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ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

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RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka.;
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Re Los Angeles airtel to Dallas, 8/21/64, captioned "JACK L. RUBY, aka; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka; (Deceased) - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS", enclosing a small size black-covered journal bearing written notations in the form of a diary, the front of the book labeled "Diary of Impressions & Observations of Eric RitzeK, Begar Sept. 5, 1963". This alleged diary was furnished to SA PHILLIP B. DEILY on 8/19/64 by G. C. HOSKINS, Terminal Manager, Continental Trailways, 601 South Main Street, Los Angeles 14, California. According to HOSKINS, it was found at the ticket counter late on the afternoon of 8/15/64 by Ticket Clerk ADRIAN MOUNT, who has no idea as to the identity of the owner and/or the person who left the book on the ticket counter. Mr. HOSKINS stated he did not desire the book be returned.

A verbatim transcript of the legible portion of this alleged diary has been made by the Dallas Office and a flimsy copy of such verbatim transcription is enclosed herewith for the assistance of the Bureau.

3 - Bureau (Encl. 2) (RM)
2 - Dallas

1 - New Orleans (100-16601) (Info)
1 - Oklahoma City (105-783) (Info)
1 - San Antonio (105-2909) (Info)

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Efforts by the Los Angeles Office to identify ERIC RITZEK have been negative. The contents of this alleged diary indicates that ERIC RITZEK and a companion, CHARLES (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), were attending a college in some foreign country in September, 1963. ERIC RITZEK was majoring in political science and was at least a Junior; his minor was human psychology. He had apparently been in attendance at summer classes and his roommate was his companion, CHARLES. This alleged diary indicates that ERIC RITZEK was a hypnotist and used hypnotism on a girl named CAROL, who was apparently known to both CHARLES and RITZEK and CAROL died in September, 1963.

As of September 10, 1963, the alleged diary indicates that ERIC RITZEK and CHARLES obtained visas to the United States and Mexico. An entry on September 11, 1963, indicates that the goal of ERIC RITZEK and CHARLES was to kill President KENNEDY. On September 15, 1963, ERIC RITZEK and CHARLES sailed for New Orleans arriving September 19, 1963. On September 20, 1963, it is indicated that CHARLES brought LEE HARVEY OSWALD to their room in New Orleans. An entry for September 26, 1963, indicates that OSWALD was aboard the same bus travelling through Mexico to Mexico City, arriving Mexico City September 27, 1963. This alleged diary indicates that while in Mexico, ERIC RITZEK chose OSWALD as the person to handle the assassination while under his domination by hypnosis.

This alleged diary reflects that on October 2, 1963, OSWALD left by bus for Laredo, Texas. An entry for October 20, 1963, reflects that ERIC RITZEK and CHARLES were en route to Fort Worth, Texas, arriving at Fort Worth about an hour after sunset, where they stayed at an unknown hotel. On October 21, 1963, CHARLES left ERIC RITZEK, returning on October 23, 1963, with a package containing \$100,000 in cash from an unknown benefactor, who, according to the alleged diary, stood to benefit by the death of President KENNEDY.

CONFIDENTIAL TO BUREAU (NY) (NY 100-10461) ISF ERIC RITZEK and CHARLES
RITZEK and CHARLES were at Lake Texoma fishing and mentioned having to have a license to do so.
On November 11, 1963, ERIC RITZEK and CHARLES journeyed to Dallas where they walked over President KENNEDY's intended route in Dallas. On November 12, 1963, there is an entry wherein RITZEK states he believes the assassination will occur in the vicinity of the "Triple Overpass" and that OSWALD will fire the bullets from one of the upper windows from the building called the "School Book Depository".

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This alleged diary reflects that on November 5, 1963, and November 6, 1963, ERIC RITZEK and CHARLES were at Lake Texoma fishing and mentioned having to have a license to do so. On November 11, 1963, ERIC RITZEK and CHARLES journeyed to Dallas where they walked over President KENNEDY's intended route in Dallas. On November 12, 1963, there is an entry wherein RITZEK states he believes the assassination will occur in the vicinity of the "Triple Overpass" and that OSWALD will fire the bullets from one of the upper windows from the building called the "School Book Depository".

This alleged diary reflects an entry for November 13, 1963, indicating that ERIC RITZEK departed Dallas and returned to Juarez, Mexico, on November 14, 1963. On November 21, 1963, they returned to Dallas where they stayed at an unnamed hotel.

This alleged diary contains an entry on November 22, 1963, reflecting that ERIC RITZEK and CHARLES went to a small park at about 11:00 a.m. to await the assassination and witness it, thereafter, returning to their hotel room to watch television. RITZEK indicated in his diary that OSWALD was to seek death after the assassination while under the domination of RITZEK.

This alleged diary contains an entry for late Saturday night, November 23, 1963, to the effect that CHARLES and ERIC RITZEK met a tavern owner as he was closing his place of business and were invited into this place of business for a drink. The alleged diary reflects that ERIC RITZEK induced hypnosis upon this individual whose name he did not know, but who was later identified as JACK L. RUBY. This alleged diary reflects that on November 24, 1963, CHARLES and ERIC RITZEK went to the Dallas Police Station about noon, but could not gain entrance. This alleged diary indicates that RUBY was to avenge the President's death as the result of a post hypnotic suggestion.

DATE: 12/25/63
ON NOVEMBER 11, 1963, ERIC RITZEK AND CHARLES
WERE BACK AT COLLEGE, WHERE RITZEK HYPNOTICALLY INDUCED A
RATTLESNAKE BITE ON CHARLES, WHICH KILLED HIM.

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This alleged diary contains an entry for December 25, 1963, indicating that ERIC RITZEK and CHARLES were back at college, where RITZEK hypnotically induced a rattlesnake bite on CHARLES, which killed him.

This alleged diary appears to have been written by either a demented person or a person with a vivid imagination. The dates concerning the travelling of OSWALD to Mexico appear to be accurate; however, it should be noted that such dates have been widely publicized. It should be noted that the name ERIC RITZEK does not appear on any passenger lists of buses on which OSWALD is known to have travelled, although the entry for September 26, 1963, reflects RITZEK and CHARLES were on the same bus as OSWALD en route to Mexico City. A discrepancy is noted wherein the alleged diary reflects that ERIC RITZEK and CHARLES walked over President KENNEDY's intended route in Dallas on November 11, 1963. It should be noted that the route to be taken by President KENNEDY had not been released on November 11, 1963. Furthermore, the alleged diary indicates that they met the tavern owner on late Saturday night, November 23, 1963, as he was closing his place of business. It should be noted that investigation has established that JACK L. RUBY's places of business, the Carousel Club and the Vegas Club, were both closed to the public on Saturday, November 23, 1963.

REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the writings contained in this alleged diary to determine if the writer of same can be identified through the Anonymous Letter File. If possible, it is suggested that efforts be made to determine if the writing contained in the alleged diary was all written at or about the same time.

RECEIVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE FBI
DECEMBER 22, 1953
ERIC RITZEK

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A copy of this communication is being furnished the New Orleans, Oklahoma City and San Antonio Offices for information in view of the possibility that investigation may be necessary in those divisions in an effort to identify ERIC RITZEK.

No additional investigation is being conducted pending the results of the FBI Laboratory examination, UACB.