

HAS NEW PROBE ALREADY STARTED?

Justice Dept. May Be Quietly Reopening JFK Case As They Question One of Ruby's Strippers and Show New Interest in 'Tramp' Photos

The Justice Department, at least to some extent, has reopened the investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

But the extent of this new investigation is filled with obscurity and contradictions.

On one front, both the FBI and the Rockefeller Commission on the CIA have conducted new investigations of photographs taken in Dealey Plaza on Nov. 22, 1963, just after shots were fired into the Kennedy motorcade.

And at least one of Jack Ruby's former strippers claims she was quizzed by the FBI recently on subjects relating to the Kennedy assassination and two key participants, accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald and Oswald's murderer, Jack Ruby.

THE FORMER SHOWGIRL, who worked for Ruby under the stage name of Shari Angel, told The Dallas Times Herald that she had been interviewed by FBI agents in Los Angeles recently and the FBI was seeking Katy Kay, another stripper, for questioning. After the interview, which tended to confirm hints the FBI was starting a large-scale probe of the Kennedy assassination, FBI director Clarence J. Kelley personally telephoned the newspaper to protest that the FBI had not interviewed Miss Angel.

Shari Angel, now living at an undisclosed location in the Fort Worth area, was one of the last people still living to visit Jack Ruby before his death.

SHE VISITED RUBY'S Parkland Hospital room three days before his death from cancer on Jan. 3, 1967.

According to Shari Angel's interview with the Dallas newspaper, Ruby told her: "They're giving me shots of something to kill me. They're trying to kill off all the

Jews."

Dallas County Sheriff J.E. (Bill) Decker, who died in 1970, asked Miss Angel to visit with Ruby in an effort to calm the dying nightclub owner and Oswald's assassin.

ALSO PRESENT for the meeting was Sheriff's Deputy Buddy Walters. Walters was killed in 1969 when he attempted to arrest escaped convict James Walter Cherry in a Dallas motel room. Some Warren Commission critics have suggested in print recently that Walters' death was set-up to silence him. Walters had played key roles in the initial investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

On other occasions Ruby had expressed fear for his life.

He begged the late Chief Justice Earl Warren and now President Gerald Ford to take him to Washington for questioning when the two officials, as members of the Warren Commission, interviewed Ruby in the Dallas



STRIP JOINT owner Jack Ruby shown with two of his employees in photo taken in 1962. One of Ruby's former strippers has said she has been recently questioned by Justice Dept. investigators about Ruby and events surrounding his activities before he gunned down accused JFK assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

County Criminal Courts Building.

Some Warren Commission critics are convinced that Ruby was injected with cancer cells to hasten his death. They cryptically note that the late David Ferrie, believed by many to have been a friend of Oswald's, had experimented in cancer cell research.

FERRIE WAS found dead in his New Orleans home shortly after former Orleans Parish Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination became public.

Shari Angel said the men who identified themselves to her as FBI agents asked her about reports that Oswald had been seen at Ruby's Carousel Club before the assassination.

Ex-stripper Kathy Kay left Dallas abruptly the day Ruby shot Oswald before millions of television viewers as Oswald was being transferred out of Dallas city jail.

Miss Kay had told people she worked with that she had seen Oswald in the nightclub two days before Kennedy was killed.

Other witnesses, whose credibility was not accepted by the Warren Commission, had told of having seen Oswald in the Carousel Club — thus tending to link Oswald with Ruby.

OSWALD AND RUBY lived only a few blocks apart in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas, a sprawling metropolitan area of several million people.

Concerning Dealey Plaza photographs, FBI agents have interviewed several Dallas policemen who were in Dealey Plaza just after the assassination.

Some Warren Commission critics, the most vocal being civil rights activist and comedian Dick Gregory, have charged to the Rockefeller Commission that two unidentified "tramps" arrested in Dealey Plaza were Watergate figures E. Howard Hunt and Frank Sturgis, who both deny they were in

Dallas that day.

Dallas FBI special agent in charge J. Gordon Shanklin confirmed to reporters that FBI agents had interviewed the policemen at the request of the Rockefeller Commission.

SHANKLIN, WHO ramrodded the initial FBI investigation of the Kennedy assassination, retired shortly after the new inquiry.

Dallas policemen have been unable to provide identities of the "tramps" in the photos. The men were released, apparently without any officer asking their names, after Oswald was arrested as the accused assassin. Clarence Kelley, when he visited Dallas and the assassination site in February, said he had seen the tramp photos, that they had been examined by a scientific expert, and he was convinced the "tramps" were not Sturgis and Hunt.

Three months later, Justice Dept. officials revealed that the "tramp" photos were being re-examined by a photographic expert.

The expert, whom the FBI did not identify, was attempting to reconstruct the manner in which the pictures were taken, FBI officials said.

HOPEFULLY, TECHNIQUES used by the Washington-based expert will allow the expert to determine heights and weights of the three men in the photographs.

The findings would be compared with information about Hunt and Sturgis as they were almost 12 years ago.

IN ADDITION to the questioning of a former Ruby employe, federal authorities have shown a new interest in re-examining the famous 'T' ramp' photos.

