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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A review of Special Agent Manning C. Clements' report of November 30, 1963, at pages 195 through 198, suggests the existence of a file containing information about Jack E. Ruby collected by your Bureau prior to November 22, 1963. This assumption is based upon various pieces of intelligence data intermittently filed as early as May 1963.

The Commission would appreciate receiving a report on the information relating to Ruby which may have been in your possession prior to November 22, 1963.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in the work of this Commission.

Sincerely,

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J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

cc: Mr. Rankin  
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Mr. Shaffer

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 27, 1964

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
The President's Commission  
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast  
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In reply to your letter of February 25, 1964, please be advised that the information set forth as background information at pages 155 through 159 of the report of Special Agent Manning C. Clements dated November 30, 1963, was obtained through a search of all files in the Dallas Office wherein references to Jack L. Ruby appeared. All available information concerning Jack Ruby contained in the Dallas files is set forth in the report.

For your information, Ruby was contacted by an Agent of the Dallas Office on March 11, 1959, in view of his position as a night club operator who might have knowledge of the criminal element in Dallas. He was advised of the Bureau's jurisdiction in criminal matters, and he expressed a willingness to furnish information along these lines. He was subsequently contacted on eight occasions between March 11, 1959, and October 2, 1959, but furnished no information whatever and further contacts with him were discontinued. Ruby was never paid money, and he was never at any time an informant of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

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cc: Hubert Chron  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of February 27, 1964, in reply to mine  
to you of February 25, 1964 relative to the fact that pages 145 through  
169 of the Clematis Report dated November 23, 1963 indicate that  
there may be other files in the FBI on Jack Ruby.

We did not intend that the request made in our letter of  
February 25, 1964, be restricted to information concerning Ruby  
contained in the Dallas FBI files. We would like to have copies  
of all records of interviews with Ruby contained in all FBI records;  
and also all copies of records of interviews of other persons, at all  
places including Dallas, at any time, wherein Ruby is mentioned. These  
records of course do not include any material obtained after November 23,  
1963.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 7, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
The President's Commission  
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast  
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In response to your letter of March 3, 1964, a thorough search was made of all FBI records. Copies of all of the records located wherein mention is made of Ruby prior to November 23, 1963, have been prepared and are being forwarded to you. These copies are verbatim copies of the original source material with the exception of those instances wherein it was necessary to conceal the identity of a confidential source. The items enclosed are listed below as follows:

Item 1. Information indicating that in March, 1962, Ruby was the owner of the Carousel Club. This information was developed in connection with a survey of crime conditions in the Dallas Division.

Item 2. Information obtained from a confidential source during the course of an investigation concerning Ralph Eugene Young which related to a possible violation of the Atomic Energy Act. The investigation was conducted in 1950.

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Item 3. Information furnished by Bunny Breen, whose true name is Eileen Curry, which was obtained on March 18, 1956. This information was the basis for the statement in the report of Special Agent Manning C. Clements at Dallas dated November 30, 1963, page 155, that Jack Ruby was known to be an associate of Eileen Curry.

Item 4. Information obtained from Lieutenant Jack Revill, Dallas Police Department, on July 9, 1959, wherein Jack Ruby is set forth as operator of the Vegas Club.

Item 5. Information obtained from a confidential source on September 7, 1961, with reference to one Bethel Kramer's obtaining a job at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club.

Item 6. An interview with Jean Bostick on September 25, 1961.

Item 7. An interview with Mrs. Sue Brown on November 13, 1962.

Item 8. Information submitted by Special Agent Ralph J. Miles concerning his observation of Ruby on August 11, 1953, and information furnished to him by Vincent Lee of the American Guild of Variety Artists.

Item 9. Information obtained from a confidential source on May 31, 1961, wherein Ruby is referred to as the owner of the Carousel Club.

Item 10. The description of Jack L. Ruby which was obtained when he was contacted by Special Agent Charles W. Flynn on March 11, 1959.

As you were previously advised in my letter of February 27, 1964, Ruby was contacted by an Agent of the Dallas Office on March 11, 1959, in view of his position as a night club operator who might have knowledge of the criminal element. He was advised of the Bureau's jurisdiction in criminal matters and he expressed a willingness to furnish information. He was subsequently contacted by an Agent on April 28, June 5 and 18, July 7 and 21, August 6 and 31, and October 2, 1959. He did not furnish any information and further contacts with him were discontinued.

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These contacts were recorded only by date along with notations indicating Ruby had not furnished any information. There is no information recorded that was furnished by Ruby in connection with any of these contacts. Ruby was never paid any money and he was never, at any time, an informant of this Bureau.

As you will note, the information pertaining strictly to Ruby was excerpted from the above-listed items and furnished to you in the report of Special Agent Manning C. Clements at Dallas dated November 30, 1963. As the items basically contain information pertaining to other unrelated investigative matters much of which was furnished to this Bureau in confidence, it is requested that the President's Commission continue to maintain this information in the same confidence that it was initially furnished.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

Enclosures (10)

## Item 10

Jack L. Ruby was contacted by Special Agent Charles W. Flynn on March 11, 1959, at which time the following description of Jack L. Ruby was obtained through observation of the Agent and this interview. No additional information was furnished by Ruby.

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Name:                       | Jack Ruby, also known as Jack Leon Ruby, Jack Rubenstein  |
| Race:                       | White   |
| Sex:                        | Male  |
| Born:                       | March 25, 1911, Chicago, Illinois   |
| Height:                     | 5'9"  |
| Weight:                     | 194   |
| Build:                      | Heavy   |
| Hair:                       | Brown   |
| Eyes:                       | Brown   |
| Complexion:                 | Medium  |
| Fingerprint classification: | 19 L 9 U OIN 7<br>M 1 U OII 6,<br>fingerprinted Dallas, Texas, Police Department, their number 36398, charged with investigation violation State Liquor Law (returned from FBI Identification Division, August 6, 1959, revealed no previous fingerprint record nor FBI number assigned). |
| Credit information:         | Ruby is shown to have been on file with Dallas Credit Bureau since September, 1950, and has an unsatisfactory credit rating.  |
| Military service:           | Claimed previous service with U. S. Air Force, 1943 to 1946, not confirmed.   |
| Associates:                 | James Robert Todd   |
| FBI Number:                 | 1805883   |
| Dallas PD Number:           | 22255   |

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Remarks:  
Residence:

Known Dallas area criminal  
4560 Hawthorn Street,  
Dallas, Texas, in March,  
1959.

Occupation:

Operated Vegas Club, 3508  
Oak Lawn, Dallas, during  
1959.