

April 21, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
The President's Commission  
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast  
Washington, D. C. 20002

*Jack P. J.*

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In reply to your letter of April 3, 1964, with respect to your request that the FBI examine immigration records of Jack Marcus, Jay Bishov and Sherwin Braun, I am enclosing herewith three memoranda setting forth the results of our investigation.

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1. A memorandum dated April 17, 1964, at Chicago, Illinois, setting forth results of interviews with Marcus, Bishov and Braun.

2. A memorandum dated April 17, 1964, at Miami, Florida, setting forth results of the Bureau's efforts to verify the dates of Marcus', Bishov's and Braun's travel to Cuba in 1959.

3. A memorandum dated April 17, 1964, at Washington, D. C., setting forth results of the FBI's check of Immigration and Naturalization Service and Department of State records with regard to Marcus, Bishov and Braun.

This concludes the FBI's efforts to verify dates of travel of Marcus, Bishov and Braun to Cuba in 1959.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE:

The President's Commission by letter dated 4-3-64 pointed out that Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) records reflect that Ruby flew from Miami to Havana, Cuba, on 9-12-59 and returned via New Orleans on 9-13-59, whereas three Chicagoans, Marcus, Bishov and Braun, reported meeting Ruby in Cuba over Labor Day week end, 1959 (Labor Day, 9-7-59). It was requested that we examine INS records and conduct further investigation to clarify the number of trips which Ruby made to Cuba in 1959 and succeeding years. In investigation conducted and reported to the Commission, we established that Ruby was in Cuba to visit Lewis J. McWillie who operated the Tropicana Night Club in Havana at that time. We have checked out numerous rumors that Ruby was in Cuba on other occasions but none could be substantiated. Ruby claims he only went to Cuba on one occasion in 1959 to visit McWillie. All of this has been reported to the Commission. Marcus, Bishov and Braun were reinterviewed for specific information as to mode and dates of travel and they could only state that their trip to Cuba was over the Labor Day week end. The airline that they used has been taken over by Castro and no record of travel dates could be located. INS has no record of their travel to Cuba. It would appear logical that since Marcus, Bishov and Braun state they spent several days in Miami prior to going to Cuba and that they saw Ruby in Havana on the last night of their trip that their trip could have extended from Labor Day through 9-12-59 which was the following Saturday night when they allegedly saw Ruby.