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MEMORANDUM

To: J. Lee Rankin  
From: Charles N. Shaffer, Jr.

I have this date been informed that Richard M. Nixon was in Dallas, Texas, on November 21, the day before the assassination of our late President, in connection with a speaking engagement before a bottlers' convention, and while in Dallas was registered at a hotel under a fictitious name. This information, while interesting, really has no relevancy to the Commission's inquiry. Its importance seems to be in showing the type of information which is available to us.

Through the same source, who states he has recently spoken with various police officials in Dallas, I have recently been informed:

- (1) Ruby gained entry into the Dallas Police Station with the consent and knowledge of a specific but unnamed police officer.
- (2) Oswald, on at least one occasion, was arrested in Dallas by the City Police and had on his person a piece of paper bearing a telephone number concerning which Oswald was reluctant to furnish information and finally passed it off as belonging to some girl friend. The telephone number, however, was subsequently checked out by the arresting officials and belonged to an employee of a well known government agency.
- (3) Certain officials of the Dallas Police feel that the investigation inquiring into a possible assassination plot has not been as extensive as it should be. In connection with this, our source has been given the name "Doc Marino" as a person who should be checked out further as possibly being the connecting link between Ruby and Oswald. I have discussed this name with Mr. Hubert, who tells me that the investigation to date has turned up a "Doc" (last name unknown), but no Marino. I am preparing a letter for your signature to the Bureau requesting an indices check on this individual.
- (4) The thinking among the police and investigator types in Dallas now is that our late President was not assassinated through an international or Communist plot, but rather through the efforts of the underworld. As this thinking is explained to me, it is apparent that their assessment of Ruby and their ascription to him of an executioner type role causes members of that group to draw this conclusion.