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With William R. Woodfield

Third installment of the story of Jack Ruby, as taped by William R. Woodfield in the Dallas jail, where Ruby awaits trial for the killing of Lee Oswald. #2

FRIDAY, NOV. 2, 1963; the early morning hours: It was quiet in the Carousel (the night club Ruby operated). I did "the breaks" (made the announcements between shows) and only had to order one belligerent customer out of the club.

Someone mentioned that President Kennedy would be in Dallas in a few hours and I recall hoping that he would like our city and that nothing like what happened to Adlai Stevenson would happen to President Kennedy.

I opened the Dallas Morning News and saw a full-page ad that said: "Welcome Mr. Kennedy to Dallas . . ." I thought to myself, "Good, let's show him how much we love him."

I noticed that the ad was signed Bernard Weissman. "A Jew welcomes our President," I thought. "How good that is, since our President has always been a friend to the Jew."

I knew from placing ads myself that a full page in the Dallas Morning News costs about \$1500. "An expensive welcome," I thought, I started to read the ad.

"WELCOME MR. KENNEDY TO DALLAS . . ."

" . . . A CITY so disgraced.

by a recent Liberal smear attempt that its citizens have just elected two more Conservative Americans to public office.

" . . . A CITY that is an economic 'boom town,' not because of Federal handouts, but through conservative economic and business practices.

" . . . A CITY that will continue to grow and prosper despite efforts by you and your administration to penalize it for its non-conformity to 'New Frontierism'."

" . . . A CITY that rejected your philosophy and policies in 1960 and will do so again in 1964 — even more emphatically than before.

"MR. KENNEDY, despite contentions on the part of your administration, the State Department, the Mayor of Dallas, the Dallas City Council, and members of your party, we free-thinking and America-thinking citizens of Dallas still have, through a Constitution largely ignored by you, the right to address our grievances, to question you, to disagree with you, and to criticize you.

"In asserting this constitutional right, we wish to ask you publicly the following questions — indeed, questions of paramount importance and interest to all free peoples everywhere — which we trust you will answer . . . in public, without sophistry. These questions are:

"WHY is Latin America turning either anti-American or Communist, or both, despite increased U.S. foreign aid, State Department policy, and your own Ivy-Tower pronouncements?"