

MEMORANDUM

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TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney
FROM: MATT HERRON
RE: REPORT ON INVESTIGATIONS INTO POSSIBLE RECORDS
OF PHONE CALLS BETWEEN OSWALD AND RUBY UNDERTAKEN
BY MATT HERRON.

Basic story which started the investigation:

In November 1964, a RAYMOND A. ACHER (known as "Pete Acher, and currently living at 425 Gabriel Drive, St. Louis, Mo. - telephone YO-4-6446) came to the Dallas Police waving a handful of telephone company records which he said were proof of numerous calls between RUBY and OSWALD. The Dallas Police took the records and told ACHER to go home and keep his mouth shut. At the time ACHER was employed by the Dallas office of Southwestern Bell Telephone as an "Area Commercial Manager" a not-too-important executive post.

ACHER kept his mouth shut and shortly thereafter received a big promotion and was moved out of Dallas. Today he is listed as "Vice President and General Manager" of Southwestern Bell Telephone and appears fourth in the company's listing of top executive officers.

The story came to me through the following chain: ACHER told his father-in-law the story. The father-in-law told a brother of ACHER's who related the story to Penn Jones in strictest secrecy claiming ACHER would have him thrown out of his job if the story ever became known.

There is one additional fact which gives credence to the ACHER story. There is a disc-jockey in Dallas who runs a night talk show for station KLIF. His name is CHUCK BOYLES, and he lives at 920 Tarryall Street, Dallas - telephone RI-7-9311. BOYLES has been in Dallas about a year. He knows relatively little about the assassination but says the subject is a perennial attention grabber on his show -- the one subject his listeners never tire of -- and he returns to it frequently. Some samples of the kinds of people who have called in and talked to him: Officer Roger Craig, the niece of William Whaley, the widow of Tom Howard, Ruby's radiologist at Parkland Hospital, the ambulance driver in Kennedy's parade, Bill Hunter's nephew, Al Volkland, a photographer who photographed William Whaley's accident, someone who claimed to have seen OSWALD and RUBY together in the Carousel Club. Boyles tapes some of these conversations but usually the tapes get lost or re-used by the station. I don't know how many he has preserved.

One evening a woman called BOYLES and identified herself as a telephone operator but would not give her name for fear of losing her job. Her husband was on an extension phone and kept urging her to be careful, get off the line, etc. The woman told Boyles she was an operator in the Whitehall exchange and had recorded frequent calls between RUBY and OSWALD. The reason there was a record of local calls, she said, was because whenever the pay phone in OSWALD's rooming house was busy RUBY would tell the operator he had an emergency call to make and she would ask whoever was on the line to get off. In such cases the operator must make out a slip recording the call. RUBY used this device frequently enough so the operator remembered the calls. She called Boyles again after his show and talked some more but still wouldn't give her name.

I made contact with the president of the Dallas local of the Communications Workers of America, the union that represents all telephone company employees. Union headquarters are at 1414 North Washington Street in Dallas (telephone - TA-6-6215) and the president, Jim HOLBROOK, was the friendliest most helpful man I ran into in that unfriendly city. HOLBROOK characterized ACHER as a "S.O.B." A wheeler-dealer with a foul mouth. I got the impression that ACHER was generally disliked by telephone employees. HOLBROOK also reported a rumor that ACHER was in serious trouble with the company over unexplained expense vouchers and appropriating a company airplane for a private vacation trip. (I have no confirmation of this). He characterized ACHER as "an organization man" who would keep his mouth shut if told to do so.

With HOLBROOK's help I interviewed a number of telephone operators who had either worked in the Whitehall exchange (OSWALD's, where such emergency calls would have been received) or various other exchanges that had trunk lines to Whitehall. My findings were inconclusive. I did not find an operator who knew anything definite about the information I had, but I didn't feel I had been able to carry the investigation far enough. Before LIFE pulled me out of Dallas. In the course of the interviews I uncovered a number of other interesting leads.

FAYE MASSEY: (her home phone: 817 - BU-9-2252)

Mrs. MASSEY was an operator in the Whitehall exchange in November, 1963. At 12:45 or 12:55 p.m. on November 23 she took an information call from a man who wanted the number of "LEE HARVEY OSWALD at 1026 North Beckley." She looked for a number and of course didn't find it because OSWALD had no phone. The man became very insistent and abusive when she failed to find the number and insisted that she check every OSWALD in the phone book. She went through all of them and after more unpleasantness the man hung up. Mrs. MASSEY later concluded that the man must have been a reporter but of course nobody knew OSWALD's connection with the assassination at 12:55 p.m., Mrs. MASSEY is quite sure the call came before 12:55. Operators going off duty put a red card up on their board 5 minutes before going off. The girl on the board next to hers went to lunch at 1:00 p.m., and Mrs. MASSEY remembers seeing the red card as she took the information call. She also knows the information call was a local Dallas call because of the sound of the line.

My conclusion: The call could not have come from a confederate of OSWALD's because he would have known OSWALD's number. The caller might have been someone from the Texas Schoolbook Depository, or a member of the conspiracy trying to lay down one more piece of evidence to make OSWALD look suspicious.

ELAINE ROGERS: (home telephone - TA-3-9151)

ELAINE ROGERS was chief shop steward in the Riverside exchange (RUBY's). She was not able to help me on telephone calls but she was a good friend of MARYLIN MOORE or MARYLIN MIRANDA the RUBY stripper known as "DELLIAH" who was murdered by her husband of 10 days in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

MARYLIN moved to Boston about 2 months after the assassination. When her testimony before the Warren Commission was published EVA GRANT visited ELAINE ROGERS' apartment in the Spring of 1965. She was accompanied by a former cocktail waitress at RUBY's club. She tried to get MARYLIN's address out of ELAINE, said she'd like to talk to "the little bitch", spent as long as two hours vilifying MARYLIN and telling how upset JACK was with her testimony.

ELAINE ROGERS might be a good source of further information. She is a bright, good looking, unsuspecting redhead. She knows JOHNNY MIRANDA, MARYLIN's ex-husband and many others in this circle. She talked freely with me and seemed ready to cooperate in uncovering further information.

JACK REVEL: Dallas Police Officer.

This information from HOLBROOK, indicates REVEL might be developed as an informant within the Dallas P.D.

At the time of the assassination REVEL was a lieutenant in the intelligence division. He made statements to a number of people that the F.B.I. was suppressing a lot of information. He was then transferred to Personnel Records where apparently still is.