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C. C. SPEAR, Identification Records, Alabama Board of Corrections, produced his records to SA JOHN C. McCLUREY which reflect: Montgomery, ALA

MELVIN GENE SARGENT, FBI #910 185 D, was not in custody of the Alabama Board of Corrections in April, 1956.

SARGENT was sentenced the first time on June 27, 1956, in Tallapoosa County, Alabama, under prison number 03651.

SARGENT is white male, born June 6, 1937, or June 8, 1939, in Tallapoosa County, Alabama.

On 7/15/64 at Montgomery, Alabama File # MO 44-1070
by SA JOHN C. McCLUREY /rr Date dictated 7/15/64

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The following letter was received by Director HOOVER:

"101 West Browning Road
Apt. 27
Collingswood 7, New Jersey
June 23, 1964

"Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir:

"In February 1964, I forwarded some confidential information which I had reason to believe might have some significant bearing upon the Jack Ruby case in Dallas, Texas. I mailed this information to the Department of Internal Revenue in Newark, New Jersey. I also made this information known to the chief of Police of the borough in which I reside. To date, I have not heard nor known to what use this information was channeled.

"In addition to this the above information, I also shared three other items of significance, that is legal significance, with a certain professor of educational administration from a Philadelphia institution of higher learning. I did this because I felt I had a moral obligation as a decent and loyal American citizen, and because I was uncertain as to how I should go about making this information known to the right or proper authorities who would use it with prudence and discretion in order that there be no harm done and that justice would be instituted. The professor has not made any response to my inquiry as to how he used the information.

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"I am presently being deprived of my position as school counselor in the Philadelphia school system after having served all the children of the people of Philadelphia for more than thirteen years. I worked faithfully and diligently, went beyond the call of duty in meeting the educational and personal needs of the students for whom I was responsible at the William Penn High School in Philadelphia. The school administrative officials have seen fit to refuse to listen to what I have to say about certain unethical practices in my school.

"To date, I have attempted to secure redress from the Philadelphia Teachers' Association (N.E.A.), the Mayor's office; I sent Governor Scranton a telegram on June 11, 1964; I sought legal assistance from the Philadelphia Bar Association but met with a cold rebuff there. Today, I ventured into the office of Mr. Jamison, Federal Bureau of Investigation in Philadelphia but was offered little assistance there; I did not see Mr. Jamison and I would not to speak to any one else.

"Now, Mr. Hoover, I know of your great service to our country; I have long appreciated and lauded your efforts in behalf of our great nation. Will you please come to my assistance, I beseech you. No one seems to care about others.

"Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to read this letter.

"Respectfully yours,

"/s/ (Miss) Rose Sbariscia"

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On July 7, 1964, Chief J. KENNETH CRANE (NA), Collingswood Police Department, Collingswood, New Jersey, advised SA JAMES B. OAKLEY, Newark Office, that he knew Miss ROSE SBARISCIA of Wayne Garden Apartments, Collingswood, New Jersey. He believed that she was suffering from mental delusions but is of a high degree of intelligence. She is not violent and presents no danger to anyone except herself. She was formerly employed by RCA, Camden, New Jersey, and has recently been a school employee in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania school system. In March, 1964, she asked him to send some medicines to a laboratory for testing since she believed them to be poison. She suffers delusions and premonitions of danger and believes that she is being followed by someone. She is entirely unreliable as to any information which she furnishes.

On July 7, 1964, Miss ROSE SBARISCIA, 191 West Browning Road, Apartment 27, Collingswood, New Jersey, appeared at the Camden Resident Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation. She had been personally contacted on July 6, 1964 by SA JAMES B. OAKLEY and she advised that she would prefer to be interviewed on July 8, 1964 at the Camden Resident Agency. She was interviewed by SAs WILLIAM J. ANDRIS and JAMES B. OAKLEY on July 7, 1964 and receipt of her letter to Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, was acknowledged. She had no details or information concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, or JACK L. RUBY other than that she had "premonitions" or a "sixth sense" that OSWALD was not the only one involved in the assassination and did not feel he was entirely guilty. Her intuition says "to find out who the guilty people are". She justifies her intuition and premonitions on the basis of newspaper items which are without any remote connection with instant matter, such as a news item concerning a "phony" doctor in the February 14, 1964 issue of the Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Inquirer. It was this item which she forwarded to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Newark, New Jersey. She undertook to explain her premonitions by remote personal experiences of an irrelevant nature and admitted that she had no direct information or evidence.

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The Bureau's jurisdiction and responsibilities were explained to her and she understood that the Bureau had no interest in any matters not related to the Bureau's responsibilities.

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Mrs. JAMES M. (WILMA) TICE, 8406 Lakemont Drive, was interviewed in the presence of her husband. She advised they have home telephone No. FL 2-2559.

At the outset of the interview, Mrs. TICE advised that at approximately 10:00 a.m., July 22, 1964, she received a telephone call from a man who identified himself as JIM LEHRER of "The Dallas Times Herald." She stated he inquired of her as to what she was going to testify to before the President's Commission. She said she declined to discuss it with him and he informed her he knew she was to testify before the President's Commission and was to appear at 2:30 p.m., on Friday, July 24, 1964. Mrs. TICE said she declined to discuss this matter with LEHRER and terminated the conversation.

Mrs. TICE advised she does not know how JIM LEHRER obtained the information that she was to testify before the President's Commission in Dallas, Texas. She said that on Sunday, July 20, 1964, she received an airmail special delivery registered letter, return receipt requested, from the President's Commission informing that she was to testify before that Commission in Dallas at 2:30 p.m. on July 24, 1964. She said she did not discuss this letter with anyone, not even her husband.

Mrs. TICE advised that around 1:00 or 1:30 a.m., on July 22, 1964, she was awakened by the ringing of the telephone. She said she picked up the telephone to answer it and the caller hung up. Within a minute or so, Mrs. TICE stated the telephone again rang, she picked it up, and again the caller hung up. By this time, Mrs. TICE advised she was wide awake. She said she lighted a cigarette and sat down in the living room. She advised as she was just about finished smoking the cigarette the doorbell rang. She said she went to window and looked out to see who was at the door but saw no one. At this point, Mrs. TICE stated she awakened her niece, EDITH TICE, age 14, who is visiting at her house. Mrs. TICE stated she was very concerned and both she and EDITH went through the house peering out the windows to see if they could locate any prowlers. Mrs. TICE stated she telephoned her husband who was then at work at

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American Airlines, Love Field, Dallas, Texas, to inform him of what had transpired and to seek his advice. She stated her husband came home from work sometime after 2:00 a.m. Mrs. TICE advised she also called the Dallas Police Department and informed she had a prowler around their residence. She said the Dallas Police responded to her call and on inspecting their house discovered a twelve foot two by four homemade ladder wedged against the bottom of the aluminum storm door at the back of the house. She said her husband had made this ladder and it had been stored next to the garage at the rear of the house. She stated the police officers also observed that the spring snap which holds the slatted wooden front screen-storm door secure had been manipulated so that this door could not be opened from the inside without forcing it. She stated police officers also observed that the side gate was open. She stated this gate was closed when she retired for the night.

As set out above, Mrs. TICE advised that on Sunday, July 19, 1964, at about 2:00 p.m., she received the letter from the President's Commission. She said her husband was home at the time and was curious as to why the President's Commission would be corresponding with her. She said she declined to open this letter in the presence of her husband. Mrs. TICE stated her reason for not opening the letter in the presence of her husband was because he "fussed" at her when JACK RUBY's two sisters, EVA GRANT and EILEEN KAMINSKY, visited her on April 30, 1964. Since this time, Mrs. TICE said she has not discussed anything concerning JACK RUBY or the President's Commission with her husband. Mrs. TICE said she had nothing but trouble with her husband after RUBY's two sisters visited her.

Mrs. TICE was questioned as to how she contacted RUBY's sisters or how they knew to contact her. Mrs. TICE declined to answer this question.

Mrs. TICE advised that on Monday afternoon, July 20, 1964, at about 2:00 p.m., she received a telephone call as follows:

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Mrs. TICE: "Hello"

Unknown Male Caller: "Mrs. Tice?"

Mrs. TICE: "Hello"

Unknown Male Caller: "It would pay you to keep your
mouth shut."

Mrs. TICE said the unknown male caller then hung up. She said he had a distinct, mature, well-modulated voice with no detectable accent. She said the voice was not familiar to her and she has no idea who made the call but believes it was a local call.

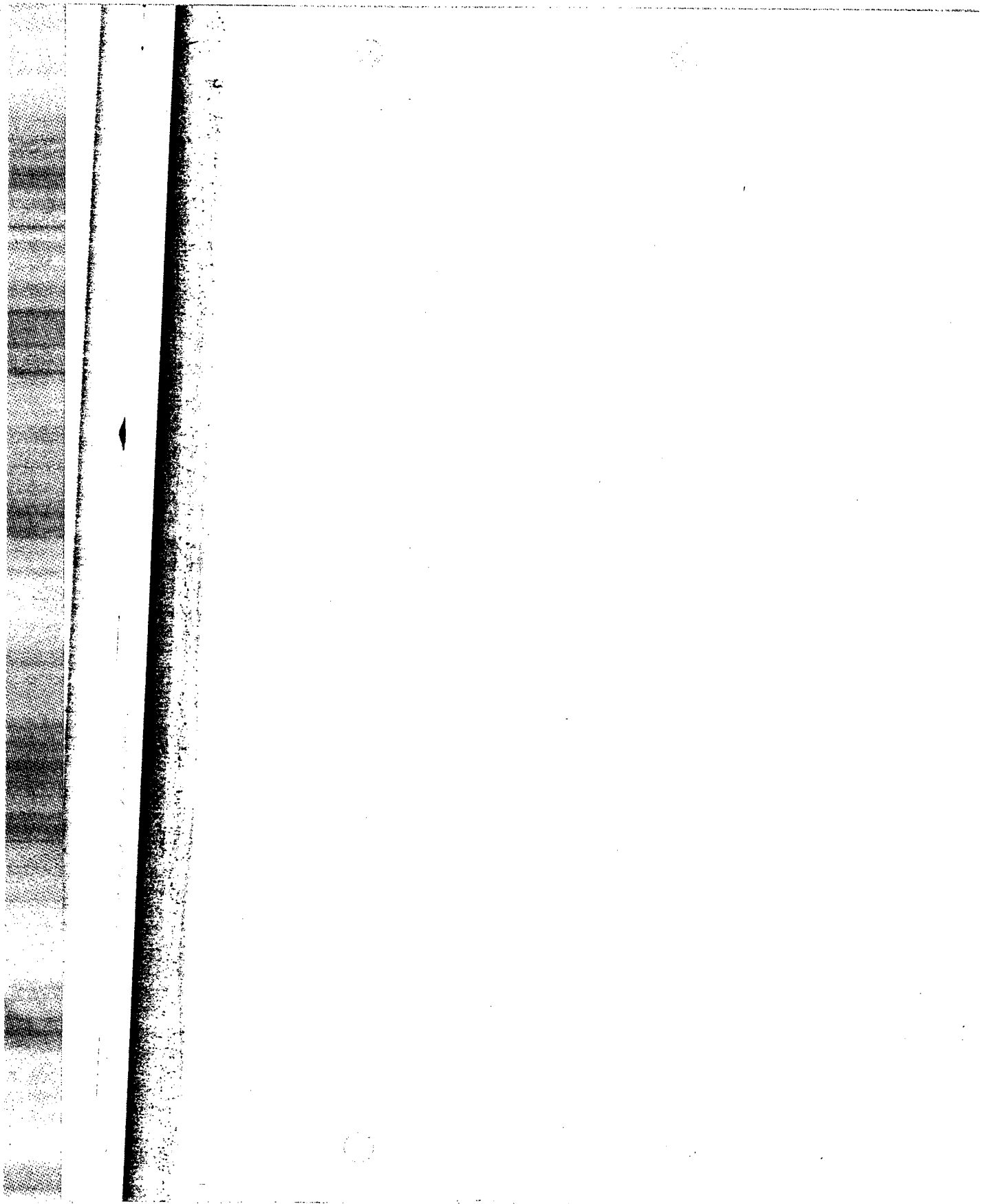
Mrs. TICE stated she has no information to support her belief but believes there is a connection between the above anonymous call, the incident of a prowler at her residence in the early morning hours of July 22, 1964, and the fact that she is to appear before the President's Commission on Friday, July 24, 1964.

Mrs. TICE related that about one and one half years ago she had received several anonymous telephone calls. She stated at this time many of her husband's fellow employees were having marital difficulties and their families also received anonymous telephone calls. She stated the calls she received then would usually be from a woman inquiring if her husband were home and when she called him to the telephone the caller would have already hung up. She said she considered these calls nuisance, prank-type calls.

Mrs. TICE reiterated that since April 30, 1964, when her husband "fussed" at her because RUBY's two sisters, EVA GRANT and EILEEN KAMINSKY, visited her at her house, she has not discussed anything with him relating to JACK RUBY or the assassination of President KENNEDY. She advised she had no information to offer at this time, but stated that should she receive any information that would be of assistance in this matter she would contact the interviewing Agent.

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As interviewing Agent was departing the TICE residence, two men who identified themselves as detectives from Captain FRITZ' office, Homicide and Robbery Bureau, Dallas Police Department, entered the TICE residence and informed they were there at the direction of Captain FRITZ to interview Mr. and Mrs. TICE.



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JAMES M. TICE, 8406 Lakemont Drive, telephone No. FL 2-2559, was interviewed in the presence of his wife, Mrs. WILMA TICE. Mr. TICE advised he is employed by American Airlines as a Fleet Service Clerk at Love Field, Dallas, Texas.

Mr. TICE advised that sometime after 2:00 a.m., on July 22, 1964, while employed at Love Field he received a telephone call from his wife informing that a prowler had been around their house. Mr. TICE said he returned home. He said when he arrived home he found his wife in an emotional state as she related to him the incident about the prowler or prowlers around their home. He said apparently the prowler or prowlers knew he was at work because "they would not fool around my house, they know better if they know me."

Mr. TICE advised that prior to his arrival home his wife had called the Dallas Police and informed that a prowler had been around their house. He said the police who responded to his wife's call had found a twelve foot homemade two by four ladder wedged against the bottom of the aluminum storm door located at the back of the house. Mr. TICE said he had made the ladder and had previously stored it next to the garage at the rear of the house. Mr. TICE also stated the spring snap which holds the slatted wooden front screen-storm door secure had been manipulated so that the door could not be opened from the inside without forcing it.

Mr. TICE advised that the Dallas Police officers who responded to his wife's call inquired of him if he had any teen-age children. Mr. TICE said he responded negatively to this question. He advised, however, that his niece, EDITH TICE, had been visiting them for about a week. He also stated that he and his wife have three children, ages 7, 8, and 9.

When Mrs. TICE was questioned as to when she was to appear before the President's Commission in Dallas, Texas, she advised she was to appear on Friday, July 24, 1964, at 2:30 p.m., whereupon Mr. TICE stated "That is the first information I have that my wife has to appear before the President's Commission."

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Mr. TICE related that on April 30, 1964, JACK RUBY's two sisters, EVA GRANT and EILEEN KAMINSKY, visited at his house and talked to his wife. He stated he told his wife she had no business talking to those people and that she should not have invited them into their house. He stated he was very annoyed because she had. As a consequence of this, Mr. TICE stated his wife would not discuss with him any information that she might have relating to JACK RUBY or why the President's Commission would want to talk to her. Mr. TICE stated he was at home on Sunday, July 19, 1964, when his wife received the airmail special delivery registered letter, return receipt requested, from the President's Commission. He said his wife would not open it nor would she discuss with him as to what it might contain. He said this annoyed him considerably.

Mr. TICE stated he related the above incident, about his wife receiving a letter from the President's Commission, to his fellow employees at American Airlines.

Mr. TICE advised he is aware his wife received an anonymous telephone call at about 2:00 p.m., on July 20, 1964. He said she informed him that the anonymous male caller had stated to Mrs. TICE that "It would pay you to keep your mouth shut." Mr. TICE stated he has no idea as to who may have made the call or to what the caller was referring but stated it might have something to do with his wife testifying before the President's Commission. He added, however, stating "Hell, nobody tells me anything around here. I guess all I'm supposed to do is chase prowlers and buy groceries." Mr. TICE further stated he is more than a little annoyed with his wife for not discussing the above matters with him.

Mr. TICE stated that about one and one half years ago he received an anonymous telephone call during which the male caller told him not to go to his farm with his little boy because his wife was going to have him killed. He said the caller also said "I will talk to you later at work." Mr. TICE said he did not pay any attention to this call and never learned who made it. He also stated

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that a number of his fellow employees had received anonymous telephone calls at about the same time.

Mr. TICE stated he had no information relating to the assassination of President KENNEDY or to the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD by JACK RUBY. He stated, however, that should he receive any information that would be of assistance in this matter he would contact the interviewing Agent.

As interviewing Agent was departing the TICE residence, two men who identified themselves as detectives from Captain FRITZ' office, Homicide and Robbery Bureau, Dallas Police Department, entered the TICE residence and informed they were there at the direction of Captain FRITZ to interview Mr. and Mrs. TICE.

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Mrs. EVA GRANT, 3929 Rawlins Street, telephone IA 6-6258, voluntarily advised that on July 24, 1964, Mrs. WILMA TICE telephoned her during the afternoon and asked if she could come to Mrs. GRANT's apartment. She said she invited her to come and Mrs. TICE appeared shortly thereafter.

Mrs. TICE related to Mrs. GRANT that she had given a deposition to the President's Commission on the same date. She said she and her husband had left their children at a theatre and at a time when they went to the theatre to pick the children up she, Mrs. TICE, had run away from her husband, who had threatened her. Mrs. TICE spent approximately four hours in Mrs. GRANT's apartment.

Mrs. GRANT stated she considers Mrs. TICE is "balmy," is "put out" because she was not more closely associated with the events of the assassination, and is seeking publicity. She said she believes the Commission can "discount" anything Mrs. TICE may have told them. She said, however, Mrs. TICE, in claiming she had seen RUBY at Parkland Hospital on November 22, 1963, had rather accurately described the clothing RUBY was wearing. She repeated that she believes Mrs. TICE is "balmy."

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On July 13, 1964, JARRETT BOREN, 3815 East Beverly, Dallas, Texas, telephone LA 8-7400, advised telephonically he had been in the King Tailor Shop, Elm Street, Dallas, about ten days previously and had observed a photograph on the wall. The photograph included the car of President KENNEDY on the parade route on November 22, 1963. BOREN stated Mr. KING had pointed out an individual in the photograph as being RUBY.

On July 14, 1964, GORDON KING, King the Tailor, 2020 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, exhibited to SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS the photograph in question. He said he purchased the picture shortly after November 22, 1963, from some Negro boys, who had said a man in a dark hat in the picture was JACK RUBY.

SA CLEMENTS recognized the photograph as one which has been brought to his attention on at least two different occasions previously by other persons. On the basis of having interviewed RUBY on December 21, 1963, over a period of three to four hours and having seen RUBY daily during his murder trial, SA CLEMENTS concluded the individual in question is definitely not RUBY.

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