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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-24016)
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (44-456) (RUC)
SUBJECT: JACK LEON RUBY, Aka;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM (Deceased)
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On 3/1/67, Mr. TOM RUTHMAN, Ruthman Machinery Co.,
1212 Steng St., Cincinnati, telephonically advised the
Cincinnati FBI Office that he had conversed with a
pharmacist at the Alms Hotel, Cincinnati, about a week
previously. The druggist at the time had commented
that a couple of years ago a show-girl staying at the
Alms had told the druggist that she had remembered
observing JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD together
at a table in RUBY's place where the girl had worked
for RUBY.

RUTHMAN described the druggist as about 55
years of age, with gray hair. He felt the information
might be of value to the FBI.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS B. ESTEP at Cincinnati, Ohio:

On 3/6/67, PAUL F. LAMPING, Owner-pharmacist,
Alms Pharmacy, Alms Hotel, advised that his relief pharmacist
is E. H. BENAM.

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On 3/6/67, ELMER HARRY BENAM, 3766 Drakewood Drive, Cincinnati, advised that he is semi-retired, age 68, and relieves the regular pharmacist at the Alms Pharmacy. He recalled making the remarks about the show-girl to a customer in the store on 2/21/67 just as conversation as the newspapers and radio were full of information about the Garrison investigation in New Orleans. He didn't know the identity of the man to whom he made the remarks. He related that this unknown white female, age 25-30, about 5'2", 125 lbs., dressed in a moo moo dress, no coat or hat, dark hair, had been in the Alms Pharmacy the day that OSWALD was assassinated by RUBY, being a Sunday afternoon as it was on TV. He drew the conclusion that she was staying at the Alms Hotel because of the way she was dressed without coat and hat. He thinks that she probably bought a magazine or some candy and that JOHN BRINKERS was the only other employee working at the time. He judged she was a show-girl because she said she had worked at RUBY's place in Dallas. She didn't say when she had worked there. She had been in the pharmacy only this one time.

He didn't pay too much attention to her until she commented that she thought there was somebody else besides OSWALD or that RUBY was probably connected with it because she had worked in RUBY's night club and felt pretty sure that she remembered the face of OSWALD. She commented that she didn't remember names but never forgets a face.

BENAM told her at the time to call the FBI, and then went about his business in the pharmacy.

BENAM's recollection was that she didn't appear like a star or leading lady but like "the usual run who would play in a cheap club." He thought she might have been at the Gayety Burlesque show in Cincinnati.

BENAM related that as the Garrison investigation in New Orleans was in the newspapers and on the air, he

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just happened to comment as he did to the customer. He said he could furnish no further information on the identity of the show-girl and could recall nothing further about the incident. He commented that he reads detectives stories all the time, and that he has thought about the assassination many times, being of the opinion that there must have been someone besides OSWALD in on the assassination of the President.

Efforts to identify the show-girl described by BENAM were negative from contacts with the following:

JOHN BRINKERS, 1761 Williams Avenue, Norwood, Ohio, who formerly clerked in the Alms Pharmacy;

VICTOR J. GILES, President, The Hotel Alms, Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio;

PAUL F. LAMPING, who in November, 1963, was a pharmacist at the Alms Pharmacy;

MARY WILSON, Clerk, Alms Pharmacy;

Miss MARGIE ROEDIG, Secretary to the Manager of the Shubert Theatre;

ROBERT JANSON, Sam Janson Transfer Co., Cincinnati, Union Terminal;

JOE VIRGINIAN, Manager, Gayety Theatre, 816 Vine Street;

VERNA B. TEBELMAN, Bookkeeper, Gayety Theatre, 816 Vine Street;

Mr. SYLVESTER BRINKMAN, Manager, Metropole Hotel, 609 Walnut St., Cincinnati, advised that PEPPER PAYNE, also known as SUE PEPPER, stayed at that hotel, 11/21/63 to 12/5/63. PEPPER PAYNE, former employee of JACK RUBY at the Carousel Night Club, Dallas, Texas, while employed at the Gayety Theatre in Cincinnati was interviewed on 12/1/63 as set

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in Cincinnati airtel to Dallas, 12/3/63.

In view of the lack of identity of the show-girl referred to by BENAM, the interview of PEPPER PAYNE, and the Dallas Office investigation in Dallas on captioned matter, no further investigation is being conducted UACB or by the Dallas Office.

No report or FD 302 being submitted.