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<u>Field Office Report</u>	<u>Closed - Houston</u>	<u>Assassination of President Kennedy</u>
INVESTIGATING AGENT	PERIOD COVERED	
	<u>12/11/63</u>	<u>Lee Harvey Oswald</u>
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DETAILS

SUMMARY

Newspaper reporter Alonzo Heidt Hudkins, III, interviewed relative to his knowledge of the assassination of the President and the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

This inquiry originated on December 10, 1963 upon receipt of a long distance telephone call from Lt. Jack Revell, Detective Division, Dallas Police Department, requesting information on "Alonzo Hudkins," a reporter for the Houston Post, who was reportedly present at the Dallas Police Department when Lee Harvey Oswald was shot by Jack Ruby, be interviewed for any details he could furnish.

Alonzo Heidt Hudkins, III, Apartment 23, 7523 Highcrest Drive, Houston, Texas, employed by the Houston Post, a daily newspaper, was interviewed on December 10.

Mr. Hudkins stated that he was not present at the Dallas Police Department on November 24, 1963 when Lee Harvey Oswald was shot. He stated that he was in the Police Station on Friday evening of November 22 and observed Attorney Tom Howard, now representing Ruby, and his law partner Colley Sullivan and Attorney Bennie Henderson on the third floor of the Police Station near the office of Captain Fritz where Oswald was being interviewed. He stated that at approximately 11:00 Oswald was taken from Captain Fritz' office to a police assembly room for a show-up and near the show-up room he saw Jack Ruby. He asked Ruby what he was doing there and as he recalls Ruby replied he was either writing for a Jewish paper or interpreting for someone who was writing for a Jewish paper. He advised that to the best of his knowledge Ruby had some sort of an identification card issued by Glenn Bird, now County Clerk who was formerly a Justice of the Peace. The card, as he recalls, read, "The bearer is an Honorary Deputy of the Justice of the Peace." Mr. Hudkins stated that the third floor of the Police Station was full of newsmen and others and he felt that there was very little chance of obtaining a story there so his efforts were

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concentrated elsewhere.

He advised that on November 24 at the time Oswald was scheduled to be transferred from the Police building to the County Sheriff's Office that he was in the office of County Sheriff Bill Decker, as he anticipated if there were any trouble, it would be at the entrance to the County Jail.

He states that one thing occurred while he was at the County Jail which was significant to him. He states that Attorney Tom Howard, who was allegedly at the Police Department at the time the shooting occurred, arrived at the County Sheriff's Office for the purpose of obtaining a writ for the release of Ruby two minutes before Oswald was delivered to the hospital. Mr. Hudkins states that this is significant to him. He states that later that day he asked Howard if Ruby had the gun with him on Friday night. He states Howard advised that Ruby did have the gun at that time. According to Mr. Hudkins, Howard later admitted that to a reporter on the Houston Post by long distance from Dallas. Mr. Hudkins was talking to the Houston Post in Houston and asked Mr. Howard to verify that statement directly to his paper, which Mr. Howard did.

Mr. Hudkins stated that on Friday night, November 22, near the police assembly room while Oswald was being taken for show-up he talked to Chief Curry of the Dallas Police Department, who was worried about Oswald's security. He states that at that time he observed many persons there who were not reporters, several of whom were attorneys and one, he noted, was a runner for a bondsman and is an ex-convict. He could not recall the runner's name.

Mr. Hudkins advised that he has known Ruby for quite some time as he was active as a judge at fights and that Ruby usually appeared at the fights, sitting in the front row. He has seen him on many occasions at fights and at other public gatherings. He stated it was common knowledge that Ruby went armed.

Mr. Hudkins and his staff are still actively running out leads which he states are being called in to the Houston Post. He agreed to advise this office of any information which he considers pertinent.

DISPOSITION

This particular inquiry is considered closed unless otherwise advised. It is requested that the Dallas Office notify Lt. Jack Revill, Dallas Police Department, of the information contained herein.