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BY COURIER SERVICE

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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Reference is made to my letter dated August 27, 1964, concerning the display of photographs of Officer J. D. Tippit and Mr. Bernard Weissman to six individuals having a connection with the Carousel Club.

Enclosed are two copies each of two communications from our Portland Office dated August 21, 1964, and August 31, 1964. In the enclosed communications you will note Mr. Craford states Mr. Jack Ruby told him that he knew Officer Tippit and that he, Craford, had seen Mr. Weissman at the Carousel Club on a number of occasions.

For your information, my letter dated August 27, 1964, enclosed a communication from our Dallas Office dated August 21, 1964. On page two of the Dallas communication Mr. Andrew Armstrong, Jr., during an interview on August 20, 1964, stated after viewing photographs of Officer Tippit and Mr. Weissman that he had never seen either individual before. Mr. Armstrong also stated that Mr. Ruby had told him that the "Tippit" who was shot was not the one he knew. Further, beginning on page three of the Dallas communication Detective Gayle M. Tippit, during interview on December 16, 1963, acknowledged that he was very well acquainted with Mr. Ruby.

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

When the results of our efforts to verify Mr. Weissman's employment in Dallas on November 14, 1963, as requested in your letter dated August 31, 1964, are received, you will be promptly advised concluding our inquiries into this particular matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

NOTE FOR SAC, DALLAS:

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11-22-63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISC. - INFO CONCERNING

ReBurd dated 9-2-64, concerning a request to verify Bernard Weissman's employment at Carpet Engineers Inc., Dallas, Texas, on 11-14-63.

Every effort should be made to expedite this investigation so that the Bureau can conclude its inquiries and advise the Commission at the earliest possible time.

NOTE: Commission by let 8-3-64, referred to testimony of Mark Lane before Commission, in which he alleged there was meeting at Ruby's Carousel Club on 11-14-63, between Weissman, J. D. Tippit and Ruby. Weissman placed controversial full page ad in Dallas newspaper prior to President Kennedy's visit. Tippit, was shot and killed by Oswald. We have investigated this allegation in the past and no proof of such meeting was developed. It appears Commission is taking every precaution to preclude possible future criticism. Commission request required displaying photographs of Weissman and Tippit to 6 individuals associated with the Carousel Club to insure neither were seen in the club.

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With the transmission of the enclosed letterhead memoranda from Portland, we conclude our inquiries based on requests set out in the Commission letter dated 8-3-64. It is pointed out Crafard, although interviewed on numerous occasions, never previously furnished the above information. Crafard is an itinerant by nature and was employed by Ruby as a handy man. He is not considered reliable, is prone to exaggerate and there is some indication he has enjoyed the notoriety occasioned by his association with Ruby. During interview on 8-10-64 by New York Agents Weissman stated he believed he was employed on the evening Lane alleged the controversial meeting took place. The Commission by letter 8-31-64, requested efforts be made to verify this employment and when the results are received, all inquiries in this particular phase will have been completed. This matter is being closely followed and the Commission will be promptly advised when the results are received.