

Date March 6, 1964(1)

C. P. DOUGLAS, Sheriff McIntosh County, Eufaula, Oklahoma, whose jurisdiction covers the Checotah, Oklahoma, area, advised he has been Sheriff of the county for 19 years, and has never known a JACK RUBY residing in the County or operating as a whiskey runner in the county.

He said one LES PALLETT had formerly been a whiskey runner at the intersection seven miles west of Checotah. He said he did not know PALLETT's address, but believed him to be operating whiskey stores in Dallas, Texas, Oklahoma

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On 3/6/64 at Checotah, Oklahoma File # OC 44-430
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by SA HENRY B. LOWREY:bnm Date dictated 3/6/64

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ZULA WATSON, operator of Service Station and Grocery Store, Checotah, Oklahoma, denied that she had ever remarked that one JACK RUBY had formerly resided west of Checotah, Oklahoma. She said that ARTHUR FRAZIER had shown her a picture of JACK RUBY, which was printed in the Tulsa Daily World and FRAZIER had asked her if she thought the photograph resembled a man who had formerly operated a liquor establishment west of Checotah and she had remarked to FRAZIER that it did resemble the former bootlegger, but she did not state that JACK RUBY had resided west of Checotah.

She said the man, who had run the illegal liquor establishment west of Checotah, Oklahoma, was LES PALLETT, who now runs liquor stores in Dallas, Texas. She said FRAZIER was referring to LES PALLETT when he asked her if the photograph of JACK RUBY resembled the man west of Checotah. She further added that since that time the local newspaper had retracted the article previously written in the Checotah paper.

She said that she had never known a JACK RUBY and at no time had she ever made any remarks which might indicate that she had formerly known a JACK RUBY.

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Special Agent MANNING C. CLEMENTS has observed a photograph made available by Mrs. MILAM T. KING, of Choctaw, Oklahoma, which purportedly was taken of the motorcade of the late President KENNEDY just before the assassination on November 22, 1963. It had been reported Mrs. KING thought an individual among the spectators on the sidewalk resembled photographs she had seen of JACK L. RUBY.

SA CLEMENTS has observed the individual in the photograph to whom Mrs. KING referred and is of the definite opinion the person is not RUBY and bears no resemblance to him. This opinion is based on SA CLEMENTS' having interviewed RUBY on December 21, 1963, and having observed him at close range on several occasions in the courtroom since that time. SA CLEMENTS further advises he has seen the same photograph and examined it previously with the same definite opinion.

On 3/10/64 at Dallas, Texas File # 44-1639
by SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS/eah Date dictated 3/10/64

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Date 2/16/64

Detective BOB PARSONS, Arlington, Texas, Police Department, telephonically advised SA JOSEPH M. MYERS that he is employed part time at Sears & Roebuck as a detective in Arlington. He stated that he has recently obtained a check from the local District Attorney's office in Arlington which was written at Sears & Roebuck on November 9, 1963, for a rifle by a THOMAS R. PEASHER. PARSONS stated that this check was in the amount of \$75.99 and the record at Sears & Roebuck, made on November 9, 1963, reflected that PEASHER was a pianist for JACK RUBY, and that on the date he bought this rifle he had just left the employment of RUBY's Carousel Club in Dallas.

The check, according to PARSONS, was a personal check drawn on the Republic National Bank, Dallas, Texas, and was returned for insufficient funds.

The record at Sears, according to PARSONS, showed PEASHER's address as 501 North Ewing, Apartment E, Dallas, Texas; however, several letters have been written to this address by the local D.A. in Arlington; and PEASHER has moved from this address. The rifle is described by PARSONS as being a .22-caliber automatic Browning, SN R706898. PARSONS stated PEASHER is described as white male; 6 feet, 1 inch; 140 pounds; born October 19, 1929; brown hair, blue eyes, has Texas Operator's License 0155824.

PARSONS stated that he has already advised CHARLES KUNKEL of the U. S. Secret Service, Arlington, relative to this man, and that he, PARSONS, is seeking a warrant for his arrest on the check charge. PARSONS stated he is passing this information on to the FBI in view of the fact that PEASHER purchased this automatic rifle prior to the President's assassination and has since disappeared.

on 2/11/64 at Arlington, Texas File # DL 44-1639
by Special Agent JOSEPH M. MYERS - IAC Date dictated 2/11/64

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Mrs. BEVERLY STEINBERG, 834 North Damen, Chicago, Illinois advised that she was the sister of CONSTANCE HARBAGH of the same address. Mrs. STEINBERG indicated that she was aware of the information furnished the Chicago Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by Mrs. HARBAGH as it pertained to a meeting with a man believed to be JACK RUBY in Chicago on November 21, 1963.

Mrs. STEINBERG advised on the evening of November 21, 1963, she accompanied by her sister, CONSTANCE HARBAGH and her maid, ELIZABETH CLAYBOURNE were shopping at a small candle shop located at the corner of Oakley and Division. Upon leaving this store at approximately 10:30 to 11:00 p.m., and approaching her car, Mrs. STEINBERG said, the three women were approached by a well-dressed man, approximately 6' tall, wearing a dark brown snap brim hat, a black overcoat and a brown suit. This man commented on the fact that Mrs. STEINBERG was quite a small woman to be driving such a large car. Mrs. STEINBERG indicated that she replied, "I'm big enough to drive the car." It should be noted that Mrs. STEINBERG states she drives a Cadillac. At this point, the unidentified male offered Mrs. STEINBERG \$5,000 if she were to drive him away from the city of Chicago on the following day, November 22, 1963. He desired to leave the city after 3:30 p.m. on that date. He indicated that he did not want to leave via the airport as he did not wish to be observed. Mrs. STEINBERG declined the offer made by this individual and she and her companions left the scene. According to Mrs. STEINBERG the above incident was witnessed by the owner of the candle shop.

She stated that subsequent to this event she observed JACK RUBY on television and also saw photographs of this individual in various local newspapers. She stated she is positive that the individual who approached her, as described above is identical with JACK RUBY.

Mrs. STEINBERG, during the course of this conversation, indicated that her husband had been aboard PT 109 during World War II with the late President KENNEDY. She indicated that she had corresponded with President KENNEDY concerning her husband and furthermore had corresponded with him concerning her two children who had been burned in a fire in a church school in Chicago approximately 4 years ago.

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On 2/11/64 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44-645
 by SAs ROBERT L. MALONE and DENNIS W. SHANAHAN /dmj Date dictated 2/14/64

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Mrs. STEINBERG indicated that she had never intended to furnish anyone with information concerning JACK RUBY, but had recently learned that she faced a serious operation in which a kidney and a lower lobe were to be removed. She indicated she had learned from the doctor that this operation might be fatal and felt that she could not take the chance that she might die and had not furnished this information.

Mrs. STEINBERG advised that the present whereabouts of CONSTANCE HARBAUGH and ELIZABETH CLAYBOURNE were unknown to her, although they both allegedly resided with her at 834 North Damen. She indicated that she expected to be in contact with both HARBAUGH and CLAYBOURNE in the near future and would immediately advise them that they should contact the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mrs. STEINBERG specifically denied having telephoned the Chicago Division on the evening of February 9, 1964 to relate any details of the above story.

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JAMES NICHOLS WELLS advised that he had made a statement at the Papagayo Club that he knew a person by the name of RUBIO and indicated that RUBIO was the person who had killed LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

WELLS stated that he was not acquainted with JACK LEON RUBY and was only joking when he said that he was acquainted with him.

The following description was obtained by observation and interview:

Name: JAMES NICHOLS WELLS
 Date of Birth: 10/11/34, Hopkins County, Texas
 Height: 6'1"
 Weight: 175
 Hair: Blond, curly
 Address: 1914 West Illinois Street
Dallas, Texas
 Remarks: Driving 1955 blue Buick;
 left Dallas 11/23/63.

James Wells

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On 11/25/63 at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico File # SA 44-748
 by SAs ROBERT L. CHAPMAN & LEOPOLDO E. ARMIJO Date dictated 11/26/63 eks

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date March 24, 1964Dallas, Texas

MARY ANN MALLIK, 2154 Trowbridge, advised that she is a paraplegic and a first semester senior student at Grand Rapids Orthopedic High School, Grand Rapids, Michigan. She stated that she is presently on Easter vacation. MALLIK stated that she had recently prepared a term paper on hypnosis and in the course of preparing this term paper had become very interested in hypnosis. She stated that in order to further her research on this topic she allowed herself to be hypnotized and thus is aware of the powers of hypnosis.

MALLIK stated that she has evolved the theory that JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD were both placed in hypnotic trances by unidentified person or persons and then later forced into committing the murders with which they have been charged. She added that she has no knowledge of who the person or persons are who placed these individuals in their trance, and that she does not personally know either RUBY or OSWALD or have any first hand information concerning them or any of their actions.

MALLIK stated that on March 23, 1964, she telephoned Dallas County Prosecuting Attorney HENRY WADE, and told him of the above facts which she thought would be of interest to him in this case.

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On 3/24/64 at Hamtramck, Michigan File # Detroit 44-563
Dallas 44-1639
 by SAs ALTON L. MARTIN & MELVILLE H. SHANNON Date dictated 3/24/64

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Mrs. LINDA GIBSON, 1005 Third Avenue, Apartment 2, Salt Lake City, Utah, furnished the following information to SA WILLIAM J. GEIERMANN on March 18, 1964:

Mrs. GIBSON is employed by the Salt Lake County Department of Welfare, is divorced, and has twin sons 10 years of age.

She stated that on a Sunday afternoon in January or February, 1963, she received a telephone call from an individual claiming to be DAVID LEE, a widower from Dallas, Texas. LEE stated he is a psychologist at Dallas and operates a consulting firm. He told Mrs. GIBSON that he had met her at a party in Salt Lake City several years earlier, that he was alone in Salt Lake City, and wanted to renew her acquaintance. Mrs. GIBSON said she could not recall ever having met LEE, but when he explained he was Jewish, as she is, and had been to the Jewish Community Center, she invited him up to her apartment to visit. Utah

A short time later LEE came to Mrs. GIBSON's apartment and they chatted for several hours about various things. LEE talked about psychology and seemed to be familiar with the subject. In addition, he discussed his former wife and claimed to have some small children. During the conversation LEE stated he was from the eastern part of the United States, was a graduate of Yale University, and had worked for Dr. KINSEY several years ago. Mrs. GIBSON stated LEE seemed to be very much aware of money and gave the impression that his main objective in life was to make money. Mrs. GIBSON said the conversation eventually led to politics, and when President JOHN F. KENNEDY's name was mentioned, LEE seemed very upset with President KENNEDY and stated he would work against his re-election. LEE said he had formerly been a supporter of President KENNEDY but had become disillusioned with some of the President's policies.

Mrs. GIBSON stated that after LEE had been in her apartment for several hours talking and drinking tea, he began to make advances to her, and she asked him to leave, which he did.

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Mrs. GIBSON stated LEE did not seem to be a man with a good education; however, as stated before, he seemed to be conversant with the general topic of psychology. She said he generally behaved fairly well and was nice with her 10-year-old twin boys, who were present during the entire time LEE was in the apartment.

After the assassination of President KENNEDY, when the first photographs of JACK L. RUBY appeared in the newspaper, she was impressed with the close likeness between RUBY and the man who identified himself as DAVID LEE. She said she cannot be positive but has the distinct feeling that they may be identical. She stated that a few days ago she mentioned this incident to a fellow worker, who told her that she should immediately report this information to the FBI.

Mrs. GIBSON said she does not recall knowing DAVID LEE prior to this incident and has not seen nor heard from him since that time.

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Mr. JAMES T. IGOE, Owner and Operator of the James T. Igoe Building, 328 South Jefferson Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA DENNIS W. SHANAHAN on February 19, 1964, that this building was erected in 1929. He stated that he constructed the building and has operated it continuously since that time. He advised that he had been personally acquainted with all tenants in this building since its construction and definitely recalls no such individual as JACK RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN, nor any firm known as Liberty Distributing Company.

Mr. J. FITZPATRICK, Engineer, James T. Igoe Building, advised he has known all tenants in this building since 1932. He stated that most of the tenants have been in the printing business or allied fields. He stated that no one named JACK RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN has ever rented space in this building, nor did he recall any firm known as the Liberty Distributing Company.

IC PETER O'NEILL caused records to be checked at the Chicago Police Department on February 4, 1964, and found no records pertaining to any firm known as the Liberty Distributing Company, 232 South Jefferson, or any other Chicago address.

Mr. THOMAS STAPLETON, Assistant Supervisor, City Clerk's Office, Chicago, Illinois, advised IC JAMES E. CHRISTENSEN, JR., on February 17, 1964, that he was unable to locate any city record pertaining to any license or permit issued to a firm known as the Liberty Distributing Company at 328 South Jefferson, Chicago, Illinois, for the year 1942.

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Mr. JOSEPH FITZPATRICK, building superintendent, James Igoe Building, Room 200, 328 South Jefferson, Chicago, Illinois, advised that this building has no current records reflecting the names of tenants prior to 1946.

Mr. FITZPATRICK first stated that he had been employed in this building since 1931, but could not recall a company by the name of the Shelby Printing Company. After reflection Mr. FITZPATRICK stated he did recall a company by that name which was in this building about 1942. He stated that this company moved from this building to another address in Chicago during the early 1940s and he has had no contact with this company since that time.

Mr. FITZPATRICK stated that he does not recall a JACK RUBENSTEIN or a JACK RUBY being connected with any company in this building at any time in the past.

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On 3/20/64 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 62-6115
by SA RALPH E. WILLIAMS/jas Date dictated 3/23/64

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 Mr. RAY CARNE of J. Carne and Company, 328 South Jefferson, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he had been in this building for about thirty-eight years and recalled a company known as the Shelby Printing Company which occupied space near his company in this building about twelve years ago. He stated this company moved during the early 1940s to Grand Avenue, Chicago, and still later moved to Joliet, Illinois, and changed the name of this company to the Shelby Crafto Company.

Mr. CARNE stated that this company was owned by two brothers while it was located at 328 South Jefferson, Chicago, Illinois, but he later heard that one of the brothers left this company after they moved from this address and the other brother is still with this company in Joliet, Illinois. He did not recall the last name of these brothers but did recall that SOL is the first name of the brother who is still with the company in Joliet, Illinois.

Mr. CARNE stated he did not recall a JACK RUBENSTEIN or JACK RUBY being connected with any company in this building at any time in the past.

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On 3/20/64 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 62-6115-114-645
 by SA RALPH E. WILLIAMS/jas Date dictated 3/23/64

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Mrs. ALICE DOVER, 6430 South Evans, Chicago, Illinois, advised that E. J. SANDERS previously resided at this address but is now deceased. She stated that SANDERS died a short time prior to the time she and her family moved to this address about five years ago.

Mrs. DOVER described SANDERS as a patent attorney, explaining that she learned this after she moved to this address as a result of mail which was delivered to this address for SANDERS. Mrs. DOVER stated that she did not know the location of any of SANDERS' relatives. She stated that SANDERS' wife reportedly left Chicago after SANDERS' death.

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On 3/20/64 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44-845
by SA RALPH E. WILLIAMS/jas Date dictated 3/23/64

Date March 24, 1964

Mrs. CECILE BURCH, Office Manager, Shelby Craftco Corporation, 219 Maple, Joliet, Illinois, for the past twenty years, stated this company is not identical with the Shelby Printing Company, 328 South Jefferson, Chicago, Illinois. She stated Shelby Craftco did not start business until June, 1943. The owner's name is W. B. MENDELSON.

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On 3/23/64 at Joliet, Illinois File # CG 44-645by SA GEORGE H. BENIGNI/dhk Date dictated 3/23/64

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On March 24, 1964, Inspector H. S. WULFORST, Postal Inspectors, Norfolk, Virginia, furnished the following information:

He stated that he had been advised on this date by Chief THOMPSON, Mail Index, United States Naval Base, Norfolk, that a communication of interest had been directed to him.

He stated that the communication was contained in an envelope with the addressee identified as follows:

"G. A. ANDERSON
AR 542-59-13
CO. 15-64 RTD
NARTU NAS 93
Memphis 15, Tenn. 38115"

The envelope bore the following return address:

"JACK RUBY
Maximum Security Section
Dallas, Texas"

The envelope was sent air mail and was postmarked March 18, 1964, at Seattle, Washington.

The communication had been forwarded from Memphis, Tennessee, to the Naval Receiving Station, Norfolk.

Mr. WULFORST stated that Chief THOMPSON advised that he could locate no G. A. ANDERSON with the Navy at Norfolk. He stated that Navy Serial Number 542-59-13 has never been issued; that AR presumably stands for Airman Recruit.

Mr. WULFORST advised that he will obtain the letter from the Navy; and, thereafter, will send it to C. C. GARNER, Postal Inspector in Charge, Washington, D. C.

Mr. WULFORST stated the communication has not been opened and he presumes, after it has been received by Mr. GARNER, it will probably be forwarded to JACK RUBY, Dallas, Texas.

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At 12:08 a.m., March 7, 1964, M. C. REYNOLDS, 301 West Parkway, Talladega, Alabama, telephonically advised the Birmingham Office that earlier in the evening at Mickey's Drive In Cafe, Talladega, Alabama, he had overheard a man by the name of GAITHER LEDLOW, who appeared to be drinking, make the statement that he had worked with JACK RUBY in Dallas, Texas, for about seven years, and he knew where all of RUBY's defense money was coming from.

On March 7, 1964, E. E. LEDLOW, Manager, Mickey's Drive In, Talladega, Alabama, advised that GAITHER LEDLOW is his brother. He said GAITHER LEDLOW was sentenced on some kind of a White Slave Traffic Act violation in the State of California approximately two years ago, and served approximately one year of this sentence in some Federal institution in Florida. He said GAITHER LEDLOW was released from prison in February, 1964, at which time he came directly to Talladega, Alabama, where he has been since that time. He continued by stating that on the evening of March 6, 1964, his brother, GAITHER, was drinking heavily, that he last saw him about 7:00 p.m., but that GAITHER had never mentioned anything concerning the JACK RUBY case at any time in the past in his presence.

On March 7, 1964, GAITHER VENELE LEDLOW, 208 Adams Street, Talladega, Alabama, advised that approximately three years ago he was in Dallas, Texas, visiting a strip show at JACK RUBY's night club on several occasions, and on one or two occasions was introduced to JACK RUBY. He said that he has never known RUBY other than to speak to him on those one or two occasions, knows nothing whatsoever about the details of the assassination of President KENNEDY, nor about the handling of the prosecution of the case, or any financial arrangements relating to JACK RUBY, other than what he has read in the newspapers. He admitted he had been drinking quite heavily on the night of March 6, 1964, recalls vaguely making some comment in regard to JACK RUBY, but knows nothing whatsoever about the financing of the defense counsel for RUBY, or anything about the case.

Date 2/29/641

MRS. EVA GRANT and MRS. MAROLD (ILENE) ^{Texas} KAMINSKY ^{nee Rubenstein} sisters of JACK L. RUBY, appeared at the Dallas Office of the FBI for the stated purpose of soliciting information from the FBI concerning allegations of association between JACK L. RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD. MRS. GRANT and MRS. KAMINSKY stated their visit and this request were predicated on an alleged article written by syndicated columnist DOROTHY KILGALLEN wherein the latter reportedly wrote that in the forthcoming trial of JACK L. RUBY the Dallas County District Attorney's Office would provide evidence of a connection between RUBY and OSWALD.

MRS. GRANT and MRS. KAMINSKY were repeatedly advised in a tactful manner that this Bureau could offer no comment concerning the allegation nor could we in any way honor their request for such information.

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on 2/29/64 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 44-1639

by Special Agent in Charge J. GORDON SHANKLIN & SA's Date dictated 2/29/64
ROBERT J. WELLEN & RAYMOND C. ECKENROD

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The following communication was received in FBI Headquarters, Washington, D. C.:

"BENNETT CATHERALL
Attorney at Law
Bennett Building
Sharon, Massachusetts

"Telephone
Sunset 4-3662

"February 18, 1964

"J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

"RE: The President's Assassination

"Dear Sir:

"It is clear, I think, that the funds which are available for Rubinstein's defense are unlimited, and I suggest, when your Department has determined the source of those funds, you will know the identity of the group or syndicate which planned and executed President Kennedy's assassination. Certainly one would be naive to think that the funds expended for the defense of Ruby are being spent because of Ruby's sterling character or friendship for Ruby. It is as absurd to suggest that Ruby's murder of Oswald was motivated by his idolatry for President Kennedy.

"It has seemed clear to me from the beginning that President Kennedy's assassination was arranged by a syndicate, identity unknown, of which Rubinstein is either a member or an agent. In this connection I suggest you check with NBC-TV, which had a live program on the Sunday evening of Oswald's murder, at a time when the principals and agents had not had sufficient time to think. I believe the program was shown on Channel 4 (Boston) at either 8:00 P. M. or 9:00 P. M. The program lasted an hour and involved an interview with one of Ruby's strip teasers who mentioned that Oswald had been in Ruby's night club once or twice during the preceding week; two interviews on the West Coast by TV or radio correspondents with acquaintances of Ruby, one of whom divulged the information that Ruby

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"knew each of the police officers on the Dallas force by first name and another of whom made the startling revelation that 'We will have Ruby out on bail tomorrow morning regardless of the amount. We have already talked with Beverly Hills and We will have the best lawyer in California take care of

The quotes are not entirely accurate but suggest the theme of the discussion. I am certain the tapes are available and certainly disclose at that early time the avid interest of Ruby's 'acquaintances' on the West Coast for his well being.

"I suggest the very real possibility that Rubinstein had been assigned by the syndicate to hire the assassin; that when the assassin showed signs of terror, and flight the syndicate ordered Ruby to murder him before he had an opportunity to speak; that Ruby, for his own self-preservation, carried out the instructions of the syndicate, having full opportunity because of his first-name relationship with the Dallas Police Department. (The television photos show his gun in his hand, exposed to all viewers, for I do not know how many seconds, as Oswald walked down the corridor.)

"I am certain your Department has considered all possibilities, but if my letter will shed a little light on the problem and indicate in a small way the feelings of one individual toward the publicity which suggests that the assassination was a 'one-man operation,' my time in writing and your time in reading will be served.

"Very truly yours,

"/s/ BENNETT CATHERALL
"Bennett Catherall"