

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION  
ON THE  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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Report of Proceedings

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Dallas, Texas

Sunday, June 7, 1964

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Sunday, June 7, 1964  
11:45 A.M. - 2:50 P.M.

The President's Commission met, pursuant to recess,  
at 11:45 A.M. in the interrogation room of the Dallas County  
Jail, Main & Houston Streets, Dallas, Texas.

PRESENT:

Chief Justice Earl Warren

J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel

Congressman Gerald R. Ford, Michigan

Elmer W. Moore, Special Agent, U. S. Secret Service

Joseph A. Ball, Staff Counsel

Arlen Specter, Staff Counsel

Robert G. Storey, Counsel

Leon Jaworski, Counsel

Jim Bowie, Assistant District Attorney

Joe H. Tonahill, Counsel representing Jack Ruby

Sheriff Bill Decker

E. L. Holman, Chief Jailer

Orvill Smith, Deputy Sheriff assigned to Jack Ruby

Helen Laidrich, Reporter



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. Belmont *alb*

DATE: August 20, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Hines
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach

SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY, AKA;  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA - VICTIM  
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### SYNOPSIS:

A copyright story by Dorothy Kilgallen appeared in the "New York Journal-American," August 18, 1964, which purported to give a word for word account of Ruby's testimony before Chief Justice Warren and representatives of the President's Commission at the Dallas County Jail on June 7, 1964. Mr. J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission telephonically contacted Malley 8/20/64 and advised him that the seven members of the President's Commission had requested that he, Rankin, make a specific request of the FDI to conduct an investigation in an effort to determine how the transcript of Ruby's testimony before the President's Commission on June 7, 1964, came into possession of Dorothy Kilgallen and the "New York Journal-American." Mr. Rankin will confirm this request in writing.

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### ACTION:

In view of the specific request made by the President's Commission, Dallas and New York are being instructed by teletype attached to expeditiously conduct the desired investigation.

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### BACKGROUND:

On June 7, 1964, Chief Justice Warren and members of the President's Commission proceeded to Dallas where they interviewed Ruby in the Dallas County Jail. Present at this interview in addition to the Chief Justice were Congressman Gerald R. Ford; Chief Counsel J. Lee Rankin; Elmer W. Moore, special agent of the Secret Service; Joseph H. Ball, staff counsel; Arlen Specter; Robert G. Storey, counsel; Leon Jaworski, counsel; Jim Bowie, Assistant District Attorney; Joe H. Tonahill; Sheriff Bill Decker; E. L. Holman, Chief Jailer; Orville Smith Deputy Sheriff; and Helen Lairdich, a court reporter who recorded the interview for the Commission.

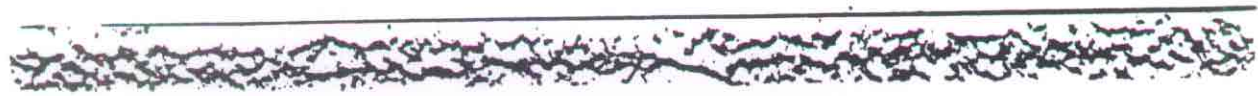
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: JACK L. RUBY, AKA;

The Bureau took no part whatever in setting up this interview and no Bureau personnel were present when the interview was conducted. During the course of the interview Ruby reportedly insisted that he be given a polygraph examination and the Chief Justice assured him that this would be done. The Bureau was subsequently requested by the Commission to conduct the polygraph examination. We advised the Commission in writing of the pitfalls, legal and otherwise, connected with affording Ruby a polygraph examination under the circumstances and that to do so would be contrary to standard Bureau procedures controlling the use of the polygraph but stated that we would conduct the polygraph examination if the Chief Justice still desired us to do so.

On July 13, 1964, at the Commission's request we conducted the polygraph examination. Immediately thereafter stories appeared in the Dallas papers setting forth questions which had been asked of Ruby and also his answers and by letter dated July 30, 1964, the Commission requested that we conduct an investigation to determine how these questions and answers came into possession of the newspapers. The investigation has been conducted and the results submitted to the Commission by letter dated 8/19/64 with the exception of the interview of the court reporter who recorded the polygraph examination who is currently on vacation in Nassau, Bahamas. She will be interviewed promptly when available. The investigation resulted in denial by all persons present that they had divulged the information to news media and officials of the newspaper who printed the story refused to divulge the source of their information.

It is noted that a transcript of the interview of Ruby on June 7, 1964, was made available to the Bureau headquarters for the purpose of assisting us in preparing the necessary questions for the polygraph examination which was later afforded Ruby on 7/18/64. This transcript has not been reviewed by or furnished to any field office or anyone outside of Bureau headquarters.



8/20/64

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TO SACS, DALLAS (44-1639)  
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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-24016) - 1946

JACK L. RUBY, AKA; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA DASH VICTIM, CR.

WITH REGARD TO THE COPYRIGHT STORY BY COLUMNIST DOROTHY  
KILGALLEN WHICH APPEARED IN THE QUOTE NEW YORK JOURNAL DASH  
AMERICAN UNQUOTE ON AUGUST EIGHTEEN LAST PURPORTING TO BE ACTUAL  
WORD FOR WORD TESTIMONY OF RUBY BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION  
ON JUNE SEVEN LAST, THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION HAS SPECIFICALLY  
REQUESTED THAT WE CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE HOW THE  
TRANSCRIPT OF THE INTERVIEW CAME INTO POSSESSION OF DOROTHY  
KILGALLEN AND THE QUOTE NEW YORK JOURNAL DASH AMERICAN UNQUOTE.

THE TRANSCRIPT OF THIS INTERVIEW REFLECTS THOSE PRESENT AS  
CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN; CONGRESSMAN GERALD R. FORD; J. LEE RANKIN,  
GENERAL COUNSEL; ELMER W. MOORE, SPECIAL AGENT, U.S. SECRET SERVICE;  
JOSEPH A. BALL, STAFF COUNSEL; ARLEN SPECTER, STAFF COUNSEL;  
ROBERT G. STOREY, COUNSEL; LEON JAWORSKI, COUNSEL; JIM BOWIE,  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY; JOE H. TONAHILL, COUNSEL REPRESENTING  
JACK RUBY; SHERIFF BILL DECKER; E. L. HOLMAN, CHIEF JAILER;

- Tolson
- DeLoach
- Mohr
- Bishop
- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
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NOTE: See memo Rosen to Belmont, same caption, dated 8/20/64,  
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*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

TELETYPE TO DALLAS AND NEW YORK  
RE: JACK L. RUBY, AKA;

ORVILL SMITH, DEPUTY SHERIFF; AND HELEN LAIDRICH, REPORTER.  
THERE WERE NO BUREAU PERSONNEL PRESENT OR CONNECTED WITH THIS  
INTERVIEW. IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT DALLAS AND NEW YORK WILL  
INSTITUTE AN EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION TO OBTAIN THE DESIRED  
INFORMATION. THE INVESTIGATION MUST INCLUDE A THOROUGH INTERVIEW  
OF ALL PERSONS PRESENT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PERSONNEL OF THE  
PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ITSELF. NEW YORK WILL INTERVIEW DOROTHY  
KILGALLEN AND APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE QUOTE NEW YORK JOURNAL  
DASH AMERICAN UNQUOTE. ANY LEADS NECESSARY TO LOCATE THESE  
PERSONS AND ANY LOGICAL LEADS ARISING FROM THE INTERVIEWS MUST  
BE SET OUT BY TELETYPE AND HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY. ADVISE ALL  
PERSONS INTERVIEWED THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED AT  
THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE ASSASSINATION  
OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. SUBMIT RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION BY  
LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
COMMISSION NO LATER THAN AUGUST TWENTY SIX NEXT.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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