

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 25, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

George Carter, a police reporter for the "Dallas Times Herald," Dallas, Texas, furnished information to Chief Curry of the Dallas Police Department to the effect that Jack L. Ruby had at one time sent a gun to Lewis J. McWillie and that McWillie had returned the gun to Ruby. Carter indicated that he had received this information from one Benjamin L. Binion who told Carter that if Carter would help him out of a thirty-day conviction sentence he had received for policy making in Texas he, Binion, would give Carter "a real story" as to Ruby's connection with McWillie.

As you are aware, Lewis J. McWillie has been previously interviewed in connection with the Ruby investigation and has admitted that Ruby sent him a gun which he did not accept delivery of. Previous investigation has established that a gun was sent at Ruby's direction to McWillie from Ray's Hardware Store, Dallas, Texas, on May 10, 1963. McWillie did not accept delivery of the gun and it was returned to Ray's Hardware Store.

Benjamin L. Binion is a well known gambling figure in Las Vegas, Nevada, who reportedly went to Las Vegas from Dallas in about 1947. Previous references to Binion in connection with the Ruby investigation would indicate that he is not acquainted with Ruby. (Report of Special Agent Manning C. Clements, Dallas, Texas, dated December 14, 1963, Pages 467, 470, and 484.)

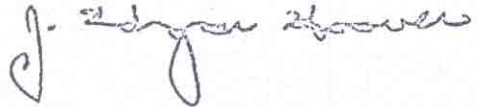
There are enclosed herewith two copies of the memorandum dated June 18, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, setting forth the results

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of an interview with George Carter concerning statements made by him to Chief Curry. In view of Carter's expressed apprehension should it become known to Binion that Carter had revealed Binion's efforts to have Carter intercede for him with the District Attorney, and that there was no indication to Carter that Binion actually has any information concerning McWillie's association with Ruby that has not previously been revealed, no effort will be made to interview Binion concerning this matter unless specifically requested by the President's Commission.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "J. Edgar Hoover".

Enclosures (2)