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ROY A. PRYOR, 8544 Foxwood Lane, advised that he is employed as a printer by "The Dallas Times Herald" and that he and a man named GRIFFIN or GRIFFITH, first name unknown, had both worked two hours overtime the morning of November 23, 1963. Both had made up time sheets and were about ready to leave "The Dallas Times Herald" composing room when JACK RUBY came in at approximately 4:10 a.m. PRYOR spoke to RUBY but does not recall if he introduced RUBY to "GRIF." If RUBY and "GRIF" spoke at all, it would have only been to say hello. PRYOR stated that "GRIF" would not have been in RUBY's presence more than five or ten seconds before "GRIF" left. PRYOR stated that "GRIF" is approximately 39 years of age.

on 8/7/64 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 44-1639  
by Special Agent JOHN J. O'DONNELL:vm Date dictated 8/7/64

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 19, 1964

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On August 18, 1964, the records of the Merchants State Bank, 5217 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas, were examined and revealed the following information concerning the following accounts:

JACK RUBY CHECKING ACCOUNT  
NUMBER 77 069

The balance of this account brought forward as of July 15, 1964, was \$36.78 and the account was closed on July 17, 1964, with a zero balance on a check drawn on the Merchants State Bank, in the amount of \$35.78, dated July 17, 1964, made payable to EVA L. GRANT, signed JACK RUBY and EVA L. GRANT on the face of the check and endorsed EVA L. GRANT on the back of the check. The one dollar difference between the account balance and the check drawn to close the account was a one dollar service charge made by the bank.

VEGAS CLUB CHECKING ACCOUNT  
NUMBER 18 106 (CARE OF JACK RUBY)

This account reflects a balance brought forward as of October 31, 1963, of \$134.44. The following activity was noted:

<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>DEPOSITS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO. OF CHECKS PAID</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
\$50.00		11/6/63	1	\$84.44
25.00		11/8/63	2	59.44
	\$200.00	11/11/63	2	259.44

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<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>DEPOSITS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO. OF CHECKS PAID</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
\$11.65		11/12/63	3	\$247.79
25.00		11/20/63	4	222.79
12.82		11/22/63	5	210.57
50.00		11/25/63	6	159.97

The balance brought forward as of November 29, 1963, was \$159.97.

The following activity was noted:

<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>DEPOSITS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO. OF CHECKS PAID</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
\$35.23		12/2/63	1	\$124.74
35.23 (error correction)		12/2/63		159.97
.67 (service charge)		12/5/63		159.30
.67 (error correction)		12/5/63		159.97
35.23 and 93.70		12/13/63	2	31.04

The balance brought forward as of December 31, 1963, was \$31.04.

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<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>DEPOSITS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO. OF CHECKS PAID</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
\$ .67 (service charge)		1/3/64		\$30.37
15.50		1/8/64	1	14.87
3.89		1/14/64	2	10.98
10.98		1/28/64	3	.00

This account was closed on a zero balance on a check drawn on the Merchants State Bank, made payable to the Vegas Club in the amount of \$10.98, dated January 27, 1964, signed EVA L. GRANT on the front, and endorsed EVA L. GRANT on the back.

CAROUSEL CHECKING ACCOUNT  
NUMBER 08 236 3

This account reflects a balance brought forward as of October 31, 1963, of \$203.43.

The following activity was noted:

<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>DEPOSITS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO. OF CHECKS PAID</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
	\$33.22	11/11/63		\$236.65
	10.00	11/19/63		246.65
\$15.00		11/20/63	1	231.65
31.87		11/22/63	2	199.78

The balance brought forward as of November 29, 1963, was \$199.78.

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The following activity was noted:

<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>DEPOSITS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO. OF CHECKS PAID</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
686.24		12/3/63	1	\$113.54
	\$ 9.90	12/11/63	1	123.44
9.90		12/13/63	2	113.54
	130.60	12/16/63	2	244.14
87.50		12/19/63	3	156.64
	20.00	12/31/63	3	176.64

The balance brought forward as of December 31, 1963,  
was \$176.64.

The following activity was noted:

<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>DEPOSITS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO. OF CHECKS PAID</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
\$20.00		1/6/64	1	\$156.64
	\$20.00	1/6/64	1	176.64
.54 (service charge)		1/7/64	1	176.10
20.00		1/13/64	2	156.10
	47.00	1/14/64	2	203.10
	20.00	1/24/64	2	223.10
	20.00	1/29/64	2	243.10

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The balance brought forward as of January 31, 1964, was \$243.10.

The following activity was noted:

<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>DEPOSITS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO. OF CHECKS PAID</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
	\$50.00	2/5/64		\$293.10
\$22.00 and 55.00		2/11/64	2	216.10
	13.88	2/20/64	2	229.98

The balance brought forward on February 28, 1964, was \$229.98, and this account was closed on March 6, 1964, with a zero balance on a check drawn on the Merchants State Bank, dated March 6, 1964, in the amount of \$229.98, made payable to EVA L. GRANT and signed on the front "Carousel by Eva L. Grant" and endorsed on the back Eva L. Grant.

The above information is confidential and will be produced only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to Mr. V. P. SCHUMACHER, President, Merchants State Bank, 5217 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 25, 1964

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Miss HELEN LAIDRICH, 7847 Northaven Road, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed on August 21, 1964.

Miss LAIDRICH stated that she was the court reporter who was employed to take the transcription of the interview of Chief Justice EARL WARREN with JACK L. RUBY on June 7, 1964. Miss LAIDRICH stated this interview started at approximately 11:45 a.m. and ended at approximately 2:50 p.m. She stated during the course of that period, she was very busy and did not have an opportunity to observe the activities of the other people present during that period. She stated she was instructed to type her transcription up and mail it to Mr. ARLEN SPECTER, Staff Counsel of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY. Miss LAIDRICH stated that she typed up the contents of this interview and, thereafter, took them to the United States Attorney, H. BAREFOOT SANDERS, in the Federal Building, Dallas, Texas, and asked him to mail these to Mr. SPECTER, which he did.

Miss LAIDRICH stated she had no idea as to who may have divulged the contents of this transcript to unauthorized persons. She stated she definitely did not have the remotest idea as to who may have given this information to unauthorized persons and she wanted to state that she definitely did not furnish any information concerning this interview to any unauthorized persons.

Miss LAIDRICH stated that on June 30, 1964, while en route to the World's Fair, she stopped by the office of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY in Washington, D. C., and visited with some of the personnel there whom she knew. She related that she went to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Building and inquired as to the

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location of the President's Commission. Miss LAIDRICH related that upon getting off the elevator, on what she believed was the fourth floor of this building, she asked the elevator operator if BURT GRIFFIN was available to talk with. She stated that she had known BURT GRIFFIN previously. Shortly thereafter, Mr. GRIFFIN greeted Miss LAIDRICH. Miss LAIDRICH stated they then went around the corner of the elevator to the first office on the right of the hallway and went into this office, where there was a secretary sitting at a desk. From there, they proceeded through this office into a back office where she observed a man sitting behind a desk, whom she assumed was another attorney.

Miss LAIDRICH stated she asked Mr. GRIFFIN what he thought of the interview of Chief Justice WARREN with JACK RUBY, and Mr. GRIFFIN stated he thought it was an excellent interview. She said one question Mr. GRIFFIN asked was, "Did Chief Justice WARREN actually hand JACK RUBY his glasses when RUBY was trying to read a note?" Miss LAIDRICH stated she was surprised to see some mimeographed copies of the transcript of the interview of JACK RUBY with Chief Justice WARREN, and she gained the impression that the mimeographed copies had been made up in order for the members of the staff to study them.

Miss LAIDRICH stated she wanted to reiterate she did not have any knowledge whatsoever or any idea as to who may have given the information of this interview to unauthorized people, but she wanted to explicitly state that she did not discuss this with any unauthorized persons.



Date August 24, 19641

Sheriff J. E. DECKER, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, Dallas, Texas, stated that at the time Chief Justice WARREN, Chairman of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY, was questioning JACK L. RUBY on June 7, 1964, in the Dallas County Jail, DECKER was present only during part of the questioning. DECKER stated that he took no notes. DECKER stated he had no idea as to how any unauthorized persons came into possession of the contents of the interview of RUBY with Chief Justice WARREN. DECKER stated that he had not discussed what little he knew of the questions and answers between Chief Justice WARREN and JACK L. RUBY with anyone, and could categorically state that he had discussed with no one the contents of this interview.

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Date August 24, 19641

ORVILL SMITH, Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County, Texas,  
was interviewed on August 21, 1964.

Mr. SMITH stated that he was present briefly in the early part of the interview of Chief Justice EARL WARREN with JACK L. RUBY on June 7, 1964. Mr. SMITH stated that he was not present during the major part of the interview and SMITH stated that he kept no notes and did not try to remember what the questions and answers were. Mr. SMITH stated that he had not been approached by anyone as to what was said during this interview. He had not discussed with anyone the questions and answers that he heard during the brief period he was present. Mr. SMITH stated he had no idea as to how this information got into the hands of unauthorized persons and wanted to state that he did not give such information to anyone.

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Date August 25, 19641

E. L. HOLMAN, Chief Jailer, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed on August 21, 1964.

Mr. HOLMAN stated that he was present in the room for a very short period of time during the time Chief Justice EARL WARREN, Head of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY, was questioning JACK L. RUBY on June 7, 1964. Mr. HOLMAN stated he did not take notes. He stated that he had discussed this matter with no one and actually could not remember very much of what the actual questions and answers were. Mr. HOLMAN stated that he had no idea as how any unauthorized persons came into possession of the contents of the interview of RUBY with Chief Justice WARREN. He stated no one had ever approached him about the contents of this interview, and he wanted to definitely state that he did not give the information concerning the interview of Chief Justice WARREN with JACK L. RUBY to anyone.

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Date AUGUST 25, 19641

Mr. JAMES BOWIE, Assistant District Attorney, Dallas County, Texas, was interviewed on August 21, 1964.

Mr. BOWIE stated he was present during the interview of Chief Justice WARREN of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY with JACK L. RUBY on June 7, 1964. Mr. BOWIE stated that he was there for the purpose of representing the District Attorney's Office of Dallas County, Texas. He stated that he paraphrased the questions and answers in note form, but did not have time to take them down verbatim.

Mr. BOWIE stated further that he had no idea as to how this information came into the hands of any unauthorized persons, and he wanted to state he certainly did not divulge this information to anyone except Dallas County District Attorney HENRY WADE, his superior, whom he considered authorized to have such information.

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Mr. HENRY WADE, Dallas County District Attorney, was interviewed on August 21, 1964.

Mr. WADE stated he had discussed this information with Mr. JAMES BOWIE, Assistant District Attorney of Dallas County, Texas, the person who represented him during the interview of JACK L. RUBY by Chief Justice WARREN on June 7, 1964. Mr. WADE stated he had not discussed this interview with anyone other than Mr. BOWIE and had no idea as to how this information got into the hands of unauthorized persons. He stated it certainly did not come from him.

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Date August 27, 1964

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Mr. ROBERT G. STORZY, home address 2525 Turtle Creek Drive, Dallas, Texas, currently attending the Democratic National Convention, Atlantic City, New Jersey, advised that subsequent to the shooting and demise of LEE HARVEY OSWALD on November 24, 1963, Texas Governor JOHN R. CONNOLLY appointed a State Court of Inquiry of which he was a member. The other participants were MAGGONER CARR, the Attorney General of the State of Texas, and LEON JAWORSKI, a Houston, Texas, attorney. The purpose of the Court of Inquiry was to conduct an investigation relative to the death of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and to submit a report on the findings to the Governor.

On June 7, 1964, Mr. STORZY was one of several persons who participated in interviewing JACK L. RUBY in the County Jail, Dallas, Texas. Mr. STORZY stated he was in personal contact with L. RUBY for a period of approximately two hours on that date.

Mr. STORZY advised that he does not know DOROTHY KILGALLEN personally. She was in attendance at the JACK L. RUBY trial in Dallas, Texas, representing a New York newspaper, "The New York Journal American".

Mr. STORZY stated he has never met nor been in the company of DOROTHY KILGALLEN and does not know how she came into possession of testimony given by RUBY before the President's Commission.

On 8/26/64 at Haddon Hall Hotel 113A Atlantic City, New Jersey File # Newark 44-443  
by SA HOWARD J. WILSON and SA WALTER J. ELLAUGHTER / raz Date dictated 8/27/64

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On August 6, 1964, JOSEPH GRAHAM, Apartment 117, 7214 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, advised that a friend of his, one LARRY BUCHANAN, a motion picture producer in Dallas, had recently advised him that a friend of his (BUCHANAN'S), one RALPH JOHNSON, a free-lance motion picture cameraman, previously employed by Jamieson Film Company, Dallas, had made the statement that he, JOHNSON, had personally seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the Carousel Club while JOHNSON was making portions of a motion picture in that club.

GRAHAM noted that JOHNSON is a very serious-minded person and if he had made the aforementioned statement attributed to him, it might possibly be true.

Date August 20, 1964

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RALPH KENDALL JOHNSON, Apartment A, 3705  
Travis Street, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at his  
residence.

Mr. JOHNSON advised that he is a free-lance  
motion picture cameraman and had previously worked for  
the Jamieson Film Company in Dallas. He stated that  
he does not recall ever having seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
in person in the past at any place in the Dallas area  
including the Carousel Club.

JOHNSON added that if someone thought that  
he, JOHNSON, had seen or had made the statement that  
he had seen OSWALD at the Carousel Club, such a person  
had misunderstood him.

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Date August 11, 1964

JOHN FRANKLIN ELROD, an inmate of the Shelby County, Tennessee, Jail, as of August 11, 1964, furnished the following information:

ELROD currently lives at Memphis, Tennessee, and has been staying at the Harbor House, Memphis, prior to the time of his arrest for which he was placed in jail on August 11, 1964. The Harbor House, 1369 Court Avenue, Memphis, is a home for alcoholics, and ELROD stated that he, himself, is an alcoholic.

ELROD had come to the Shelby County Sheriff's Office during the early morning hours of August 11, 1964, after having consumed some beer and vodka. He was at that time in possession of a sawed-off 12 gauge shotgun which had a pistol grip. He stated that he had begun to think of the possibilities of killing his wife from whom he is now separated. Inasmuch as he had the sawed-off shotgun and the desire to kill her was known to him, he decided he should come to the Sheriff's Office and talk, which he did.

He further advised that he had been somewhat troubled by events which occurred immediately following the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY at Dallas, Texas, on November 11, 1963.

Shortly after the assassination of the President, ELROD, who had been about two and one half miles from the scene of the assassination at Lemon and Oaklawn Streets in Dallas, was arrested by the Dallas Police Department and placed in the City Jail. His arrest had nothing to do with the assassination of the President, and he knew nothing concerning the assassination of the President. At the City Jail in Dallas, he was placed in Cell 10 on the fifth floor, and at that time his cellmate was a man whose identity he could not recall. An individual, whose face was smashed up, was brought into the hallway of the jail where ELROD and his cellmate could observe him. At that time the unknown cellmate made some mention that he had known this man with the injured face as a result of meeting him at a motel. The cellmate stated that five men had met at a motel, and they had been advanced some money under some type contract. One of these men was reported to have

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by SA FRANCIS B. COLE and  
SA NORMAN L. CASEY/lh

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received \$5,000. The man with the injured face had received some money, and he was reported to have been driving a Thunderbird automobile with a large quantity of guns contained therein. ELROD advised he was confined in the Dallas City Jail for a period of 72 hours, and he was confused at this time concerning the events which occurred. He stated he could not recall whether JACK RUBY's name had been mentioned prior to the time of the killing of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, but that this cellmate at some time had told him that one of the men who had been at the motel referred to above, name and location unknown, had been JACK RUBY. This was all the information which ELROD could recall.

He stated that on several occasions he has had difficulty remembering due to his extreme use of alcohol. He knew nothing concerning the assassination of the President, the involvement of JACK RUBY in the killing of HARVEY LEE OSWALD, or of any information concerning the possibility of the receipt of money by JACK RUBY, except the hearsay information he had received from his unknown cellmate.

ELROD is described as follows:

Race	white
Sex	male
Date of birth	November 12, 1932
Place of birth	Bassett, Arkansas
Height	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	180 lbs.
Complexion	medium
Occupation	cook
Wife	JACKIE PAT ELROD nee Richards, 2816 Morris, Dallas, Texas
Father	HOBSON ELROD, Bassett, Arkansas
Scars and marks	one and one-half inch cut scar on forehead; little finger, left hand, off at first joint; left arm is undersized.

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The identification record of JOHN FRANKLIN ELROD, FBI number [REDACTED] dated August 12, 1964, which follows, does not reflect incarceration of ELROD in the Dallas City Jail as claimed:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME & NO.	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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