

Other Individuals and Organizations Date December 10, 1963  
 Other Individuals Involved or interviewed

1

JOHN COPORAN, News Director, WDSU-TV, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that WDSU-TV, shortly after the assassination of President KENNEDY, received a series of anonymous type calls linking DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Mr. COPORAN stated that through inquiry with the New Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, he also determined that that agency was conducting inquiries regarding DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE's activities and subsequently he interviewed FERRIE at the New Orleans Police Department, First District, where he had been placed in custody by the District Attorney's Office. Mr. COPORAN stated he developed considerable background information which included information that FERRIE was interested in hypnotism, but found no information which would in any way connect FERRIE with OSWALD, except pure speculation.

Mr. COPORAN advised that a TV news report from Dallas had alleged that an entertainer whose name he, COPORAN, did not recall, had been quoted as stating that OSWALD had been seen in the night club operated by JACK RUBY. COPORAN recalled the news story had reported that the night club entertainer was a mind reader or had a mind reading act. COPORAN advised that he furnished the news story regarding DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE to NBC News in New York with the comment that he did not believe it worthy of additional news coverage and to his knowledge the story had never been carried by NBC news staff on a national program.

COPORAN advised that subsequent to his interview with DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE, he, COPORAN, talked with BOB MULEHOLLAND of the NBC News who was in Dallas, Texas, covering the OSWALD news story and he, COPORAN, commented to MULEHOLLAND on the TV news report that a night club entertainer had alleged that OSWALD had been in the night club operated by RUBY. COPORAN stated that he and MULEHOLLAND speculated as to the possibility that the night club entertainer and DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE of New Orleans could have had a mutual connection; however, this was pure speculation and he was merely tying in his knowledge of FERRIE based upon his interview with him

583

On 12/10/63 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 44-2064  
 by SA REGIS L. KENNEDY /cjo Date dictated 12/10/63

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

205

191

NO 44-2064 /cjo

2

on November 25th or 26th, 1963, and the news report that COPORAN stated he heard involved a mind reading act at RUBY's night club.

JOHN COPORAN advised that he had no knowledge of any connection between DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE and LEE HARVEY OSWALD and had no knowledge of any connection between DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE and JACK RUBY or DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE and BILL DEMAR. He stated he had no knowledge of any connection between LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY or BILL DEMAR.

COPORAN confirmed that his discussion with BOB MULHOLLAND of the NBC news staff in Dallas, Texas, was mere speculation on his part in an effort to develop a possible connection between these individuals.

192

584

205