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To: SACs, Dallas
El Paso
Richmond

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From: Director, FBI

JACK L. RUBY, AKA
LEE HARVEY OSWALD (DECEASED)
VICTIM
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Special Agent Thomas Kelly, U. S. Secret Service, on 1/17/65 advised Bureau that one Thurl Edward Collins, born 3/2/24, Rogland, West Virginia, appeared at the Secret Service field office, Washington, D. C., at 8:30 p.m., 1/15/65, and reported that while in the U. S. Army assigned to Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas, he was present in El Paso bars on two occasions about one week before the assassination of President Kennedy at which time two FBI Agents exhibited a girl's photograph to employees of the bars. Collins claimed he observed this photograph and recognized it to be a barmaid whose name he knew as Milly, and who formerly worked with Ruby. According to Collins this girl later testified in some manner in the Ruby case (Kelly said it was not clear how Collins knew this girl to be a former employee of Ruby's). Collins identified the bars in El Paso as the "Roaring Twenties Bar" and "The Hut." Collins' present residence is 1314 California Street, Woodbridge, Virginia, and he retired from the Army February 29, 1964. (Army Serial #RA 15250553).

Richmond will interview Collins for full details regarding the above and attempt to specifically determine if he can further identify the girl Milly and how he knew of her allegedly former association with Ruby and significance he places on this association. Furnish results of interview to Dallas and El Paso.

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Upon receipt, El Paso will attempt to determine if FBI Agents exhibited the photograph of the girl identified by Collins in the two bars in El Paso. Submit results to Dallas. Dallas, upon receipt, review the matter to determine significance it may have in Ruby investigation and set out further leads if necessary to fully resolve the matter. Dallas include results in subsequent report.