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RE: ALLEGATION THAT TWO PAYS BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, GOVERNOR G. WALLACE, ALABAMA, GAVE JACK RUPY \$35,000

By communication of May 2, 1964, the Birmingham Office advised that Attorney ARTHUR DY SHORES, Negro, Birmingham, Alabama, on May 2, 1964, advised that on April 24, 1964, a person giving the name JERRY COLEMAN came to SHORES' office, and in the absence of SHORES, COLEMAN talked to the receptionist and left the following message for SHORES: "Gov. C. Wallage went to Texas two days before assassination of President Kennedy. Gave Jack Ruby \$35,000 which was supposed to be divided between Ruby, Oswald and a cop, which I can personally prove ever word I am saying because I was there. In other words I was working in the Governor's office. I would like for you to get in touch with me at 353 Smith Street, Detroit, Mich."

JOHN S. ROUSE, Fersonnel Department, State of Alabama, advised SA DAN O. STEFHENS on May 4, 1964, that one GERALD (NMN) COLEMAN was employed as a prison guard for the Alabama Board of Corrections, Montgomery, Alabama, August 1, 1958, to January 25, 1959. He was discharged due to possession and handling of contraband. He was described as a white male, born November 17, 1921, 6'2" tall, 200 pounds, residence 805 North Main Street and Route 2, Box 204, Sylacauga, Alabama. No other identifiable record was located at the Personnel Department.

The following newspapers were reviewed by SA VINCENT P. DOHERTY at the Montgomery Public Library, Montgomery, Alabama:

"The Montgomery Advertiser" dated November 20, 1963, Wednesday, reported that Governor GEORGE C. WALLACE spoke before the Quarterback Club of Columbus, Georgia, on the previous evening.

"The Montgomery Advertiser" dated November 21, 1963, Thursday, revealed that Governor WALLACE was in his office on the previous day and received some Air Force cadets.

"The Montgomery Advertiser" dated November 22, 1963, Friday, revealed no information concerning the whereabouts of

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Governor WALLACE on the previous day. It was noted, however, that extensive news coverage was afforded a local trial involving allegations of fraud on the part of officials of the Alabama Highway Department, and it is possible that this coverage prohibited information concerning the Governor's whereabouts or activities on the previous day.

"The Montgomery Advertiser" dated November 23, 1964, Saturday, reported that Governor WALLACE attended a Governor's Day meeting at Haleyville, Alabama, on the previous day.