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Elaine Mynier: check this against CD 84.215-16; cf. 23 H 38 (#581.8) 615*
Locate FBI intvw of Helen Afance Roan pre-asstn re Ruby's criminal assocatns (cf. #587,
C* CD 4.155, 348; also Mrs. Billy Murl Roan. Hubert Gibson not in CD 355; Roan is.
Bright says Pike says Ruby knew Hoffa, etc. is this CD 4.529? Cf. 23 H 338, (23 H 572)
Kiernan info on Ruby from Wilner: in CE 1321, 22 H 496, but cf. 495, #581 below. 582
Peloquin and Sheridan conducting their own investigation of Weitzel-"Maycheck"
(i.e. Mashek) story about Ruby; by November 25, 1963. A Tony Weitzel at CD 4.4279,
not in CD 355. Suggests RFK & Justice acting independently of FBI. Query: was
this halted by LBJ order establishing Warren Commission? JEH concurs in order
Mashek not be interviewed: "I do wish Dept would mind its own business and let
us mind ours". Apparently H.J. Miller of Justice concurred, as Teamsters might
allege "that Department was trying to tie Hoffa in with President's murder" (!)
From Dean Elson, SAC Las Vegas (cf. 23 H 83): L.V. indices negv re Yodie
Jacobs (CD 4.258) Sammy Menosh (CD 4.260), and Art Wayne (CD 4.258, 261, 265, etc.)
Sorry! CD 4.258-60=CE 1321, 22 H 495-96, interesting. Lou Simon at Fremont
casino, former Milwaukee wire service, admits knowing Joe Krasnow of Milwaukee
but not Ruby (cf. 22 H 495: names from Kiernan from Wilner, but not in #579)
581.3-8, first McWillie post-assn intvw (but cf. C&C 42, CD686d)=CE 1546,
23 H 37-38 (CD 84.212-14).

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581.9: Gaughan suggests Ruby may have been in Las Vegas ca. Nov 18; =CE 1605,
23 H 85 (CD 86.484); suggests intvw of Jerry Rosenberg (no other CD86 index ref)
581.10 deleted source, gambler suggests Ruby was at Tropicana, Las Vegas and
knew pitboss William Rice there (cf. CD 86.466 for Wm Rice's denial, #
= 23 H 77; cf. also 23 H 74-76, 83, for suspect rebuttal of closely related claim.
581.11-16 = CE 1591, 23 H 77 (for Cecil Simmons, cf. C&C 29) 581.17-18:

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Howard McElroy, once MCA Dallas, provided acts for Ruby's club, as did M's
assistant Albert Hitt. McElroy in CD 355 but not CD 4 or 86; Dick Hitt CD 4.383 only.

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Pike's rebuttal of #578: =~~not~~ cf. CE 1229, 22 H 338 for variant text (cfr;eah)
Charles Bates, Legat London (cf. Watergate) to JEH Nov. 26 '63 re John
Wilson-Hudson's story Ruby visited Santos and Wilson in Havana prison. Similar
to CIA #59, but blurs Ruby-Santos connection. Cc. Brennan, Rosch
Robert Lee Shoreman al. Shorman: almost = CE 1505, 22 H 923-24; Ruby 'in' with DPD
SAC L.A. to JEH re "number of" phone calls Mike Shore received from Jack Ruby.
Interesting when compared to rewritten account of Shore intvw (not in CD 355)
in CE 1507, 22 H 925-26 (CD 4.454-56), which talks e.g. of "a telephone call".
Both Ruby and Shore knew Irv Weiner and Irv Mazzei. According to Scott Malone,
Reprise Records where Shore worked (22 H 925) was owned by Sinatra fronting
for Giancana, then sold by Sinatra following Sinatra-Giancana expose of Sept. 1963,
along with Cal-Neva where McWillie worked. If so then Ruby-CIA plot connection
stronger than McWillie-Trafficante, since in 18 mos before asstn "Ruby (585.1)
phoned Shore /a Giancana employee/ a number of times...in connection with
Shore's being in show business" (cf. #584, 22 H 923, re mob interest in musicians.)

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SAC NO Nov. 27 re Savannah tel Nov 26 re Oswald at Marcello's Town and Country Rest.,
NO. Ck CD 4.644 (Frabielle), 811 (Poretto). 586 notes Poretto denial he knew Ruby;
HSCA has found innocent explanation for Ruby phone call to
Poretto's brother-in-law Nofie Pecora (25 H 246, cf. C&C 46) Where is ref tel?

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No INS records for Helen Afance Roan, reportedly born Kobe, Japan (#577)

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Henry Petersen to Wm. C. Hundley internal Justice memo Nov 27 (Watergate again):
a "Krouse" (Teamster?) phoned out of "grief" to claim a tie-in "through
shylocking and girls" "between Ruby and Dallas and Dave Yaras in Miami"; also
"Ruby grew up with Leon (i.e. Lennie) Patrick of Chicago". FBI had corroboration
of this from its missing Kutner intvw (apparently never given to WC), even if
it did not yet know of Ruby-Barney Baker-Yaras phone calls, Oct-Nov 1963 (C&C 43).
But #588, a promising lead received from Justice by messenger, was apparently
sent to the FBI Ruby file without any action or even internal distribution, except
for carding. But in fact HQ phoned Miami (#593)

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- **589 FBI internal ~~memo~~ Investigative Divn memo of Nov. 27 concerning leads given to Malley for full investigation of LHO's death as "a possible civil rights violation". 5 pp. single space, too complex to go into here, but not bad for 1:40 a.m. Nov. 27, and properly critical of the right DPD officers. Confirms my impression that the FBI's LHO problems stemmed ^{chiefly} not from Rosen's Investigative but from Sullivan's Intelligence Division. But cf. #615
- **590 Rosen to Belmont, Nov. 27. After discussions with H.J. Miller of Justice, Rosen recommends Ruby not be given a polygraph at this time; because Miller thinks Attorney Ehrlich of San Francisco (Had we heard of his involvement in this case before?) is "tricky enough" to use it in Ruby's defense and "probably give Ruby a pill...which would make any examination inconclusive". What an explanation for Ruby's verbal behavior before the WC (5 H 181-213) and under the polygraph (4 H 511-70)! JEH, agreeing, was not impressed: "It seems to me Miller has been watching too many Hitchcock TV shows."
- ***591 Director to Legat London Nov 27 re #583 (from RKB:cjr, cf. 582). "Carl John Wilson...involved in revolutionary activities...since Spanish civil war.... Wilson has been critical of the FBI on several occasions, was arrested July 1, 1959 by Castro for failure to carry out instructions regarding invasion against Castro (as was Loran Hall, NYT April 22, 1959, p. 15; July 9, 1959, p. 10; Scott Dallas Conspiracy, VI-25)....He testified before Senate Internal Security Subcommittee September 2, 1959, in rambling disorganized fashion, displaying psychopathic symptoms....Bureau desires no further investigation re Wilson." Cable "URGENT": 4-#602 (Wilson not in SISS 1973 21-Year Index.
- **592 Rosen to Belmont Nov. 27. In October 1959 FBI received info from PCI that Dallas grand jury was "rigged" to get reform Dallas Commissioner Mel Price, Judge Joe Brown (!) working with County District Attorney Henry Wade (!)
- ***593 SAC Miami to Director, responding to BuPhone call, Nov. 28 re Ruby-Yaras-Patrick. Bureau ordered intvw of Yaras, but wife says Y in Chicago for week/ten days. IA teletype Nov 26 reported Yaras would attend hoodlum meeting at Eden Roc Miami Beach, Nov. 26 (Can we get this and related teletypes?) Chicago to intvw Yaras (where he was ^{intvw'd} Dec 5, 22 H 372) denying any relshp Ruby in 14 years).
- #594 CIA Nov 28 tel re John Wilson (= CIA #83 with addressees not deleted: ZEN/White House attn McGeorge Bundy; ZEN/Dept. of State attn U. Alexis Johnson, FBI.) To Rosen, Sullivan, and "Mr. Andrews", noting #591 already sent.
- ***595 SAC Las Vegas (Elson) to Dir Nov 29: Sheriff Ralph Lamb, from "very reliable source" advises Jack Ruby was at Tropicana Nov 16 as guest of Preston Feinberg (i.e. Feinberg), part owner; used the courtesy Rolls Royce. Ruby's presence confirmed by (deleted source). Second (deleted source) claims Ruby ~~is~~ "long time friend" of Feinberg (quite possible, given two men's common background in mob-organized Chicago scrap metal business, cf. 23 H 83). Initial comparison of #595 with CD 86 Index (cf also 23 H 74-83) suggests these leads, though possibly run down, may not have reached WC; the Las Vegas portion of CD 86 has always had a sanitized look (e.g. the single ref to "Frog" at 86.481 = 23 H 84)
- 596 Atlanta teletype Nov 29 first raising Browder story, etd. = 1st 3 paras of CE 3063, 26 H 634 (CD 20.14-16) "AT T-2" is Blaney Mack Johnson
- 597 = remainder of CE 3063.1-2
- 598 Cf. 26 H 639 (CD 856.132). Parts of CE 3063 are mislabelled as to CD source; and when I last checked CD 914.89-94, re Browder & Johnson, were still withheld
- **599 SAC NY to JEN Nov 30: possl Ruby-Curry connectn, entirely deleted. Apptly circulated within FBI, but routine distribtn stamp apptly missing.
- **600 SAC IV to JEN Nov 30. Telephone operator at /Castaways Casino/ advises Jack Ruby in Dallas placed uncompletable collect call Nov 22 between 1-3 P.M. to "Frog", identified by FBI as Ralph J. France, shift boss there. France denies knowing Ruby or anyone in Dallas. Denial is in CD 86 (p. 481, =23 H 84), but rest isn't. McWillie's Ruby phone calls explained. Lee Sharon Wilson(ck 86.193-4

- 600 JEH to SACs re Johnson story, #596, on Nov 30. No knkg Ruby busns connctns Miami or Cuba.
- 602 JEH order to investgt possl Ruby-DPD conspiracy "deferred" (cf "urgent" order not to intvw Wilson, #591)
- **604 Rosen to Belmont re Mike Shore-Earl Ruby project to write JRuby's biog (cf. 14 M 400-04, 478-75, etc.). Mostly deleted, but with FBI file #585n nos. on ?Shore? Can we get these? Eva Grant knew Shore knew Sinatra, 11M473; cf.
- *605 Ruby-Woodard gunrunning story: supplements CE 3065 (cf 26 M 646-47 for deleted info: ~~reference to Ruby's office in Knoxville, Tenn. in connection with the Ruby-Woodard gunrunning case.~~ Woodard departed Knoxville about Nov 25 (cf 26 M 647)
- ***607 SAC Phila to JEH Dec 5 re Ruby call to Mike Shore at office extension of Ray Brosseau, Curtis Enterprises. Shore there to discuss record deal "after consulting with Frank Sinatra and other directors of Reprise records in Los Angeles" (cf #585) "which has recently been purchased by Warner Bros." (3) Shore phoned Brosseau Nov 30 re placing Ruby story (cf #604) Record deal advertised in Sat Eve Post Dec. 7, 1963. Where is reftel NY-Dallas Dec 4?
- *609 SAC Chic Dec 9: the followup FBI intvw with Luis Kutner (ck CD 104.23, the only entry in the WC Kutner name file). We now learn that the reftel from Chicago to Dir & Dallas was dated Nov 26: where is it? Apparently WC never got first intvw. Cf. The Assns, p. 369, etc; #588
- *610 Dallas Dec 10: Blaney Mack Johnson's Story (#596-7) "fabrication in its entirety. No further intvws...intended." One way to deal with Browder story!
- 614 Rankin lr Feb 25 1964 requesting pre-asstn Ruby files (~~summary of Ruby files~~) JEH note: "Here again-- why didn't we give Commission all in this instance. I am becoming more and more concerned about our failure to properly handle this matter"
- **611 Ferrie-Ruby-LHO speculation traced to John Coporan (?Coporan?) WDSU. I ~~think~~ think I've seen this, but it is not in CD 75. My notes (possibly from the Paris Flammonde book) record Coporan and Rick Townley at WDSU, where of course LHO debated Bringuier and Butler. My summary of CD 75.298 says that the Jack Martin story of a Ferrie-Oswald rifle connection (no Ruby; CD 87 SS 620-21, in Weisberg, OINO, p. 177; ck CD 75.217) reached Secret Svc from Alec Gifford of WDSU from Jerry Stein of Walker-Saucy Advertising: can this be coincidence? Note that Sheridan and Townley of WDSU worked against Garrison's use of similar story (Sher 418). #611 Dec 10: "Coporan" told Mulholland, of NBC; spectn abtut De Mar.
- **615 Re 614, Rosen to Belmont Feb 27: WC given all requested info in (CD 4:) 155-59. JEH "...we have certainly given more than ?adequate? grounds for their suspicion because of our determined tendency to hedge and equivocate for no good reasons." Re Ruby as PCI on occasions between 3-11 and 10-2-59 "Ruby never furnished any information" (ck CD 1082). Dallas maintained admv control file on PCI contacts, this included Roan info (cf. #577) transmitted at (CD 4).157-59 (check!).
- 616 Rankin to JEH Mar 7: we wanted all pre-asstn R files, not just Dallas. JEH: "I can't understand why we give narrow interpretations to Commn's requests."
- 617 (not Ruby) JEH to Rankin Mar 4 (I can't find in CD list) re Diaz Verson's tergiversations on E. Borrell Navarro story re LHO-Silvia Duran. Cf 26 M 599
- 618-21, 623-25 FBI-WC exchanges re McWillie phone calls and files. 625-CD 686 Mr 27
- 626 Las Vegas to JEH Mar 17 '67: Howard Goodwin, asst dir sales at Sahara and former SA FBI, advises Joe Tonahill, Ruby co-counsel, will hold press confc at Sahara Mar 18. Items: LMO "died as a result of shock brought on by the improper admintn of medicines in the hosptl, Dallas"; Ruby's cancer "so widespread that it had to have been artificially introduced in his body". I don't know if Tonahill actually made these charges, but others have.