

April 16, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
The President's Commission  
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast  
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In response to your letter of April 3, 1964, as it pertains to Nancy Elaine Perrin, I am enclosing herewith a letterhead memorandum dated April 8, 1964, at San Francisco, California, entitled "Nancy Elaine Perrin" which sets forth the information you requested. Also enclosed is a letterhead memorandum dated April 13, 1964, at Washington, D. C., which sets forth the contact of our Boston Office with Perrin on January 21 and 23, 1964. This latter information was not previously furnished as it is merely a reiteration of her original story which was furnished to you along with results of our investigation to check her story by report of Special Agent Manning C. Clements, Dallas, Texas, dated December 13, 1963.

Mrs. Perrin was afforded a polygraph examination on December 5, 1963, but the results of the examination were inconclusive due to her past medical history, emotional instability, and the use of drugs by Mrs. Perrin prior to the examination. Although the results were inconclusive, details of the examination are also being furnished to you along with the information relating to the subsequent contact of our Boston Office with Perrin as this information may be of additional assistance to you in evaluating the testimony of Perrin.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mrs. Nancy Perrin, Executives Unlimited, 100 Boylston Street, Suite 300, Boston, Massachusetts, on January 21, 1964, telephonically contacted the Boston Office of the FBI. She stated that about two months ago she was in Oakland, California, and went to the FBI Office there because she had worked for Jack Ruby. She said she was given a polygraph test by the FBI, and as far as she knows this test was inconclusive. She stated that she had never previously taken a polygraph test and that she suffers from an ailment known as chorea which she states is commonly known as St. Vitus's dance. She also stated that on occasion she takes a drug to control or stabilize her blood pressure.

Mrs. Perrin said that she previously informed the FBI at Oakland, California, she had attended some meetings with Jack Ruby, and it was not until the second meeting that she learned that Ruby was mixed up in running guns into Cuba and taking refugees out of Cuba. Mrs. Perrin stated that she desired to be contacted by the FBI at her office because she had gone through some of her things and found additional information which would bear out statements she had already made to the FBI in Oakland, which information she did not previously have in her possession. She requested that she be telephonically contacted before an Agent comes to her office and that she did not wish to be contacted at her residence, 196 Newbury Avenue, North Quincy, Massachusetts, where she is now living with a very elderly woman.

On January 23, 1964, Mrs. Nancy Perrin was interviewed at her place of employment, Executives Unlimited, by Special Agents James J. Stratford, Jr., and John F. Sweeney. She advised she had worked as a bartender for a few months in 1961 for Jack Ruby and she has been employed

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NOTE: Above information taken from report of SA Manning C. Clements dated 1-31-64 at Dallas, cover pages C, D, and E.

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Nancy Elaine Porrin

for the past two weeks as an executive for Executives Unlimited which is an employment agency. She was born on September 9, 1936, at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Her husband, Robert, died August, 1962, at New Orleans, Louisiana. She recalled that she and her husband, Robert, attended some meetings at Dallas, Texas, which she believed concerned getting refugees out of Cuba. The purpose in her attending these meetings was her belief that she and her husband could make some money by bringing refugees out of Cuba. When she heard that these meetings had the twofold purpose of also bringing guns into Cuba, she and her husband were not interested.

Mrs. Porrin was extremely vague as to how these meetings came about, but she recalled that Edward Brunner of Grand Prairie, a suburb of Dallas, Texas, who was an associate of her husband, first brought up the subject matter of these meetings. When she went to the meeting, she was surprised to see Jack Ruby there because she had worked for him in the past and he had physically assaulted her. They were bitter enemies. She learned that this group was going to run guns from Mexico to Cuba for Fidel Castro. After the third meeting, she and her husband walked out and had nothing further to do with this organization. At one of these meetings, she alleged that Ruby had a bulge in his pocket which she thought was money he passed to some unidentified colonel who was in charge of this organization. She recalled that an individual by the name of Dave C. (last name unknown), who was employed at the University Club, Dallas, Texas, as a bartender, seemed to be one of the heads of this organization.

Mrs. Porrin stated that she had no information regarding Lee Harvey Oswald but she believed that Ruby was told to kill Oswald. She had no information to support her belief in this regard. She stated she now recalls what the contact was in connection with the gun running. According to her, the contact was to be made at the Hotel Nuevo Gallina, Guadalajara, Mexico. She said she did not have this information available when she was interviewed in California.

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Nancy Elaine Ferrin

Mrs. Ferrin advised it seemed logical to her that Oswald belonged to some organization, and it seemed logical to her that someone from Chicago was behind the deal with regard to the guns. She had no information to support her belief in this regard. She then said in a very vague sort of way that Ruby had been contacted by Vito Conovese. She then stated it was not Vito Conovese but one of his sons who dropped in to see Jack Ruby at the Carousel Club, Dallas, Texas. She places the time of her employment for Ruby between June and September, 1961.

Mrs. Ferrin said she was arrested by the Brookline, Massachusetts, Police Department for prostitution and was convicted in court and paid a fine of \$200.00. Her case is coming up for a pardon, and she has prominent politicians to obtain a pardon for her. At the time she was prostituting, she was engaged in this activity because her husband was sick and she needed the money.

With regard to Jack Ruby, whom she described as a very pugnacious individual, she also stated she had never heard him express any opinions or any views with regard to politics or with regard to President Kennedy.