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9-49 AM CST URGENT 3-20-64 WF

TO DIRECTOR (44-24016) AND HOUSTON (44-939)
FROM DALLAS (44-1639) 2 P

JACK L. RUBY, AKA. LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. CR.

NEWSPAPERS MARCH NINETEEN AND TWENTY REFLECT RUBY FAMILY
HAS ENGAGED PERCY FOREMAN, WIDELY KNOWN HOUSTON, TEXAS, CRIMINAL
DEFENSE ATTORNEY AS CHIEF DEFENSE COUNSEL TO SUCCEED MELVIN BELLI
WHO HAS BEEN FIRED. PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT JOE A. TONAHILL,
JASPER, TEXAS AND PHIL BURLESON, DALLAS, WILL CONTINUE ON DEFENSE
STAFF, AT LEAST AS TO MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL.

ONLY RECORDED CONTACTS OF DALLAS OFFICE WITH FOREMAN WERE
IN CONNECTION WITH HIS REPRESENTATION OF JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO,
AKA, TOP HOODLUM WHO ATTENDED APPALACHIN MEETING, BUFILE NINETY TWO
DASH NINE EIGHT TWO FOUR, HOUSTON NINETY TWO DASH ONE NINE TWO.
REPORT OF SA MILTON L. NEWSOM, MAY TWENTYNINE, SIXTYONE, IN CIVELLO
CASE REFLECTS BACKGROUND INFO RELATIVE TO FOREMAN, PAGES NINE
AND TEN, IN SUBSTANCE THAT FOREMAN HAS BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL
IN OBTAINING ACQUITTALS IN CAPITAL CASES, IS REPORTEDLY WEALTHY,
DESCRIBED AS "BIG BLOWHARD" AND HAS REPUTATION OF POSSIBLE UN

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ETHICAL PRACTICES.

HOUSTON ADVISE BUREAU AND DALLAS OF ANY ADDITIONAL INFO OF
POSSIBLE PERTINENCE AND SPECIFICALLY ANY DETAILS REFLECTING
SUBVERSIVE CONNOTATIONS.

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