

July 17, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Jack Ruby

Reference is made to your letter of June 4, 1964, requesting certain investigation regarding previous statements made by Paul R. Jones and former Dallas County Sheriff Steve Guthrie. Enclosed herewith are two copies each of two memoranda dated June 29, 1964, at Charlotte, North Carolina and two copies of a memorandum dated June 16, 1964, at Mobile, Alabama, setting forth results of the requested investigation relating to Paul R. Jones.

You will note that there is also included an allegation furnished to this Bureau by Mr. Charles Woods of Dothan, Alabama, to the effect that a John Paul Jones was in Chicago, Illinois, with Jack Ruby two weeks prior to the assassination and the results of our interview with Paul R. Jones concerning the allegation.

With regard to your request that this Bureau ascertain whether or not there are in existence phonographic recordings and tapes which were made in connection with the Dallas crime investigation from 1946 to 1948, there are enclosed herewith two copies of a memorandum dated July 9, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, setting forth the results of a review of the records of our Dallas Office concerning that investigation.

It has also been determined that the Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin, Texas, has a "Statement of Facts" in the case entitled "Jones versus State, Court of Criminal Appeals Number 23837." The 1948 edition of the "Southwestern

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Reporter," Second Series, Page 209, revealed that the "Statement of Facts" is composed of a regular transcript of testimony received from the witnesses, along with a motion picture film and forty-two phonograph recordings, the latter of which are also transcribed and prepared in writing. Neither the film nor records were introduced in evidence, but were played before the jury during the trial.

The film and records were explained by Texas Ranger Naylor, who testified he had made them. The court reporter, in making up the record for the appeals court, also played these records and transcribed the words therefrom. The transcription was made into an approximately two hundred page volume attached to and made a part of the "Statement of Facts." Original records were forwarded to the Court of Criminal Appeals.

We are presently conducting a review of the records of the Court of Criminal Appeals to determine whether or not the name of Jack L. Ruby is mentioned anywhere in these records. You will be advised of the results of this review.

Sincerely yours,
L. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Former Dallas County Sheriff Steve Guthrie when previously interviewed regarding Ruby alleged that Ruby appeared prominently in an investigation of crime conditions in Dallas from 1946 to 1948. Dallas Police Lt. Butler, when interviewed, stated that he worked on this same investigation and that Ruby's one connection was that upon completion of investigation and Jones' conviction, Jones and his associates began to hang out at Ruby's nightclub. Jones when interviewed previously did not indicate Ruby was connected with his criminal activities in Dallas for which he was convicted. His conviction stemmed from attempts to bribe Dallas officials. Jones now says specifically that Ruby was not connected with his criminal activities.

Charles Woods, President of Station WTVY, Dothan, Alabama visited the Bureau on 6/5/64, and made the allegation referred to above concerning a John Paul Jones and Ruby being in Chicago. Paul R. Jones, until recently has resided in Alabama where he received considerable publicity as a stock swindler and con man and from statements made by Woods is obviously the John Paul Jones he refers to. Jones was interviewed re this allegation and emphatically denies seeing Ruby in Chicago prior to the assassination as alleged.