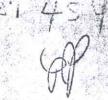
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DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

On the afternoon of November 29. 1963, SAIC Spamen received a phone call from a man who said he was Irving cassidy. Mr. Cassidy said that he had just visited Harry Hall in Terminal Island Federal Reformatory, Los Angeles, and Mr. Hall asked that Mr. Cassidy call SAIC Spamen to tell him that Harry Hall had information concerning Jack Ruby from Dallas, Texas, and would like to talk with the Secret Service.

Harry Hall was an informant for the Los Angeles Office several years ago, giving information which resulted in the seizure of a counterfeiting plant. He has since given information to the Intelligence Division of the Treasury and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Harry Hall is serving a sentence of 30 months in Terminal Island for defrauding boxing promoter Truman Wibson of a large sum of money. His confidence scheme involved forging United States Attorney Francis Thelan's signature and taker fraudulent Federal papers resulting in his conviction in Federal Court after an investigation by the FBI.

On the same date SA Horn interviewed Harry Hall at Terminal Island Reformatory in the presence of a prison official. Hall stated that he had had business bushings with Jack Ruby and was well acquainted with him, but advised SA Horn that he did not want to talk in the reformatory in the presence of witnesses, has would talk to SAIC Spaman if he could be taken out of Terminal Island to the perfect Service Office.

On November 30. 1963, SAIC Spaman discussed this matter with Inspector Tallor at Dallas, Texas, advising Inspector Kelley that Harry Hall had been of application to other agencies in addition to the Secret Service, and that his instantial in many cases had been reliable.

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SAIC Spaman discussed with Inspector Kelley the advisability of interviewing Hall with an FBI agent, inamuch as the FBI had been in close contact with Hall recently, and Hall was in the custody of the Department of Justice. Inspector Kelley agreed to this procedure. SAIC Spaman then made arrangements with SAC William Simon, FBI, Los Angeles, for SA William Knowland, FBI, to meet with Spaman at Terminal Island.

On November 30, 1963, SAIC Spaman and SA Knowland, FBI, interviewed Harry Hall at Terminal Island without prison officials being present. Hall stated that around 1950 to 1952 his Uncle, Marty Fields, introduced him to Jack Ruby in Dallas, Texas. At that time Ruby ran a small cheap bar and night club in Dallas. Harry Hall had checked into a Dallas Hotel using the alias of Harry Sinclair, Jr. and was looking for high stake gambling games to get into or to place bets on football games or horse races.

His method of operation at that time was to use the name of a well known person and ingratiate himself with persons with money. He would then make bets or grable putting over fictitious checks if he lost and leaving town. Ruby on occasion provided Hall with a bankroll and introduced him to likely victims, with Ruby taking 40% of any deal while Hall collected 60%. Ruby's cut was because he was supposed to have influence with the police, so that he would have no worry about any gambling arrest.

Hall said that during this period through influential people, he was able to meet in Dallas, he was able to place bets with a bookie in Montreal by telephone, winning about \$5,000. Ruby and Hall then went to Chicago enroute to Montreal to collect their wirnings, but Ruby remained in Chicago while Hall went to Montreal and collected the money, returning to join Ruby in Chicago.

In that time Ruby was staying at the Devonshire Hotel on the near north side in Chicago, while Hall stayed at the Palmer House. During their stay in Chicago Ruby visited and seemed quite friendly with a man who had a store which sold what Hall called "schlox" meaning off-brand merchandise similar to expensive appliances, and This man's store was located on the west side of State street in the middle of the block south of Grand. This man was supposed to be able to get for a person any type of merchandice that a person wanted. Hall did not know what Ruby's dealings were with this man. They returned to Dallas by way of Tulsa. Oklahoma, where Ruby assent to have good corrections in rembling circles, and Ehreveport, Louisiana, where suby had similar good connections.

The local stated that there was a Texas millionaire named Bill Byers, who came from the local, who was friendly with two other Texas millionaires named Murchison and Local states. Bill Byers circulated between Texas and Los Angeles. Ruby knew that there carried large sums of money with him and wanted Hall, who also knew Byers. to find out when Byers would be alone. Ruby said he had a couple of men who would hald Byers up without injuring him, and that Ruby and Hall could divide whatever

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money Byers had. Hall said he did not go through with this deal, but he heard later that Byers was robbed while at the Del Charro Hotel, La Jolla, California. This hotel is owned by Mr. Murchison.

Hall further stated that some time during this period, while he was going under the name of Harry Sinclair, Jr. or Ed Pauley. Jr. he mat H I durint snother Texas millionairs: that he and Ruby bet Hunt on the Cotton Bowl and Rose Bowl gomes, winning a large sum of money from Hunt, which they split.

Hall stated that also during this time he and Ruby came to Los Angeles and Ruby egetinued to can Francisco, where he said he was going to see one "Stony" and "Solly" or "Recky" Schuran on some deal. These men were supposed to be known racheteers or gamblers in San Francisco. Hall stated that one time when he was a cossoliating with Ruby, he recalls that Ruby said that he was going to Florida to buy a load of "contraband" to send to Israel. Hall said that Ruby was the type who was interested in any way to make money and seemed to have good contacts with the police. He said that he could not conceive of Ruby doing anything out of patriotism.

Hall further stated that he was acquainted with one <u>Bugenia Elson</u>, who is a randourist at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Los Angeles. He said she has a son, Bugene, who is 8 or 9 years old. She was born in Russia and fermerly lived in Lallas, being married to a wealthy Dallas man whom she has since divorced. Hall stated that this woman, he believed, had come Russian friends in Dallas. He said he knew of no connection between her and Ruby.

Hell stated that he was sentenced to State Reformatory, Chino, California, in 1955 for checks, being released in 1956. He said all of the above information related to events before that time; that he had no dealings or no contact with Ruby since 1955. However, he stated that he was close enough to Ruby so that if he were permitted to talk to Ruby he believed he could persuade him to talk the whole story.

SA Knowlend stated that the information he secured at this joint questioning of Hall would be telestipped to their Dallas Office.

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