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ROBERT WULHOLLAND, NBC News, Chicago, Illinois, currently handling news coverage in Dallas, Texas, was interviewed in Room 858 of the Marriott Motor Hotel. He advised that he was not present as a newsmen in the Dallas City Hall on November 24, 1963, when LEE HARVEY OSWALD was shot by JACK RUBY.

Since the time of that shooting, he had worked with GENE BARNES of the NBC News staff, Los Angeles, California, but in talking with BARNES did not mention that he, WULHOLLAND, had talked in Dallas to a man named FAIRY or FERRIE. He never mentioned to BARNES that this man was a narcotics addict, nor out on bail on sodomy charges in Dallas, or that the man had told him OSWALD had been under hypnosis from a man doing a mind reading act at RUBY's Carousel. He did mention to BARNES, however, that FAIRY or FERRIE was supposed to be a private detective and the owner of an airplane.

WULHOLLAND explained that what had actually happened was that he had been in telephonic contact with JOHN COPORAN, News Director of WDSU, New Orleans, Louisiana, three or four days ago. At that time, COPORAN told him that either the FBI or the local police in New Orleans, Louisiana, were supposed to have picked up and questioned a man named FERRIE. FERRIE was questioned because information had been received from an anonymous source that he was the person who had flight OSWALD now to shoot a wife. Information secured from COPORAN indicated that in the interview of FERRIE by the law enforcement officers, FERRIE had denied knowing OSWALD.

Based on this information secured from COPORAN, WULHOLLAND did some speculating of his own in conversations with other newsmen in the Dallas area since November 24, 1963. He speculated later that FERRIE was a private detective, when he could logically have sources to secure incriminating documents, including certificates or diplomas.

BILL DeMAR, ventriloquist, who was doing an act at the Carousel Club for JACK RUBY, might have desired some incriminating medical documents to enhance his reputation as a mind reader and might have secured these documents from FERRIE if he

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Special Agents RAYMOND E. RAWLINGS and JAMES F. GLOVER

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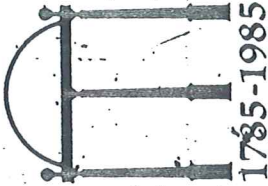
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knew him. Since DEMAR claimed to be a mind reader, he might logically also be considered a hypnotist and could have hypnotized LEE HARVEY OSWALD to plant in his mind the idea to shoot President KENNEDY.

HULLHOLLAND explained that there have been substantial rumors circulating among the press in Dallas to the effect that there was an association between RUBY and OSWALD. Because these rumors, he himself carried on the further speculation of a possible connection between RUBY, OSWALD, DEMAR, and FERRELL, as he has described above. He advised that this is purely speculation on his part, and that he has received no information in the Dallas area or from JOHN COPORAN in New Orleans, which would support this speculation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Chief

FROM : SAIC Hale Indianapolis

SUBJECT: Assassination of the President
Bill DeMar says Oswald was Patron of Jack Ruby Night Club

U. S. SECRET SERVICE

DATE: Nov. 25, 1963

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This confirms telephone call from Deputy Chief Paterni on the evening of 11-24-63, directing that Bill DeMar, a magician-ventriloquist, be located and interviewed at Evansville, Indiana, concerning his statements in an Associated Press news story, dated Evansville, Indiana, November 24, in which he stated Lee Harvey Oswald was a patron about nine days ago in the Dallas, Texas, night club of Jack Ruby. "I have a memory of a fact in which I have twenty customers call out various objects in rapid order. Then I tell them at random what they called out. I am positive Oswald was one of the men that called out an object about nine days ago", DeMar was quoted as saying.

It was directed that DeMar be interviewed very thoroughly to include such questions as: how he was certain the person he saw was Oswald; the nature of his routine; whether the participants would name objects in their pockets, or any object that might come to their minds; whether Oswald was alone or in a group; whether there was any relationship between Oswald and Rubinstein, etc.

Mr. Paterni directed that the results of the interview be telephoned promptly to Inspector Kelley or SAIC Correls at the Dallas office.

I immediately proceeded to the Associated Press, 300 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, and interviewed newsman Martin Anderson. He advised this story originated about 2:17 P.M., November 24, upon receipt of a telephone call from their correspondent Dave Hoy, Radio Station WIKY, Evansville, Indiana. The call was received by newsman Dale Burgess. After talking with Hoy, Burgess placed a call to Bill DeMar in Dallas, Texas. DeMar returned the call to Burgess and the information received was incorporated in the AP story.

I then placed a telephone call to Dave Hoy at his residence in Evansville, Indiana, telephone GR 6-7700. Hoy stated that he and DeMar were schoolmates and very good friends and that he received a call on 11-24-63 about 11:00 A.M. DeMar told him it was his boss (Jack Rubinstein) who killed Oswald. Hoy stated he asked DeMar whether he was sure that Oswald had been in the Carousel Night Club and DeMar replied he was quite sure, although he would not stake his

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life upon it. DeMar told Hoy he had mentioned this in a television interview earlier in the day and thereafter, he was questioned by a Dallas City detective. The detective suggested that he "get lost for a few days" so as to avoid being bothered by more questions.

Hoy stated he taught the memory act. to DeMar. It is one in which a number is associated with an object. He did not know the nature of the objects being used by DeMar or whether he was using a blackboard. He recalled, however, DeMar said he did not at that time recall the object mentioned by Oswald on the evening of the Caspousel Club.

Hoy described DeMar as white; male; 29; 5'8" to 5'10"; 165 lbs.; straight black hair; occasionally wears horn-rimmed glasses. DeMar was staying at the Shady Oaks Motel in Dallas, telephone - Riverside, 7-0065. He apparently calls at the motel from time to time to receive any messages left there for him.

This memorandum also confirms my telephone call to Inspector Kelley at Dallas, on the evening of 11-24-63, advising him of the foregoing information. Inspector Kelley advised that they would contact Detective Montgomery, who it was expected would place them in contact with DeMar.

I neglected to mention to Inspector Kelley that DeMar intended to call Hoy at 10:30 A.M. on 11-25-63, to make a recorded interview for the local Evansville radio station and that Hoy had offered to ask DeMar where he could be contacted by the Secret Service. I, therefore, called Hoy back and asked if he would have DeMar call the Dallas office of the Secret Service when he contacts Hoy on 11-25-63.

Attached is a copy of the original A6 wire transmitted from the Indianapolis office of that news agency.

Kenneth B. Heale
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Special Agent in Charge

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EVANSVILLE, IND. NOV. 24 (AP) -- ENTERTAINER BILL DEMAR OF

EVANSVILLE, IND., TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS BY TELEPHONE TODAY HE WAS POSITIVE LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS A PATRON ABOUT NINE DAYS AGO IN THE DALLAS NIGHT CLUB OF JACK RUBY.

RUBY WAS SEIZED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FATAL WOUNDING OF OSWALD, WHO WAS ACCUSED OF ASSASSINATING PRESIDENT KENNEDY. DEMAR, BILL CROWE IN PRIVATE LIFE, HAD COMPLETED TWO WEEKS OF A FIVE-WEEK ENGAGEMENT AT RUBY'S CAROUSEL CLUB WHEN IT WAS CLOSED DEFINITELY FRIDAY.

"I HAVE A MEMORY ACT," THE MAGICIAN-VENTRILOQUIST SAID, "IN WHICH I HAVE 20 CUSTOMERS CALL OUT VARIOUS OBJECTS IN RAPID ORDER. WHEN I TELL THEM AT RANDOM WHAT THEY CALLED OUT. I AM POSITIVE OSWALD WAS ONE OF THE MEN THAT CALLED OUT AN OBJECT ABOUT NINE DAYS AGO."

"IT'S ALL A STRANGE COINCIDENCE," DEMAR SAID. "I INTERDINED AT A PARTY AT KENNEDY'S INAUGURATION. I HAD CONTACT WITH THE MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING HIM, AND I WORKED FOR THE MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING THE KILLER."

DEMAR DESCRIBED RUBY AS "A LITTLE ODD" AND "TREMENDOUSLY PATRIOTIC" IN AN EARLIER CALL TODAY TO AN OLD FRIEND IN EVANSVILLE.

DAVE HOY SAID CROWE TOLD HIM RUBY WAS "RATHER A QUIET GUY, BUT NICE. HE WAS INTENSELY PATRIOTIC. HE SEEMED UPSET WHEN KENNEDY WAS KILLED, BUT NOT MORE THAN OTHER PEOPLE. I'M SURPRISED THIS."

"HE WAS A LITTLE ODD," THE VENTRILOQUIST ADDED, "BUT HE WAS FINE AS LONG AS YOU STAYED ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HIM."

CROWE AND HOY ATTENDED PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S INAUGURAL AS GUESTS OF SEN. KENNETH J. GRAY, D-ILL., DOING A MAGIC ACT TOGETHER AT A PARTY GRAY GAVE.

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