hand at least \$5,000.00 in cash. The man indicated he wanted the letter right away, whereupon MC KEOWN asked if he had the necessary \$5,000 in his pocket. The man said that he did not, but that he would go and get the money and return. According to MC KEOWN, the man never returned nor did he ever again see him.

MC KEOWN stated that from the numerous photographs he has seen in the press and in magazines of JACK RUEY, the man with whom he talked concerning the letter of introduction to CASTRO resembles RUEY. The man gave the impression of being or trying to be a "big shot", and his manner and attitude was rather haughty. While his recollection of this man is somewhat hazy at this time, he vividly recalls the man had a small patch on his nose. MC KEOWN recalled he had asked the fellow what the patch was for, and he was advised that he had attempted to take out a blackhead and a small infection developed. To the best of his recollection, this man was probably 45 to 50 years of age, 5' 8" to 5' 10" in height, 200 pounds, stocky build, well dressed. He recalled the man had a tie clasp which matched his cuff links. He had no idea how the fellow traveled to the J and M Drive-In, and he never ascertained the man's name. MC KEOWN advised that he feels strongly that this individual was in fact JACK RUEY, the man whose photograph he has seen many times recently in the press.

MC KEOWN commented that because of the publicity accorded him in connection with his gun smuggling activities, he was literally besieged with requests for favors, requests for interceding with CASTRO, et cetera, following CASTRO's successful effort in Cuba. He stated his inability to leave the United States during his probationary period prevented him from fulfilling some of these requests which would have provided fabulous fees.

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He remarked he is not certain that the above-described telephone caller from Dallas or the man who personally appeared at the J and M Drive-In was identical with the JACK RUBY who killed LEE HARVEY OSWALD. To his knowledge, he has never seen or met LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

MC KEOWN stated that he knew of no one by the name of "Davis" who was convicted for gun running activity with Cuba.

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A. J. "BOOTS" AYO, residence 328 Bayshore Drive, La Porte, Texas, telephone - La Porte number GA-1-0144, upon interview at his place of employment, Jay Marks Chevrolet Company, La Porte, Texas, advised as follows:

He is well acquainted with ROBERT "DICK" MC KEOWN but has not talked to him in the past month or two. MC KEOWN formerly owned the J and M Drive-In located on Red Bluff Road near Clear Creek some two years previous. AYO was formerly employed as a Patrolman by the Harris County Sheriff's Office. AYO recalled on one occasion his office contacted him (AYO) by radio and wanted to know how to contact MC KEOWN. AYO told his office he would personally check and advise. The Harris County Sheriff's Office told AYO by radio at the time that some person from Dallas, Texas, was exceedingly intent on trying to contact MC KEOWN by telephone. AYO was not furnished the name of the individual calling nor the nature of the caller's business. AYO proceeded to the J and M Drive-In, told MC KEOWN about the telephone call, and MC KEOWN furnished AYO the telephone number of the J and M Drive-In, which AYO relayed by radio to the Harris County Sheriff's Office. This incident took place not too long after MC KEOWN had opened the J and M Drive-In because a telephone had not been installed for a very long time.

AYO stated he could recall nothing further about this matter and at the time it impressed him as just a routine matter. He commented he had always found MC KEOWN reliable, although at the present time MC KEOWN may have to watch his drinking, inasmuch as he (MC KEOWN) is now off probation.

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 by SA DANIEL W. FULTS, JR. : mem 30 Date dictated 1/28/64

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DELORES A. KOENIG, Assistant Librarian, Finney Branch, Milwaukee Public Library, stated that she formerly lived at 1429 North Prospect Avenue, but now resides at 1933 North Prospect Avenue, Apt. 207, Milwaukee, telephone BRoadway 2-0258.

KOENIG stated she recently received a card postmarked in Texas, containing a message which told her to watch TV as there might be another live shooting. She said the card was signed "JACK RUBY," but she knew it to be the work of an old friend, ALFRED W. ANDERSON, who had apparently been visiting in Texas. KOENIG said that since receipt of the card she received a phone call from ANDERSON on Saturday, February 1, 1964. However, she was not in and the call was taken by a friend. From this call she knew that ANDERSON had returned to Milwaukee, but she did not know where he was living, nor did she know whether he still had a job with American Motors. She said she expected to hear from him again soon and would obtain his home address if desired.

KOENIG said that ANDERSON was born in October, 1928, and spent some time at Superior State College, during which time she attended that school. They became acquainted at college and renewed their acquaintance when ANDERSON came to Milwaukee about ten years ago. For the past two and a half years, KOENIG said, she had been going with ANDERSON off and on, but stopped seeing him last spring and had not heard from him since June, 1963, until she received the card signed "JACK RUBY."

KOENIG said that the card was typical of ANDERSON. In the past he has taken his vacation in January when the American Motors plant was "down." On these vacations he generally made rather long trips and was known to have visited Mexico and other points in the West and South. On such trips he had always sent her silly cards and signed them with some fictitious name, although she knew definitely the authorship.

KOENIG said that she thought the reference to TV on the card might have grown out of the fact that she also has a part-time job with WTMJ-TV, Milwaukee, and reads children's stories on a children's program each Saturday morning. KOENIG said that she knew of nothing in ANDERSON's background to connect him in any way with the real JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD or the assassination of the late President KENNEDY.

On 2/3/64 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 44-173

by SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON/ef Date dictated 2/4/64

Date 2/4/64

ALFRED WALDEMAR ANDERSON, American Motors Corporation, day shift, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, stated that he took a vacation trip in January, 1964, and spent a week visiting a friend, KENNETH FOSGATE, 6119 Warbonnet, San Antonio, Texas. He said that FOSGATE was an instructor for the Air Force at Lackland AFB. While visiting there, ANDERSON said, he dispatched three cards through the mail which were signed "JACK RUBY" and which bore somewhat similar messages. In each case the message told the addressee to watch TV as there might be another live shooting. These cards were sent to the following friends:

LARRY O'SHAUGHNESSY
1018 North 17th Street
Superior, Wisconsin

DELORES KOENIG
1429 North Prospect Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

HOWARD HART
2003 Custer Avenue
Billings, Montana

ANDERSON said that he sent another similar card to Dr. KENNETH WEISNER, 2703 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but did not use the JACK RUBY signature. He said he thought he signed this one with his own initials only. ANDERSON stated that he sent the cards as a joke and none of them had any real significance. He said he was confident that the addressees would confirm that it was in his nature to make jokes of this type.

ANDERSON said that this was his first visit to Texas, and he had not been there before, except to pass through en route to Mexico the winter before last. He said that he was not acquainted with either JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He said he had never been in Dallas. He said he knew nothing whatever about these people and had no information about the assassination of President KENNEDY. He said there was no substance whatever to the allegations on the cards that there might be another "live shooting" on TV soon.

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Concerning his own background, ANDERSON stated that he was born October 10, 1928, at St. Paul, Minnesota, but left there at a very early age. He then lived in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, during pre-school years. He attended both grade and high school at DeForest, Wisconsin, finishing in 1946. He remained in DeForest for a time and then went to Superior State College, Superior, Wisconsin, where he put in almost four years. He left Superior in 1955.

ANDERSON said that he had been arrested and had been on probation since living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Date 2/4/64

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 Mrs. LORRAINE FERRARO, clerk, Bureau of Identification, Milwaukee Police Department, made available the record pertaining to ALFRED WALDEMAR ANDERSON, Milwaukee PD #92407, FBI #35 000 E, which contained the following information:

ANDERSON was born October 10, 1928, at St. Paul, Minnesota, the son of ALFRED and RUTH ANDERSON, who now reside at DeForest, Wisconsin. He is otherwise described as follows:

Height:	5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight:	177 pounds
Build:	Medium
Weight:	Medium
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Teeth:	Scattered teeth out
Miscellaneous:	Left-handed
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	Welder, American Motors Corporation
Social Security No.:	723-01-7687

The record showed the following arrests and citations for ANDERSON:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
4/4/56	Headlamp ordinance	\$10
8/2/56	Drunk	\$5
9/16/56	Drunk driving	\$150
4/20/58	Drunk	\$6
5/15/58	Auto license law	\$25
7/24/58	Drunk	\$6
7/25/59	Driver's license law	\$10
10/29/59	Left turn	\$5

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
12/12/59	Stop and Go	\$9.25
1/12/60	Drunk driving	\$150
3/4/60	Disregarding official signal	\$10
10/31/60	Failure to leave name and address at scene of accident	\$50
10/31/60	Failure to return original driver's license	\$25
10/31/60	Driving after revocation	\$50
12/2/60	Motor running unattended	\$5.25
12/11/60	Disorderly	\$25
12/14/60	Operating auto after revocation of license	10 days
12/14/60	Speeding	\$20
12/15/60	Unlawful use of driver's license	\$100
12/15/60	False information in obtaining driver's license	\$100
7/24/61	Drunk	\$6
4/17/61	Theft	\$25
4/18/61	Shoplifting	\$25
9/3/61	Drunk	\$5.25
9/4/61	Drunk	\$6
4/28/62	Violation of Uniform Narcotic Drug Act	One year probation and costs

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The record described the narcotics offense as follows: ANDERSON attempted to get thirty 50 milligram tablets of Demerol at Bilshire Pharmacy, 801 East Mason Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with a prescription made out to Mr. C. KORBUS, 1124 North 19th Street. The prescription was signed R. R. MATACZYNSKI, MD, Superior, Wisconsin. ANDERSON denied to the police, however, that he used narcotics.

An FBI identification record, also contained in the Milwaukee Police Department files, disclosed that ANDERSON was arrested January 6, 1950, by the Oconomowoc, Wisconsin Police Department as a sleeper, and subsequently released; on December 18, 1961, he was arrested by the New Orleans, Louisiana Police Department for loitering--no disposition shown.

ANDERSON's last residence address was given as 1120 North Milwaukee Street, his citizenship as United States and his employer as American Motors Corporation.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ALFRED D. NEELEY at Dallas, Texas:

On January 27, 1964, Mr. RAY ZAUBER, Editor, Oak Cliff Tribune, 3333 Tribune Street, advised that he had written a series of articles in the Oak Cliff Tribune concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY and the JACK L. RUBY murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. ZAUBER explained that he indicated in these articles that they had been written by a police officer but explained that he had written the articles based on information furnished him by police officers. ZAUBER stated that he served as a police reporter for several years for both Dallas newspapers and had a close friendship and working relationship with Captain WILL FRITZ of the Dallas Police Department.

Mr. ZAUBER advised that the Oak Cliff Tribune is a semi-weekly newspaper.

On January 28, 1964, ZAUBER made available copies of the Oak Cliff Tribune from November 22, 1963, to January 28, 1964.

(See report of 12/14/63 by SA Manninc C. Clements, page 27)

1Date 2/1/64

The records of the First National Bank contain a personal checking account for RALPH PAUL and another checking account for RALPH PAUL, d/b/a The Bull Pen. During the period December 19, 1963, through January 30, 1964, these accounts do not contain any unusual transactions.

The above information is confidential and not to be disclosed except upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. Mr. W. E. MC KENZIE, President, First National Bank, is the proper person to whom a subpoena duces tecum should be issued to produce records in court.

on 1/30/64 at Arlington, Texas File # DL 44-1639

by Special Agent MALON L. JENNINGS - gj Date dictated 1/31/64

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The following investigation was conducted by SA VINCENT B. COYLE on February 14, 1964, at Springfield, Illinois:

ROBERT SHIRLEY, Clerk, Corporation Records Section, Secretary of State's Office, State of Illinois, advised that he could find no information in his files identifiable with Liberty Distributing Company, 228 South Jefferson Street, Chicago, Illinois. He also stated that his records contained no reference to any Liberty Distributing Company.

MAUDE SUTTON, Clerk, State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission, advised that her files contain no information pertaining to any Liberty Distributing Company.

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"The Herald of Freedom", published biweekly in Staten Island, New York, in its issue of January 17, 1964, contained the following statements concerning JACK RUBY:

"Jack Leon Rubenstein, alias Jack Ruby, the murderer of Lee H. Oswald, was a notorious character who has been close to several people in Chicago who were murdered and to a big time narcotics distributor. He was involved in many rackets, including strip tease 'joints' and party girls and has had contacts in Havana. Rubenstein visited Havana within the past year in violation of State Department regulations. While there, he visited his friend Praskin who owns and operates a novelty store on the Prado in Havana across the street from the Hotel Seville. Praskin is a known long-time Castro collaborator. He is a native Cuban married to an American girl. Praskin is involved in strip tease and party girls as a side line. The above information was received from Havana by one of the best informed men in the United States on Soviet and Castro intelligence operations."

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