

The volume seemed to increase after it became known that Ruby, imprisoned in the Dallas County jail, was dying of cancer.

On March 7, 1964, Deputy FBI Director Rosen reported in a memo that 3,357 interviews had been conducted into Ruby's background and the slaying of Oswald, and that there was no evidence that Ruby had conspired with anyone before the shooting.

The Warren Commission accepted the FBI's conclusion in its own report of Sept. 27, 1964, but the tips continued, and the FBI kept on amassing new volumes of documents on Ruby.

A waitress in a Chicago restaurant, for example, was the subject of a lengthy report from Chicago FBI agents because Ruby had apparently dined there once in the summer of 1963 and attempted to "get her a screen test if she desired."

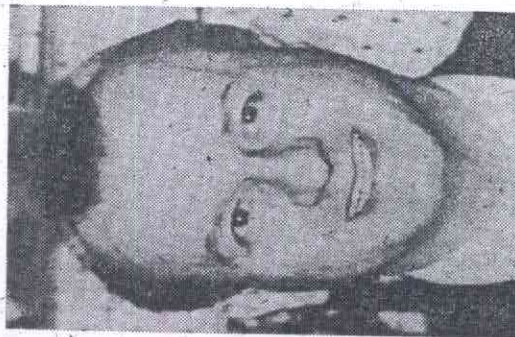
In lavish detail, the report told how Ruby had suggested the waitress resembled Elizabeth Taylor, and that he had telephoned her several times from Dallas offering to help pay her way through college if only she would go to Texas to meet him.

In other instances, the FBI recorded detailed interviews with people who appeared to have been nothing more than one-time patrons at Ruby's nightclubs. In many cases, the bureau followed up the patrons' innocuous statements with background investigations of the persons interviewed.

The documents also contain allegations of curious voyeuristic sexual interests on the part of Ruby.

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The investigation of Jack Ruby's shadowy background and dancehall associations seemed to be boundless, even long after the Warren Commission had concluded that Ruby acted alone in killing Oswald . . .

George Gardner told me on 12/9/77 that after the appearance of their first story, which had a page-one picture of Ruby shooting Oswald, the Post received a large number of calls from people who insisted that Ruby did not shoot Oswald. I found myself wondering if these calls were inspired. Like the FBI trying to convince the Post that only nuts have interest in news accounts of the FBI's records. (The Post's accounts are largely of the FBI, not of the assassination.)