

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE
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Held At

Dallas, Texas

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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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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
CIVIL RIGHTS

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.

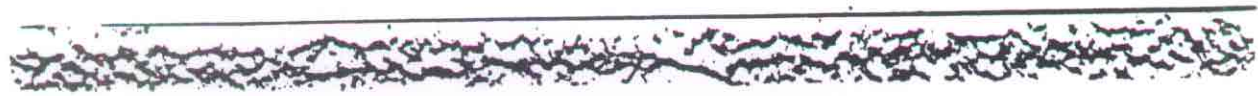
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: JACK L. RUBY, AKA;

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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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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TO SACS, DALLAS (44-1639)
NEW YORK (44-974)

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
- DeLoach
- Evans
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NOTE: See memo Rosen to Belmont, same caption, dated 8/20/64,
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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
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

AUG 20 1964

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