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- D. Transfer of Property From DEAN M. GANDY to JOE A. TONAHILL, Attorney For JACK L. RUBY, and Interview of Detective GRADY DE WITT GANDY Based on Name "GANDY" Appearing in LEE HARVEY OSWALD's Address Book

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On March 6, 1964, at 11:45 AM, a telephone call was received by IC JOE A. PEARCE from a woman refusing to identify herself. The caller furnished the following information which she stated she wanted to bring to the attention of the Dallas Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

She stated that in the County Clerk's Office there was filed a deed transferring two tracts of land consisting of 112 and 32 acres of land from DEAN M. GANDY of the Grande Corporation to JOE A. TONAHILL. Property was given to TONAHILL on December 24, 1963, but TONAHILL did not file the deed until March 2, 1964, at 10:00 AM. The deed came from the Waxahachie Abstract Company, Waxahachie, Texas.

The transfer reads from DEAN M. GANDY to JOE A. TONAHILL and JOE A. FISHER of Jasper County, Texas.

The woman stated the deed would be filed in Volume 263, page number not known.

The caller did state, however, that she was calling from the Records Building, Dallas. The woman evidently had the records in her possession at the time of the call.

It should be noted that JOE A. TONAHILL is one of the defense attorneys for JACK L. RUBY, the convicted murderer of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. It is also pointed out that the name "Gandy" appears on page 68 of the address book of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the contents of which have previously been reported.

It is also pointed out that there is a Detective GRADY GANDY with the Dallas Police Department.

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DEAN MURRAY GANDY, attorney, advised his office is located in Room 1000, Mercantile Continental Building, Dallas, where his telephone number is RI 8-6561. He said he resides at 7407 Northaven Road in Dallas, Texas, where his telephone number is EM 1-2325. He said he has never had any contact with or knowledge of LEE HARVEY OSWALD relating to the assassination of President KENNEDY at Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, and that he had never had any personal dealings with LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY.

He said in September 1963 he recalled that DAN CHASTAIN, landman in the Magna Oil Corporation, which is one of his, GANDY's, business enterprises, located a piece of farm land in Ellis and Dallas Counties, and he, GANDY, bought a three-eighths interest in this farm land deal while Mr. CHASTAIN bought a one-quarter interest and JOE STEPHENS and Federal District Judge JOE FISHER of Jasper, Texas, bought a three-eighths interest in this deal.

Mr. GANDY said that after studying the deed and title to the farm property, he learned that there was a power line easement across it and he, GANDY, decided that he did not want to retain his personal interest in the deal. He had his interest conveyed to STEPHENS, CHASTAIN and FISHER, and later JOE A. TONAHILL, an attorney and personal friend of Federal Judge JOE FISHER of Jasper, Texas, purchased an interest in the property from the other former partners of his (GANDY).

Mr. GANDY advised that Mr. CHASTAIN would have more complete information concerning this land transaction.

He advised he has never known of any association between LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY.

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DAN CHASTAIN advised that he is a landman in the office of the Magna Oil Corporation, which is located in Room 1000, Mercantile Continental Building, Dallas, Texas, where the telephone number is RI 8-6561. He said he resides at 3584 Green Acres Terrace in Dallas, Texas. He advised he has never known LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY and has never known of any association between them.

He said that on September 16, 1963, he made arrangements for the purchase of 143.04 acres of farm property located in Dallas and Ellis Counties, and this property was purchased by the following persons:

DEAN MURRAY GANDY, three-eighths interest
JOSEPH C. STEPHENS, three-eighths interest
DAN CHASTAIN, one-quarter interest

The land was described as the "J. C. PAYNE" estate. He said this original deal was never officially recorded. He advised that the sale was handled by attorney RICHARD F. CHAPMAN of Waxahachie, Texas, and there were eighteen "sellers" involved. He noted the deed was sent to each seller, together with a sales contract which was executed and returned to Mr. CHAPMAN.

He said Mr. GANDY got out of the deal when he discovered there was a telephone cable easement on the property, and Mr. GANDY's interest was sold to Federal Judge JOE FISHER, and later attorney JOE A. TONAHILL of Jasper County, Texas, joined Judge FISHER in the transaction. He said both of them were close, personal friends of his of many years standing, and when Judge FISHER bought a three-eighths interest from GANDY on December 24, 1963, Judge FISHER telephonically contacted him, CHASTAIN, and bought one-half of Mr. CHASTAIN's one-fourth (which would be one-eighth, plus GANDY's three-eighths), so that now Judge FISHER and Mr. TONAHILL have a one-half interest in the total tract.

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He advised that Judge FISHER had never seen the land until last week, the week prior to instant interview. He said Mr. TONAHILL has never seen the land and Mr. CHASTAIN indicated that he has consummated a number of land deals for Judge FISHER on a sight unseen basis. Because of their long personal acquaintance, Judge FISHER places every confidence in his ability to estimate the values of land and when he, CHASTAIN, locates property which he thinks may be bought profitably he contacts Judge FISHER and the deals are often made on a telephonic contact basis.

He said that in the event the records concerning this land transaction might be needed, he would gladly make them available to any interested investigative agency.

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GANDY said LUCERTO was a known homosexual, but he did not know of any activity of that nature between BOND and RUBY. He said he had contacted RUBY at night clubs in Dallas when he was on a detail that inspected licenses and JACK operated one club in the 1700 block of South Ervay and another, the Vegas Club, at 3508 Oak Lawn. RUBY opened a club on Greenville Avenue near the "Vickery Addition" known as Hernando's Hideaway. He said during his professional experience with RUBY he noted that RUBY was delinquent in following or complying with local ordinances regarding the operation of his clubs, but this was just carelessness on RUBY's part apparently. He said he had observed that RUBY did operate his clubs in a legal manner and he had had no close personal contact with him other than his professional inspection visits as a member of the Dallas Police Department.

He said he knew of no reason why the name "GANDY" appeared in the address book of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He said he knew of no personal connection between JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He also advised he had never visited the Carousel Club when it was operated by JACK RUBY and his only visits to the Vegas Club were official visits concerning police matters.