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Los Angeles, California	11/29/63 - 11/30/63

INVESTIGATION MADE BY

SAIC Guy H. Spaman & SA Darwin D. Horn

DETAILS

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On the afternoon of November 29, 1963, SAIC Spaman received a phone call from a man who said he was Irving Cassidy. Mr. Cassidy said that he had just visited Harry Hall in Terminal Island Federal Reformatory, Los Angeles, and Mr. Hall asked that Mr. Cassidy call SAIC Spaman to tell him that Harry Hall had information concerning Jack Ruby from Dallas, Texas, and would like to talk with the Secret Service.

Harry Hall was an informant for the Los Angeles Office several years ago, giving information which resulted in the seizure of a counterfeiting plant. He has since given information to the Intelligence Division of the Treasury and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Harry Hall is serving a sentence of 30 months in Terminal Island for defrauding boxing promoter Truman Gibson of a large sum of money. His confidence scheme involved forging United States Attorney Francis Whelan's signature and other fraudulent Federal papers resulting in his conviction in Federal Court after an investigation by the FBI.

On the same date SA Horn interviewed Harry Hall at Terminal Island Reformatory in the presence of a prison official. Hall stated that he had had business dealings with Jack Ruby and was well acquainted with him, but advised SA Horn that he did not want to talk in the reformatory in the presence of witnesses, but would talk to SAIC Spaman if he could be taken out of Terminal Island to the Secret Service Office.

On November 30, 1963, SAIC Spaman discussed this matter with Inspector Kelley at Dallas, Texas, advising Inspector Kelley that Harry Hall had been of assistance to other agencies in addition to the Secret Service, and that his information in many cases had been reliable.

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SAIC Spaman discussed with Inspector Kelley the advisability of interviewing Hall with an FBI agent, inasmuch as the FBI had been in close contact with Hall recently, and Hall was in the custody of the Department of Justice. Inspector Kelley agreed to this procedure. SAIC Spaman then made arrangements with SAC William Simon, FBI, Los Angeles, for SA William Knowland, FBI, to meet with Spaman at Terminal Island.

On November 30, 1963, SAIC Spaman and SA Knowland, FBI, interviewed Harry Hall at Terminal Island without prison officials being present. Hall stated that around 1950 to 1952 his Uncle, Marty Fields, introduced him to Jack Ruby in Dallas, Texas. At that time Ruby ran a small cheap bar and night club in Dallas. Harry Hall had checked into a Dallas Hotel using the alias of Harry Sinclair, Jr. and was looking for high stake gambling games to get into or to place bets on football games or horse races.

His method of operation at that time was to use the name of a well known person and ingratiate himself with persons with money. He would then make bets or gamble putting over fictitious checks if he lost and leaving town. Ruby on occasion provided Hall with a bankroll and introduced him to likely victims, with Ruby taking 40% of any deal while Hall collected 60%. Ruby's cut was because he was supposed to have influence with the police, so that he would have no worry about any gambling arrest.

Hall said that during this period through influential people, he was able to meet in Dallas, he was able to place bets with a bookie in Montreal by telephone, winning about $5,000. Ruby and Hall then went to Chicago enroute to Montreal to collect their winnings, but Ruby remained in Chicago while Hall went to Montreal and collected the money, returning to join Ruby in Chicago.

At that time Ruby was staying at the Devonshire Hotel on the near north side in Chicago, while Hall stayed at the Palmer House. During their stay in Chicago Ruby visited and seemed quite friendly with a man who had a store which sold what Hall called "schlox" meaning off-brand merchandise similar to expensive appliances, etc. This man's store was located on the west side of State street in the middle of the block south of Grand. This man was supposed to be able to get for a person any type of merchandise that a person wanted. Hall did not know what Ruby's dealings were with this man. They returned to Dallas by way of Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Ruby seemed to have good connections in gambling circles, and Shreveport, Louisiana, where Ruby had similar good connections.

Hall stated that there was a Texas millionaire named Bill Byers, who came from Byers, Texas, who was friendly with two other Texas millionaires named Murchison and Mahaddy. Bill Byers circulated between Texas and Los Angeles. Ruby knew that Byers carried large sums of money with him and wanted Hall, who also knew Byers, to find out when Byers would be alone. Ruby said he had a couple of men who would hold Byers up without injuring him, and that Ruby and Hall could divide whatever

money Byers had. Hall said he did not go through with this deal, but he heard later that Byers was robbed while at the Del Charro Hotel, La Jolla, California. This hotel is owned by Mr. Murchison.

Hall further stated that some time during this period, while he was going under the name of Harry Sinclair, Jr. or Ed Bayley, Jr., he met H. L. Hunt, another Texas millionaire; that he and Ruby bet Hunt on the Cotton Bowl and Rose Bowl games, winning a large sum of money from Hunt, which they split.

Hall stated that also during this time he and Ruby came to Los Angeles and Ruby continued to San Francisco, where he said he was going to see one "Story" and "Solly" or "Hecky" Schuman on some deal. These men were supposed to be known racketeers or gamblers in San Francisco. Hall stated that one time when he was associating with Ruby, he recalls that Ruby said that he was going to Florida to buy a load of "contraband" to send to Israel. Hall said that Ruby was the type who was interested in any way to make money and seemed to have good contacts with the police. He said that he could not conceive of Ruby doing anything out of patriotism.

Hall further stated that he was acquainted with one Eugenia Elson, who is a manicurist at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Los Angeles. He said she has a son, Eugene, who is 8 or 9 years old. She was born in Russia and formerly lived in Dallas, being married to a wealthy Dallas man whom she has since divorced. Hall stated that this woman, he believed, had some Russian friends in Dallas. He said he knew of no connection between her and Ruby.

Hall stated that he was sentenced to State Reformatory, Chino, California, in 1955 for checks, being released in 1956. He said all of the above information related to events before that time; that he had no dealings or no contact with Ruby since 1955. However, he stated that he was close enough to Ruby so that if he were permitted to talk to Ruby he believed he could persuade him to tell the whole story.

SA Knowland stated that the information he secured at this joint questioning of Hall would be teletyped to their Dallas Office.

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10/25/69

Mr. Paul Rothermel
The Hunt Oil Co.,
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Dallas, Texas

Dear Paul,

Here is the document about which I wrote you recently. I regret the copy is poor, but it is, actually, more legible than the original xerox. I have learned now to bring them out a little better by over-exposing the xerox in a 3-M copier. I regret I cannot afford a better machine, for then some of these really poor documents might be better improved. However, I think you'll have no trouble making it out.

This is from Commission File 87 (They call the files "documents", hence "CD87"). It is further identified as Secret Service Control No. 454.

I particularly direct your attention to the first full paragraph of the third page. You will notice Ruby's alleged connection with Mr. Hunt is underscored. This was in the original or in whatever was copied on the file xerox copy.

I have been more or less keeping an eye out for what might interest you, as I also asked Gary to do. However, it occurs to me you might want a more complete check made. I've never looked your man up. This would mean asking for everything on him in the "name file". There might be one on him, there might not be. The list is not public, not available as a list. I'd just ask for everything on him. If you'd like me to do this, please let me know. Also Bunker? Any others?

They have just halved the charge to 10¢ a sheet. If there are not many, I'd forget about it. However, if it involves numerous pages, I would appreciate it if you could return the cost. I cannot exaggerate how bad our finances are.

I doubt if even a large file would represent an extensive cost to you. If you would like to have as close as we can get to everything, you will have most of it. I could then make a list and, if I see anything else, get that as each arises or is seen.

Hurriedly,

Harold Weisberg

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