

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 4/8/64

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM
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Mr. Burt Griffin of the President's Commission staff called on April 3, 1964, and stated that testimony was to be taken from Curtis LaVerne Crafard on April 8, 1964. He referred to the report of Special Agent Manning C. Clements dated 11/30/63 and mentioned a number of items that the Commission desired to have available when Crafard's testimony is taken. He referred to notebooks, papers and other material that Ruby had in his possession or in his automobile at the time he was arrested by Dallas authorities. He mentioned specifically items 24, page 726; 29, page 728; 30, page 729; 31, page 730; and 34, page 731. Griffin was also interested in the item referred to as "six telephone reminders" on page 736, and a small notebook mentioned on page 738, which information was set forth on pages 739 and 740 from the notebook.

Mr. Griffin stated he understood it was a possibility that some of the material being sought had been utilized in the Jack Ruby trial in Dallas. He was told that in the event the material in question had been utilized in the Ruby trial or had any connection with the Ruby case and was in the possession of the Dallas authorities it would not appear proper for the Bureau to be handling this request to obtain this material in view of the fact that an appeal had been filed in the Ruby case. Griffin was told that, consequently, if the President's Commission desired such material, they should make arrangements through the Dallas authorities to obtain whatever material they desired.

Mr. Griffin advised that he had been in Dallas recently and had tried to locate this material but there seemed to be some confusion as to where the material was actually located. He requested the Bureau to make a determination as to where the material actually was in order that appropriate action could be taken by the Commission to obtain same.

The Dallas Office checked into this matter and was unable through the District Attorney's Office or the Dallas Police Department to locate all of the items in question. It was determined that Ruby's notebook was actually in the possession of the Dallas District Attorney. In making this inquiry the District

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Re: Jack L. Ruby**

Attorney was advised that the President's Commission was interested in knowing the location of the material in order that they could contact whatever authorities were necessary in order to obtain same. The District Attorney advised our Dallas Office that he didn't know where all of the material was and if he did have it he did not know whether he would or would not make it available to the President's Commission inasmuch as he was afraid it would not be returned.

Mr. Rankin was advised of the fact that the Dallas authorities did not know the exact location of all the material in question and of the comments made by the District Attorney. He was also advised that in view of the appeal which was pending, the Bureau did not desire to make any contact with the local authorities to actually obtain this material.

On April 7, Mr. Griffin called and inquired as to whether the Bureau had photographs of the material in question. A subsequent check revealed that we did have photographs of the Ruby notebook but that photographs were not available of all the material in question. (In this connection the Dallas Office used this material to obtain sufficient information for our reports and there was no opportunity to photograph all of this material, it being noted that the State was maintaining close custody of these items for possible use in the trial of Ruby.)

By letter dated April 7, 1964, the Bureau transmitted to the President's Commission photographs of the material contained in Ruby's notebook and the six telephone reminder cards.

Today Mr. Griffin called and stated that the President's Commission intended to contact the District Attorney and any other Dallas authorities who might have the material in question. He asked whether or not the Dallas Office would obtain photographs of this material if suitable arrangements were made with the Dallas authorities. Mr. Griffin was advised that if such arrangements were made by the President's Commission, photographs would be made of the material in question. In the event suitable arrangements are worked out, Griffin will advise the Bureau and appropriate instructions will be issued to Dallas.

Submitted for information.

J. Rosen ✓