

To Mr. Bresson from Harold Weisberg re:  
Newark 105-15291 -156ff

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It was the Newark office's conclusion that the "information" had no connection with the assassination of President Kennedy. I agree. But with the passing of time there are other, historical interests. Among these are what might be called disinformation. I am confident that someone in the FBI has watched the House assassins committee closely and has observed the influence of such claims on it.

This record is almost an exact duplicate of public domain information that evolved during and after one of my earlier radio broadcasts in Washington, on WWDC, when a man using the name Harry McBurney called me and later was in touch with me several times by phone. Once he stopped off in Frederick to speak to me in person. Since then I have neither seen nor heard from him.

As I recall it he told me he lived in Cherry Hill, which is near Camden, and told me I could get in touch with him through a lawyer on Broad Street, Philadelphia. This also parallels the cited records. I could check dead files for this information and information he volunteered about the woman, most of which was broadcast. This includes a characterization of her, as I recall it, her profession and how well he knew her. Again, exactly as in these records.

From recollection he said she gave him the name Gigi Shufer and said she danced under the name Cochise. Also from recollection, and I'm not entirely certain of this, he said she told him that Oswald fired her for Ruby. I believe he also referred to a tape. After more than a decade I can't be certain.

He said he was calling from his mother's home in Kensington on the broadcast. He told me he was at the Charlestown race track when he phoned for the meeting. He also told me he has real estate interests.

In more recent years there was a similar story by a woman who used the name Shari Angel. The House committee went for that one after it appeared in the Dallas press.

These disinformations have historical importance now. While the cited Newark records are of no personal interest to me if they relate to the same matter then there is no basis for the claim to exemption and I would like the records I leave for the future to reflect

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the persistence of the McBurney-"Shufer" disinformation. By this I mean that except for other names there is no privacy to protect, no only source and no confidential source.

If this information is identical to that of the Newark records but relates to other persons then of course I respect the privacy claim.

On the other hand, if it is one and the same disinformation I would like the historical record to be clear.

The matter is of no literary interest to me.

On the chance you would prefer a formal appeal I am sending a copy to Mr. Shea but I would prefer not to burden the machinery without need.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hawthorne", is written in the lower right quadrant of the page.

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEWARK (62- )

DATE: 10/5/65

FROM : SA RAYMOND B. BYRNE

SUBJECT: ~~ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY~~ *Lee Harvey Oswald* 15-12 - Cuba  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 9/23/65, [redacted], telephone number [redacted] appeared at the Camden Resident Agency and was interviewed by the writer. He advised that he is employed [redacted] Camden, N.J.

[redacted] stated that on Thursday, 9/9/65, he was in Atlantic City, N.J., during the week of the Miss America Pageant. He entered the [redacted] located at [redacted] approximately 10:00 p.m., at which time he observed a woman customer in the bar. It was his belief at that time, which he later determined through her conversation to be true, that she was a prostitute, and that this was the location where she met her customers. He advised that he did not know the correct name of this person, but that she was well known to everybody in the bar, and that they called her [redacted] or [redacted]. He described her as follows:

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- Age
- Height
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- Hair
- Build
- Complexion
- Attitude

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[redacted] stated he became acquainted with [redacted] at the bar and talked with her for a short time that evening, during which time he bought her approximately three or four drinks. During this time she talked about her general background and spent about two hours with [redacted] discussing her background and activities. b7C

[redacted] stated that he returned to the [redacted] on Friday night, September 10, and again met [redacted] and was with her in the bar from approximately 11:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. He stated they went from the [redacted] to Rockie Castellani's in Atlantic City, and that he left her at 6:00 a.m., at which time she was in the company of two wrestlers. During their conversation at the [redacted] on Friday evening, [redacted] stated that she had worked as a strip-tease dancer in various locations around the country. During the conversation she mentioned that she had been employed as a stripper in JACK RUBY's Bar, The Carousel in Texas shortly before the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. She stated at this time that, "JACK RUBY was a communist and I hope they hang the (obscene)." She continued at this time and stated that OSWALD and JACK RUBY were acquainted with each other and that the assassination of President KENNEDY was planned by them; that RUBY shot OSWALD to shut him up and that there are "big people" behind RUBY and they are going to get RUBY released from prison. b7C

[redacted] advised that during this conversation [redacted] was drinking heavily, but did not appear to be intoxicated at any time. b7C

[redacted] stated that on Sunday, September 12, he telephoned [redacted] at the [redacted] Atlantic City, N.J. and invited her to a party at his apartment in the [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] He stated that she joined him in the apartment on Sunday afternoon, and that also present in the apartment were two friends of his, [redacted] and [redacted] whom he became acquainted through [redacted] and who is from [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] He stated that at the party they had a tape recorder, and for purposes of amusement interviewed [redacted] on the pretext of being a radio interview and that from this interview and during this period additional conversation developed concerning her allegations concerning RUBY and OSWALD. b7C

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[redacted] stated that during this so called "interview" he asked her to repeat to his friends what she had told him about the assassination of President KENNEDY. She stated that although they had a tape recorder present he did not record her conversation originally at which time she stated that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had worked for RUBY in The Carousel Bar, and was a "manager of parts of this bar." She did not further discuss this alleged knowledge of OSWALD's activities, but did state that OSWALD was "on pills" at that time, but did not further describe those pills. During this conversation she again repeated that RUBY was a communist, and further stated that OSWALD had fired her and four other strippers from The Carousel Bar a few days before KENNEDY's assassination. She stated that one of the girls that was fired with her was BLAZE STARR. She told b7c [redacted] and his friends that she then went to Miami, and a few days later learned of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] did not state if she had ever discussed this with anyone else, or had ever reported it to officials. [redacted] stated that during this period b7c [redacted] was drinking constantly and consumed approximately four or five scotch drinks. He stated however, that she was not intoxicated.

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[redacted] stated that during this period she had removed her outer garments and was very gay, but denied that there was any sexual activity with her during this period. He described her as a very hyper-active personality and a manic type. He described her activity as "always speedy." He stated however that he considered her to be an intelligent person, who was familiar with a number of current topics.

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[redacted] stated that Sunday evening his two friends drove [redacted] back to Atlantic City, and dropped her at the [redacted] and he has not seen nor heard from her since. He advised that she lives in a hotel approximately one block from the [redacted] although he does not know the name of this hotel. He stated that it is his recollection that the name of the hotel begins with a "T". He stated that she could be easily contacted at the [redacted] since she is well b7c known to the management and the great majority of customers at the bar.

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[redacted] advised that he was unable to offer any opinion of the mental status of [redacted] stating only that he considered her to be an intelligent person, but did not know if she was suffering from any mental disturbance of any kind. He was unable to account for her failure to apparently report her information to authorities previous to this time.

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[redacted] stated that he had advised his lawyer [redacted] of this b7D information, who advised him that he intended to call ARLEN SPECTOR who served on the Warren Commission as a general counsel and who is the current Republican candidate for District Attorney in Philadelphia, Pa. He stated that he has heard nothing further from his attorney, and that he had personally called a friend in Los Angeles, [redacted] a radio personality in the Los Angeles area who is well known for engaging in controversial topics. He stated he called [redacted] on this Sunday evening after being with [redacted] all day, and that [redacted] indicated that he would bring this matter to the attention of MELVIN BELLI the attorney for JACK RUBY in his murder trial in Dallas, Texas. He stated he has heard nothing further from [redacted] regarding this alleged contact with BELLI. b7C

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[redacted] advised that he was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the information furnished by [redacted] and stated that the only information he could give concerning the manner in which she could be contacted would be an attempt to contact her through the [redacted] in Atlantic City, N.J.

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AT ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY. Will attempt to locate and interview [redacted] aka [redacted] through the [redacted] to obtain details concerning the information b7C b7D which she allegedly furnished to [redacted] regarding activities of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEWARK [redacted] 870

DATE: 10/25/65

FROM : SA ROBERT L. TAGG

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SUBJECT: [redacted] 870  
PCI

Dates of Contact [redacted] 870	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
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Purpose and results of contact	
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<p>The informant said she had learned the girl known to her as [redacted] has returned to Atlantic City, NJ. She advised that she had not determined where [redacted] is living, but she said, [redacted] is spending most of her time in the [redacted] and can be located at this bar. b7C</p> <p style="text-align: center;">te</p>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>Very good</b>
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# Memorandum

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FROM : SA ROBERT L. TAGG

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7D  
PCI

DATE: 10/21/65

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Dates of Contact	
Titles and File # [redacted] b7D	
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-CUBA	105-15291

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The informant advised she had learned the full name of the prostitute who was hanging out in the [redacted] and using the name of [redacted] is [redacted]. She stated she had not been able to obtain a home address for this girl, but that she claimed to live at 10th and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The informant also advised she had learned that [redacted] occupied room [redacted] at the [redacted] Atlantic City, New Jersey, from 7/23/65, until the week of 10/4/65, at which time she left the hotel leaving her clothing in the room. The informant will be alert for any additional information concerning [redacted].

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEWARK (105-15291) (C)

FROM : SA RAYMOND B. BYRNE

SUBJECT: ~~LEE HARVEY OSWALD~~  
IS-R-CUBA

DATE: 12/2/65

Re memo of SA RAYMOND S. BYRNE, 10/5/65.

On 11/8/65, [redacted], no permanent address, <sup>b7c</sup>  
was interviewed at the Camden Resident Agency by <sup>b7D</sup>  
SAS MARTIN J. GASS and RAYMOND S. BYRNE.

Arrangements for this interview were made through the cooperation of [redacted] who had originally appeared at the Camden Resident Agency on 9/23/65, to furnish information concerning this person and her possible knowledge of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. [redacted] advised during early November, 1965, that the individual whom he had mentioned, who he identified as [redacted] who is now living at the [redacted]. He stated he could make arrangements for her to appear at the Camden Resident Agency to be interviewed by FBI agents, and that he would be willing to do so in order to clarify information which he had previously furnished during interview at the Camden Resident Agency. <sup>b7c</sup>  
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On 11/8/65, [redacted] was interviewed at the Camden Resident Agency. She advised she is also known as [redacted] and the [redacted]. She identified herself as a stripper and entertainer who has worked in various night clubs and "strip joints" in Atlanta, Ga., Miami, Fla., Atlantic City, NJ, Philadelphia, Pa., Baltimore, Md., New Orleans, La., and Tampa, Fla. She stated she has worked as a stripper for the last two and one-half years and also stated that since she left home at the age of 16 she has worked as a hostess, entertainer, Bunny girl, supervisor for a magazine sale crew, strip tease artist, singer and cocktail waitress. <sup>b7c</sup>  
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Observation of this individual and the description of work which she claimed she has performed indicated strongly that she was primarily a prostitute who has utilized these other descriptions of jobs as a cover up for her activity as a prostitute.

She advised she was born [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] She stated she had left home at the age of 16 and gone to Atlanta, Ga. and subsequently traveled around the country b7D doing various jobs as previously described.

[REDACTED] refused to identify any member of her family, her current residence, or her personal history other than the nature of her previous employments. When questioned as to if she had ever worked in Dallas, Tex., or the vicinity of the Carousel Night Club in that city, she immediately became very petulant and refused to furnish any information concerning possible activity on her part in that city. She became very upset at [REDACTED] at this time and immediately accused him of having furnished confidential information to the FBI. b7C b7D

During interview [REDACTED] appeared to be very emotionally unstable and extremely difficult to interview. She became extremely petulant, as previously noted, when questioned concerning any knowledge she might have of activity in Dallas, Tex., and refused to state if she had ever been in that city. She denied knowledge in any manner of any of the circumstances surrounding the death of President KENNEDY and denied that she had ever stated that she knew JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD. b7C b7D

Observation of [REDACTED] during interview indicated that although she did not appear to be mentally incompetent in any fashion, she did appear to be a very unstable individual. It does not appear that she has any information concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY and that any information she had allegedly furnished to [REDACTED] prior to this time, was public-source information and that she was merely utilizing this as a come on for any individual who had expressed an interest in her alleged knowledge of this assassination. b7C b7D

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In view of the results of this interview, it is not felt this information should be disseminated since it is obvious, based on interview of this individual, that she does not have any knowledge concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY and refuses to discuss any allegations she had previously made concerning this incident.

It is recommended that no additional investigation be conducted in this matter in view of the obvious unstable nature of the individual involved.