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9-49 AM CST URGENT 3-20-64 WF

TO DIRECTOR (44-24016) AND HOUSTON (44-939)  
FROM DALLAS (44-1639) 2 P

JACK L. RUBY, AKA. LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. CR.

NEWSPAPERS MARCH NINETEEN AND TWENTY REFLECT RUBY FAMILY  
HAS ENGAGED PERCY FOREMAN, WIDELY KNOWN HOUSTON, TEXAS, CRIMINAL  
DEFENSE ATTORNEY AS CHIEF DEFENSE COUNSEL TO SUCCEED MELVIN BELLI  
WHO HAS BEEN FIRED. PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT JOE A. TONAHILL,  
JASPER, TEXAS AND PHIL BURLESON, DALLAS, WILL CONTINUE ON DEFENSE  
STAFF, AT LEAST AS TO MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL.

ONLY RECORDED CONTACTS OF DALLAS OFFICE WITH FOREMAN WERE  
IN CONNECTION WITH HIS REPRESENTATION OF JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO,  
AKA, TOP HOODLUM WHO ATTENDED APPALACHIN MEETING, BUFILE NINETY TWO  
DASH NINE EIGHT TWO FOUR, HOUSTON NINETY TWO DASH ONE NINE TWO.  
REPORT OF SA MILTON L. NEWSOM, MAY TWENTYNINE, SIXTYONE, IN CIVELLO  
CASE REFLECTS BACKGROUND INFO RELATIVE TO FOREMAN, PAGES NINE  
AND TEN, IN SUBSTANCE THAT FOREMAN HAS BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL  
IN OBTAINING ACQUITTALS IN CAPITAL CASES, IS REPORTEDLY WEALTHY,  
DESCRIBED AS "BIG BLOWHARD" AND HAS REPUTATION OF POSSIBLE UN

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ETHICAL PRACTICES.

HOUSTON ADVISE BUREAU AND DALLAS OF ANY ADDITIONAL INFO OF  
POSSIBLE PERTINENCE AND SPECIFICALLY ANY DETAILS REFLECTING  
SUBVERSIVE CONNOTATIONS.

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