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Subject: Summary of FBI Investigation of Leaks

In its investigation of unauthorized disclosures to news media of Oswald's diary and other documents and Ruby's polygraph examination and interview, the FBI interrogated members of the Commission, the general counsel, assistant counsels, staff members, secretaries, GPO preparers, and others. All denied "leaking" any information to Dallas newspapers or to Dorothy Kilgallen. None had specific information as to the identity of the persons who divulged the information. A few surmised that the leak must have occurred in Dallas.

In Dallas the FBI interviewed U.S. Attorney H. Barefoot Sanders, his assistant, Martha Jo Stroud, secretaries, and court reporters, all of whom who discussed their roles in the preparation and handling of the transcript of the Ruby data and assured the FBI that they had no information on "leaks."

Sol Dann, present attorney for Jack Ruby, had no information concerning the Oswald diary. He suspected Ruby's former attorneys, Fowler and Tonahill, of selling information to the news media, but he had no concrete information. Melvin Belli suspected Assistant District Attorney William F. Alexander but he had no positive information.

Joseph Kingsbury-Smith, publisher of the "New York Journal-American," stated that Miss Kilgallen refused to reveal her source of information to him and the newspaper's attorneys decided that the publication of the Ruby transcript did not violate the law. Miss Kilgallen told the FBI only that the source was a "responsible person who had a legal right to the transcript." The source, she added, was a man and a friend of long standing who gave it to her as a "friendly gesture." No money was involved.