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WILLIAM REED WOODFIELD, Journalist, 12336 Rye Street, Studio City, California, telephone number TR 7-4482, was telephonically contacted by SA JAMES M. BRADY, on March 4 and 5, 1964. On March 4, 1964, WOODFIELD advised that he was under subpoena to testify in a criminal case being tried in United States District Court, Los Angeles, California and would not be available for interview. On March 5, 1964, WOODFIELD advised that he had prior business commitments and requested to be interviewed over the telephone to save time. He advised as follows:

In December, 1963, he was placed in contact with EARL RUBY, brother of JACK RUBY, by MICHAEL SHORE. EARL RUBY was investigating the possibility of raising money for the defense of JACK RUBY by selling rights to a story on the life of JACK RUBY. Two magazines had been trying to negotiate a deal. They were Life and the Saturday Evening Post. They had been making some fantastic offers to the RUBY family. WOODFIELD told EARL RUBY that these offers were being made on two assumptions. These assumptions were that JACK RUBY would retain Attorney TOM HOWARD of Dallas, Texas, to represent him and that Attorney HOWARD would be able to exercise a legal right of discovery of evidence to obtain photographs of the assassination of President KENNEDY, including photographs taken after President KENNEDY died which would show in detail the wounds inflicted during the assassination.

WOODFIELD told EARL RUBY that he would not work with Attorney TOM HOWARD and that, if Attorney HOWARD obtained "morgue type" photographs of President KENNEDY's body for publication, it would be a great disservice to JACK RUBY and probably insure a death sentence for JACK RUBY.

WOODFIELD advised that he never had any information that such "morgue type" photographs actually existed. He advised that PETER MOSS is a writer who last year wrote an article on JOSEPH VALACHI for the Saturday Evening Post. MOSS also worked on the assassination of President KENNEDY for the Saturday Evening Post. However, WOODFIELD is not personally

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acquainted with MOSS and has never held a discussion with him concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY or JACK RUBY, or anything else.

WOODFIELD explained that he obtained his information about the negotiations of the Saturday Evening Post and Life Magazines from LAWRENCE SCHILLER.

WOODFIELD suggested to EARL RUBY that Attorney TOM HOWARD of Dallas, Texas, should not be retained to defend JACK RUBY but MELVIN BELLI of San Francisco, California should be retained. In fact, WOODFIELD telephoned BELLI for EARL RUBY and introduced them over the telephone.

WOODFIELD stated that he did work out an agreement to do a story on JACK RUBY and it was published in both this country and in foreign countries in January, 1964. It is a 15,000 word account of the life of JACK RUBY on a minute to minute basis from the assassination of President KENNEDY until the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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