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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-24016)  
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JACK L. RUBY, AKA;  
 LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA - VICTIM  
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Re Bureau airtel, 10/27/64 which refers to the recently published book by MELVIN M. BELLI. *Texas call*

RUBY was interviewed on 11/24/63 at Dallas City Jail by SA C. RAY HALL. He neither made nor received any telephone calls during the time SA HALL was with him. SA HALL gave RUBY no money whatsoever for telephone calls or for any other reason.

RUBY was interviewed by SA HALL and SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS at Dallas County Jail on 12/21/63 in the presence of BELLI and other defense attorneys. RUBY neither made nor received any telephone calls, nor was any money given to him for any purpose, a fact which is of course well known to BELLI, who was present.

With respect to the statement by BELLI that Agents contacted him in the hotel room to advise him specifically that JACK RUBY was not and had never been an employee of the FBI, CIA or any other Federal agency, the following facts are set out. On 2/28/64, by telephone call from the Bureau, I was furnished information that representatives of the Hearst News Publications had advised that an unnamed reporter had been told by MELVIN BELLI that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was an FBI informant. BELLI is also supposed to have told this reporter that although he would not care to comment so much regarding RUBY's connection with the FBI, he knew from reliable sources that RUBY had been an informant for eight weeks and OSWALD an informant for thirteen weeks. Based upon this information, I was instructed to contact BELLI and straighten him out in this regard.

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On the night of 2/28/64 MELVIN BELLI was interviewed by me and SA VINCENT E. DRAIN in a hotel room in the Statler-Hilton Hotel secured strictly for that purpose. BELLI insisted upon his fellow counsel JOE TONAHILL being present. BELLI was advised that we had received information from a reliable source that he had stated that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was a security informant of the FBI for a period of thirteen weeks. He was informed that there was absolutely no truth in this and that I desired to secure from him any and all information which he had in this regard.

BELLI stated that sometime around the first of the year 1964, he had seen an article in the "Houston Post" by LONNIE HUDKINS, which article was a rumor to the effect that OSWALD might have been an informant of the FBI or CIA, and subsequent to that article, BELLI did subpoena HUDKINS to appear as a witness in a change of venue hearing before Judge JOE B. BROWN. Sometime during that same period, he heard another rumor around the court house to the effect that OSWALD might have been an informant of the FBI. BELLI blamed these rumors on Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM ALEXANDER and he stated he placed no credence whatsoever on the rumors that OSWALD was an informant of the FBI.

BELLI also stated that he had talked to numerous reporters during the weeks preceding the interview and could not recall to whom he had talked, but he did recall to the best of his memory that approximately some three weeks prior to this interview, someone had asked him if he had heard the rumor that OSWALD had been an informant of the FBI. He believed this person was a reporter, and to the best of his memory, he told this person that he had heard the rumor around the court house. He stated he did not recall exactly what he had said, but was certain that he had never said anything to the effect that OSWALD had been an informant for thirteen weeks or that OSWALD had been a security informant. BELLI was at this time again emphatically told that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had never been an informant of the FBI. There was no mention made of CIA or any other Federal agency.

At this time BELLI was also advised that we had received information that he had allegedly stated that JACK LEON RUBY had been an informant of the FBI for a period of eight weeks. Both he and TONAHILL stated that they had at no time ever heard anyone state that RUBY was an informant or infer that he was an informant. BELLI then insisted upon calling his Other co-counsel, PHILLIP BURLESON, and asked him

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in my presence if he had ever heard this rumor. BURLERSON advised that he had never heard any rumor from anyone to the effect that RUBY was an informant of the FBI. All three insisted that they had never told anyone or inferred to anyone that RUBY was an informant of the FBI. They pointed out that they had interviewed RUBY extensively concerning his entire life and they were certain that if RUBY had been an informant, he would have told them. They stated that RUBY had never mentioned in any manner whatsoever cooperating with the FBI. BELLI again reiterated that he felt that Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM ALEXANDER was planting these rumors. He then specifically asked me if RUBY had ever been an informant of the FBI as this was the first he had ever heard of it, and I specifically advised BELLI that RUBY had never been an informant of the FBI. I again made no statement whatsoever regarding CIA or any other Government agency. My complete interview with BELLI was furnished the Bureau by teletype, 2/28/64.