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XI. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED  
CONCERNING JIM BRADEN

Date January 24, 1964

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ALLAN SWEATT, /Chief Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, made available a Xerox copy of a statement by one JIM BRADEN which is quoted below:

"I am here on business (oil business) and was walking down Elm Street trying to get a cab and there wasn't any. I heard people talking saying 'My God the President has been shot.' Police cars were passing me coming down toward the triple underpass and I walked up among many other people and this building was surrounded by police officers with guns and we were all watching them. I moved on up to the building across the street from the building that was surrounded and I ask one of the girls if there was a telephone that I could use and she said 'Yes, there is one on the third floor of the building where I work'. I walked through a passage to the elevator they were all getting on (freight elevator) and I got off on the third floor with all the other people and there was a lady using the pay telephone and I ask her if I could use it when she hung up and she said it was out of order and I tried to use it but with no success. I ask her how I can get out of this building and she said that there is an exit right there and then she said wait a minute here is the elevator now. I got on the elevator and returned to the ground floor and the colored man who ran the elevator said you are a stranger in this building and I xx was not suppose to let you up and he ran outside to an officer and said to the officer that he had just taken me up and down in the elevator and the officer said for me to identify myself and I presented him with a credit card and he said well we have to check out everything and took me to his superior and said for me to wait and we will check it out. I was then taken to the Sheriff's office and interrogated.

"/s/ Jim Braden"

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JIM BRADEN, 621 South Barington Drive, Apartment 6, Los Angeles, furnished the following information:

BRADEN is a crude oil producer. His mailing address is 215 South La Cienega Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. He was in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963 on business. He had been in Dallas twice before, but that was over ten years ago. He is not familiar with Dallas.

On November 22, 1963, while on Elm Street trying to get a cab, he heard people say that President JOHN F. KENNEDY had been shot. He wanted to telephone his family, so he made inquiry and ascertained there was a telephone on the third floor of the building located directly across the street from a building which was completely surrounded by police with drawn guns, from which building the fatal shots had been fired at President KENNEDY.

BRADEN entered the building, proceeded to the third floor via elevator, found that the telephone did not work and returned to the street level via elevator. As he left, the elevator operator asked him if he worked in the building and finding that BRADEN did not, immediately called a police officer who escorted BRADEN to the Sheriff's Office which was within walking distance. There BRADEN was held for two or three hours and finally questioned and released.

BRADEN has no information concerning the assassination and both LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY are unknown to him.

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XIII. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED  
CONCERNING JACK L. RUBY'S TRANS-  
PORTATION OF CONNIE TRAMMEL TO  
LAMAR HUNT'S OFFICE BUILDING ON  
NOVEMBER 21, 1963.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 20, 1963

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CONNIE TRAMMEL, 5109 Live Oak, was interviewed in connection with her name and address being found on the person of JACK RUBY at the time of his arrest, November 24, 1963. She related the following:

In April, 1963, she and a group of seniors from the University of Texas, School of Journalism, came to Dallas in connection with the promotion of a boat show. They stayed at the Adolphus Hotel across from the Carousel Club and had a party at the Carousel Club. She met JACK RUBY at that time and had a lengthy conversation with him. She graduated from the University of Texas and returned to Dallas from her home, 1420 Hankin, Ashdown, Arkansas, to try and secure employment. This was about the middle of November, 1963. She sought employment for two or three days and then called JACK RUBY to see if he needed an employee. At this time, he tried to get her to go into show business, which she declined to do. She thought perhaps he could employ her temporarily as a hat check girl or in some capacity while she was trying to find a job in her own line of work. About November 20, 1963, she called RUBY and told him she had an appointment with LAMAR HUNT, a prominent oil man in Dallas. She called him inasmuch as she hoped that RUBY might have a personal acquaintance with Mr. HUNT. RUBY came out to her apartment on November 21, 1963, and they again discussed possible leads for her to secure employment and he drove her down to the office of LAMAR HUNT. She was with RUBY from about 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and it was on the day before the President was assassinated. On the way downtown, he stopped at the Merchants State Bank on Ross Avenue for a few minutes. She has not seen or heard from RUBY since.

Miss TRAMMEL stated that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was not known to her and she had no knowledge of any association between RUBY and OSWALD. She knew of no friends or associates of RUBY who were members of the Dallas Police Department and had no idea how RUBY got into the basement of the Police Department in order to shoot OSWALD.

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CONNIE TRAMMEL PENNY, 4607 Monarch, Apartment 114, Dallas, Texas, advised she was recently married and had moved to the new apartment on Monarch on July 8, 1964. Mrs. PENNY is now employed by the General Advertising Agency, Republic National Bank.

Mrs. PENNY advised she was a senior at the University of Texas when she met RUBY, exact date unrecalled. A group of girls from the University were visiting in Dallas and staying at the Adolphus Hotel, which is directly across the street from the Carousel Club that was owned by RUBY at the time. Mrs. PENNY and another girl attended one of the shows at the Carousel Club and Mrs. PENNY had started to the ladies' room when RUBY stopped her and asked Mrs. PENNY if he had not met her before. Mrs. PENNY gave her name, which at that time was CONNIE TRAMMEL, and her telephone number at the University to RUBY.

RUBY made several calls to Mrs. PENNY at the University attempting to get Mrs. PENNY to go to work at the Carousel Club as a stripper. After graduating from the University of Texas, Mrs. PENNY rented an apartment in Dallas and contacted RUBY on several occasions, attempting to obtain employment as a hat check girl or similar employment. RUBY did not have any vacancies but kept insisting that she could work as a stripper.

Mrs. PENNY stated that she had never dated RUBY and had not had too much conversation with RUBY.

On November 21, 1963, RUBY telephonically contacted Mrs. PENNY, asking if she had decided to go to work as a stripper, at which time Mrs. PENNY told RUBY that she had talked with LAMAR HUNT and had made an appointment to see LAMAR HUNT regarding employment. As Mrs. PENNY did not have an automobile, RUBY agreed to meet Mrs. PENNY at her apartment and drive her to the Mercantile National Bank. RUBY told Mrs. PENNY that he had business to transact at the bank and it would be no trouble for him to pick her up. During

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the A.M. of November 21, 1963, exact time she could not recall, RUBY picked up Mrs. PENNY at the apartment and inquired as to how Mrs. PENNY had made the appointment with LAMAR HUNT, at which time RUBY stated that he would like to meet HUNT. Mrs. PENNY explained she had made a personal call to LAMAR HUNT's residence, at which time a maid in the LAMAR HUNT home gave her the telephone number of a straight line into LAMAR HUNT's office. Mrs. PENNY called LAMAR HUNT and made the appointment to talk to LAMAR HUNT in his office in the Mercantile Bank Building. Mrs. PENNY could not recall the suite number where she was interviewed by LAMAR HUNT.

Mrs. PENNY advised she had read in the Dallas newspapers where LAMAR HUNT had owned a bowling alley and was converting the bowling alley into a teen-age club and believed that she could gain employment at the club in public relations as she had obtained a degree from the University of Texas in public relations.

RUBY parked his car in a parking lot near the Mercantile Bank and accompanied Mrs. PENNY to the elevator in the Mercantile Bank, but did not accompany her upstairs. This is the last time that Mrs. PENNY has seen RUBY.

During the trip from Mrs. PENNY's apartment to the bank, RUBY seemed to be impressed with the amount of money that LAMAR HUNT had made, and had mentioned that he knew most of the prominent people in Dallas and could wave at them on the streets of Dallas and be recognized, but that he did not know LAMAR HUNT.

RUBY did not express any views about the political views of LAMAR HUNT or his father, H. L. HUNT, during the trip from Mrs. PENNY's apartment to the bank.

Mrs. PENNY advised she did not obtain the employment with HUNT as he had no plans for any person to work for him in the public relations department for the teen-age club.

Date 12/25/631

JACK L. RUBY was interviewed in an interview room located on floor 6-M of the Dallas County Jail, Dallas, Texas. His attorneys, MELVIN BELLI, San Francisco, California; JOE TONAHILL, Jasper, Texas; SAM BRODY, Los Angeles, California, and WILLIAM CHOULOS, San Francisco, California, were present. The interview commenced at 1:50 PM and continued until 3:30 PM, when RUBY went to the rest room. It was resumed again at 3:34 PM and continued until 5:00 PM.

JACK L. RUBY was advised by SA C. RAY HALL that he did not have to make any statement. He was reminded that his attorneys were present, and that any statements he made in answers to questions could be used against him in a court of law.

JACK L. RUBY then furnished the following information:

On the night of Wednesday, November 20, 1963, he was at his club, the Carousel Club, in Dallas, Texas. He thinks he closed the club at about 2:00 AM on November 21, 1963. One of his dancers, called "LITTLE LYNN", drank some champagne before closing, and when she started home she got sick and passed out at Nichols Brothers parking garage near his club. He thinks this occurred after 2:00 AM on November 21, 1963, but it could have been after 2:00 AM on November 20, 1963. He went over to see about her, and tried to get her to go to a hospital, but she refused to go. He remained with her, trying to take care of her, until 4:00 AM or 5:00 AM and then went home, so far as he can now recall. After he got home, he went to bed and went to sleep.

At about 10:30 AM or 11:00 AM on November 21, 1963, he received a telephone call at home from a girl named TRAMMELL, whose first name may be CONNIE, or something similar. He met this girl at the Carousel Club about eight months previously, and since meeting her she has called him on the telephone several times. The TRAMMELL girl lives in an apartment on either Gaston Avenue or Live Oak Street in Dallas. When she called him on November 21, 1963, she told him that she had to get a job and that she had an appointment with LAMAR HUNT. He asked her how she got an appointment with HUNT, and she told him that she called HUNT's home and got his number, then just called his office and asked him for an appointment about a job.

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TRAMMELL asked RUBY to come after her and give her a ride downtown, so he got dressed, picked her up and drove her downtown. RUBY had an appointment with his attorney but does not remember whether it was GRAHAM KOCH or STANLEY KAUFMAN. Both attorneys have offices in the Mercantile Securities Building, Dallas, the same building in which LAMAR HUNT has his offices. TRAMMELL went up to see LAMAR HUNT and after RUBY completed his business with his attorney regarding some tax matters, he waited around the cigar stand in the lobby for a while for TRAMMELL to come down, but she did not, so he left and went to the Carousel Club. When he got to the club, one of his employees named LARRY was there.

LARRY was a young boy whom he had seen at the State Fair of Texas, and he gave LARRY a job at the Carousel Club after the fair closed. He had asked LARRY to build a crate so he could ship a dog to a friend of RUBY's, AL GRUBER, who lives on Olympic Street in Los Angeles, California. LARRY had not built the crate, so he got after him for not having done what he had asked him to do. So far as he remembers, he stayed around the Carousel Club until about 9:30 PM, when he and RALPH PAUL, who owns part of the Carousel Club, went to the Egyptian Lounge for dinner.

While they were eating at the Egyptian Lounge, a man named CONNORS, who is a salesman for the Dallas Morning News newspaper, came over to the table and invited RUBY over to the Castaway Club located nearby. He declined the invitation because he did not want to go to this club as the manager had hired an orchestra away from RUBY that had played for RUBY for several years. After dinner, RUBY returned to the Carousel Club. During the evening of November 21, 1963, he did the breaks between shows, which were two breaks of twenty minutes each, and he used a roulette wheel to give away prizes to the audience. Sometime during the evening, he ordered someone out of the club because he was creating a disturbance, but he has no idea who this person was. He believes he closed the Carousel Club at about 2:00 AM on November 22, 1963, and went home. If he went anywhere to eat before going home, he does not remember it. He does not now remember whether GEORGE SENATOR, who shares the apartment with RUBY, was at home when he arrived there or not, but he went directly to bed and went to sleep.