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JACK RUBY WAS NOT EITHER AN INFORMANT FOR THE FBI

Synopsis: Jack Ruby was contacted by the Dallas FBI eight times in 1959. He provided no information, was not paid, and was not, in Hoover's definition, an informant. The FBI was less than enthusiastic about providing the Warren Commission with details and other records mentioning Ruby before November 24, 1963. This memo summarizes the correspondence I have on this matter.

CD 4, the first collection of investigative reports submitted by the FBI to the Commission, contains various items mentioning Ruby before the assassination, dating back to 1950 (pp. 155-159). This information is prefaced only by the remark that "the following is information concerning JACK RUBY, also known as Jack Rubenstein." On February 25, 1964, Rankin wrote Hoover, noting that a review of these pages "suggests the existence of a file containing information about Jack L. Ruby collected by your Bureau prior to November 22, 1963." He asked for "a report on the information relating to Ruby which may have been in your possession prior to November 22, 1963."

In his reply, dated February 27, Hoover advised that the information in CD 4 "was obtained through a search of all files in the Dallas Office wherein references to Jack Ruby appeared. All available information concerning Jack Ruby contained in the Dallas files is set forth in the report." (Emphasis added.) On March 3, Rankin wrote Hoover again, pointing out that the request had not been intended to apply only to the Dallas files. He asked for copies of all records of interviews of Ruby, or of persons mentioning Ruby.

Hoover's reply, dated April 7 (CD 732, with attachments), provided more details on the ten items in CD 4, but no new items. Four of these items are in the 26 volumes (CD's 1760, 1761, 1697, 1764). As can be seen there, the attachments Hoover provided to CD 732 are not original reports, but paraphrases. As he put it in his letter, "those copies are verbatim copies of the original source material with the exception of those instances wherein it was necessary to conceal the identity of a confidential source...." As the items basically contain information pertaining to other unrelated investigative matters much of which was furnished to this Bureau in confidence, it is requested that the President's Commission continue to maintain this information in the same confidence that it was initially furnished. This seems like a rather odd procedure and request. (Incidentally, no part of CD 732 is now withheld.)

Nine of the ten items are of no particular interest to me. The exception is one which is presented in CD 4 as follows: "The following description was obtained through observation and interview." In CD 732, the identical description is prefaced, somewhat more informatively, as follows: "Jack L. Ruby was contacted by Special Agent Charles N. Flynn on March 11, 1959, at which time the following description of Jack L. Ruby was obtained through observation of the Agent and this interview. No additional information was furnished by Ruby." This description was in fact obtained in conjunction with an attempt to recruit Ruby as an FBI informant. The above-cited letters from Rankin raise no questions about this; what follows is the information presented, apparently without prodding, by Hoover.

As noted, CD 4 does not indicate the source of the description of Ruby. In his February 27 letter, Hoover wrote: "For your information, Ruby was contacted by an Agent of the Dallas Office on March 11, 1959, in view of his position as a night club operator who might have knowledge of the criminal element in Dallas. He was advised of the Bureau's jurisdiction in criminal matters, and he expressed a willingness to furnish information along these lines. He was subsequently contacted on eight occasions between March 11, 1959, and October 2, 1959, but furnished no information whatever and further contacts with him were discontinued. Ruby was never paid any money, and he was never at any time an informant of this Bureau."

Rankin's letter of March 3 did not ask for any substantial clarification of this rather startling revelation. Hoover's letter of April 7 repeated in essence the above-quoted paragraph, with some expansion: "He was subsequently contacted by an Agent on April 28, June 5, and 18, July 7 and 21, August 6 and 31, and October 2, 1959.... These contacts were recorded only by date along with notations indicating Ruby had not furnished any information. There is no information recorded that was furnished by Ruby in connection with any of these contacts. Ruby was never paid any money and he was never, at any time, an informant of this Bureau."

Some obvious questions present themselves. Why, specifically, was Ruby contacted at that time? (One possible clue is that the "description" of Ruby obtained on the first visit includes that fact that Ruby was an associate of James Robert Todd, described as a "known Dallas area criminal.") Is it customary to record a physical description of such informants? If Ruby provided no information whatever, why was he repeatedly contacted? Even if he was not paid in cash, did Ruby at that time have any reason to seek other forms of compensation? Might there be any significance to the fact that the FBI's contacts with Ruby bracketed his September, 1959, trip to Cuba (HR 370, 802)? It is unfortunate that Hoover did not give the Commission photographs of the original records, which presumably included files numbers and other such useful information. Why did the Commission show no great interest - or have I just missed something? (I am not aware of any subsequent interest by the Commission, after CD 732 was received, but I have not checked the relevant Archives files or made a thorough check of the 26 volumes.)

Paul L. Hoch
January 8, 1969

(Copies of the documents cited are available from me. My interest in this matter was initiated when Harold Weisberg sent me a copy of Hoover's letter to Rankin on February 27, 1964, which was discovered in the Archives by (I think) Gary Spioner and/or Hal Verd.)

To fill out the page, here is an excerpt from the non-existent transcript of a session which the Commission did not hold on June 31, 1964:

Mr. HOOPER. Ruby was never paid any money, and he was never, at any time, an informant of this Bureau.
The COMMISSIONER (in unison). What, never?
Mr. HOOPER. No, never.
The STAFF (in unison). What, never?
Mr. HOOPER. Well, hardly ever.

NOTES ON JACK RUBY AS AN FBI INFORMANT

See my memo of January 8, 1969. Here I record some subsequent activity by the Commission.

At the time of that memo, the last word on this which I know of was CD 732, Hoover's letter of April 7 to Rankin. The relevant paragraph is as follows: "As you were previously advised in my letter of February 27, 1964, Ruby was contacted as a night club operator who might have knowledge of the criminal element. He was advised of the Bureau's jurisdiction in criminal matters and he expressed a willingness to furnish information. (I bet he did - but about what? FBI) He was subsequently contacted by an Agent (the same one?) on April 28, June 5 and 18, July 7 and 21, August 6 and 31, and October 2, 1959. He did not furnish any information and further contacts with him were discontinued (Why? Why not earlier?). Those contacts were recorded only by date along with notations indicating that was had not furnished any information. There is no information recorded that was furnished by Ruby in connection with any of these contacts. (My emphasis; of course, as any furnished otherwise?) Ruby was never paid any money and he was never, at any time, an informant of this Bureau."

From a letter drafted May 28 by Griffin, sent June 1 by Rankin: "Finally, an enclosure in your letter of April 7, 1964 shows that Jack Ruby was contacted on March 11, 1959 by Special Agent Charles W. Flynn, who obtained a personal description and added the observation that Ruby was a "known Dallas criminal." Please advise us as to the purpose and other results of Agent Flynn's contact on that date and request Agent Flynn to indicate whether his comment about Ruby's criminal reputation was based on conversations with local law enforcement officers or any other information not than in your files." (My emphasis.) Hoover's reply is CD 1052. He provided an affidavit showing that the remark "known Dallas criminal" was added by SA Louis Kallay when CD 4 was being prepared. (I guess I believe this. No reason for the FBI to lie about it - it would not have been incriminating if Flynn had recorded that fact in 1959. He certainly should have been aware of it.)

In reply to Rankin's question about the purpose and other results, Hoover said: "As you were advised by my letter of February 27, 1964, Jack Ruby was contacted by Special Agent Charles W. Flynn on March 11, 1959, in view of his position as a night club operator who might have knowledge of the criminal element in Dallas. The purpose of this contact was to determine whether or not Ruby did have such knowledge (what in particular, Edgar?), and if so, if he would be willing to furnish information to this Bureau. Ruby was advised of the FBI's jurisdiction in (some) what kind of (-FI) criminal matters, and he expressed a willingness to furnish information. (Does that mean he had some?) A personal description of Ruby was obtained by Special Agent Flynn on the occasion of this contact on March 11, 1959, but no information or other results were obtained. Between March 11, 1959, and October 2, 1959, Ruby was contacted on eight other occasions, but he furnished no information whatever and further contacts with him were discontinued."

Horall Griffin failed to be specific enough about what he wanted. If he had questioned like mine - and I assume he did - he should have set them forth in detail. Since he didn't, Hoover of course said nothing new - and even tried to make Griffin look like an idiot for asking when he already knew the answer. This is not the only case where Hoover simply didn't answer a question. This whole business may be of interest directly in connection with Ruby, for various reasons. (See previous memo. E.g., that was said on an October 27 '59, Jack, I raised seeing you last month. 'Wall, Chuck, I was in Cuba.) However, I think the most striking thing is that Hoover could call someone who was contacted 8 times and almost certainly was a FBI (potential) Criminal Informant, a non-informant. This makes his denials about Oswald - especially in connection with the absence of an affidavit from DeLoe - even less credible.

Paul L. Hoeh
June 20, 1971

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The following is information concerning JACK RUBY, also known as Jack Rubenstein:

It is common knowledge among Dallas law enforcement agencies that there are three burlesque houses located in downtown Dallas, however no information has been developed that they are frequented by any known criminal element. These are night clubs catering to tourists and patrons attending conventions in Dallas and features "striptease" dancers along with exorbitant prices for food, beer, wine and set-ups. These are the Theater Lounge, 1326 Jackson Street, operated by BARNEY WEINSTEIN; ABE's Colony Club, 1324 Commerce Street, operated by ABE WEINSTEIN; and the Carousel, 1312 Commerce Street, operated by JACK RUBY.

JACK RUBY was known to be an associate of EILEEN CURRY, a known prostitute who resided at the Shadyside Apartments, 1020 Shadyside Lane on April 4, 1956. RUBY owned or operated the Silver Spur, South Erway and the Vegas Club, night clubs in Dallas, Texas.

During the period September 25 through October 3, 1950 the telephone number HA 3654 was called by RALPH EUGENE YOUNG, who was residing at the Ambassador Hotel, Dallas, Texas, room 321. This telephone number is listed to the Silver Spur, 1770 South Erway and billed to NORMA MILLER and JACK RUBY.

On July 9, 1959 Lt. JACK REYILL, Special Service Bureau, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, advised that on April 2, 1959 the Dallas Police Department received a letter from the Oklahoma City Police Department advising that SIDNEY SIEBRAND, a Dallas gambler, had been arrested and in his possession was a large number of telephone numbers, and among them was included the name and number of JACK RUBY, telephone LA 8-4243, operator of the Vegas Club, 3508 Oak Lawn, Dallas, Texas.

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On September 9, 1963 TESSIE ALINE AXENFIELD, Detroit, Michigan, advised that she and HELEN AGNEW had brought DETHMEL CRAMER to Dallas from Bossier City, Louisiana, and had obtained a job for her as a stripper at JACK RUBY'S Carousei Club. According to AXENFIELD, RUBY was to obtain identification for DETHMEL reflecting her age as 21 whereas she was actually 17 at the time.

On September 25, 1961 GENE BOSTYCK, Carousei Club, 1312 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas, advised "BABS" AXENFIELD was residing with her and HARVEY BOSTYCK, a bartender at the Carousei Club. She said BABS was presently employed by JACK RUBY at the Carousei as a waitress.

On November 13, 1962 Mrs. SUE BROWN, 5319 Phillips, Dallas, Texas, advised SA W. HARLAN BROWN that EVA GRANT operates the Vegas Club in Dallas. She said that she had received information from her sister that EVA GRANT was formerly connected with the Al Capone gang in Chicago, Illinois. A brother of EVA GRANT currently owns and operates the Carousei Night Club in Dallas and that EVA GRANT formerly operated the Singapore Night Club in Dallas. She advised that EVA GRANT had spent some time in Chicago, Illinois, where her family still resides and that she had also lived on the West Coast. She had been in Dallas for about two or three years and during the war years had become involved in the sale of illegal sugar stamps which lead to the conviction of a man named JONES, who was associated with her.

On August 11, 1953 SA RALPH J. MILLS was in the office of VINCENT LEE, branch manager, American Guild of Variety Artists, 1918 Live Oak Street, Dallas, Texas, when an individual, later identified by Mr. LEE as JACK RUBY, operator of the Silver Spur, 1717 South Erway Street, Dallas, Texas, came bustling into LEE's office and demanded of LEE that LEE supply

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RUBY with some girls to put on entertainment at his Silver Spur. LEE told RUBY that RUBY would have to put up a cash bond whereupon RUBY began to curse LEE claiming that he was short of money and that LEE did not make his competitors put up such a cash bond. LEE maintained that he still could not furnish girl entertainers to RUBY unless RUBY put up some cash at which time RUBY arose and in a threatening tone of voice asked LEE "do you want to know whether or not I am packing a gun and what are you trying to do, be a tough guy in Dallas, well I am just as tough as they come" or words to that effect. After RUBY stormed out of LEE's office cursing all the while LEE advised SA MILLS that RUBY considered himself a very tough Dallas character and was an associate of JOE BONDS, operator of the Sky Club, who was also a tough character and who bore a grudge against LEE because he at one time attempted to collect a \$700 bad check BONDS had given a girl entertainer at which time either BONDS or one of his henchmen had struck LEE across the forehead with his pistol. LEE continued that both RUBY and BONDS always carried concealed pistols and were in constant association with JAMES ROBERT TODD, better known as JACK TODD, FBI number 1805883, Dallas Police Department number 22253, a well known Dallas safecracker. LEE further informed that RUBY, BONDS and TODD, together with other hoodlums and safecrackers whose identities were unknown to LEE, usually hung around Sue's Used Car Lot, 3400 Live Oak, Dallas, Texas.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | JACK RUBY, also known as Jack Leon Ruby, Jack Rubenstein |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Born | March 25, 1911, Chicago, Illinois |

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Height
Weight
Build
Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Fingerprint
Classification

5'9"
194
Heavy
Brown
Brown
Medium
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Credit Information

fingerprinted Dallas, Texas, Police Department, their number 36398, charged with investigation violation State Liquor Law (returned from FBI Identification Division, August 6, 1959 revealed no previous fingerprint record nor FBI number assigned). RUBY is shown to have been on file with Dallas Credit Bureau since September 1950 and has an unsatisfactory credit rating. previous services with U.S. Air Force, 1943 to 1946, not confirmed.

Military service

JAMES ROBERT TODD
1805883

Associates
FBI Number
Dallas PD Number
Remarks
Residence

Known Dallas area criminal
4560 Hawthorn Street,
Dallas, Texas, in March
1959.
Operated Vegas Club, 3508
Oak Lawn, Dallas, during
1959.

Occupation

In May 1961 HELEN AFANACE ROAN identified JACK RUBY as the owner of the Carousel Club, Dallas, Texas, and

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former operator of the Round-Tip Club, South Evey Street, Dallas. She termed RUBY as "no good" and stated he would not permit girls to work for him unless they were intimate with him.

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MEMORANDUM

February 17, 1964

TO: Mr. Williams

FROM: Mr. Hubert and Mr. Galtlin

On pages 155 through 159 of the Gleason Report of November 30, 1963 (Commission No. 4), there is a tabulation of information concerning Ruby. This tabulation indicates that the FBI must have had a file on Jack Ruby prior to November 22, 1963. For example, it is stated that on July 9, 1959 the Dallas police "advised" concerning the fact that Jack Ruby's name and telephone number had been found among the papers of a certain Sieband, a Dallas gambler who had been arrested. Another example is that on September 9, 1963 a certain Jessie Asentfield had brought a girl from Louisiana to Dallas and had obtained a job for her at Ruby's club. Another example is that on November 13, 1962, a certain Sue Brown had advised the FBI that Eva Grant operated the Vegas Club and had been formerly connected with the Al Capone gang in Chicago. Another example is that in May 1961 a certain Ellen Brown had identified Ruby as the owner of the Carrousel Club and had termed him as "no good."

I have not seen any special report on Ruby antedating November 22, 1963, and if such does exist I think we should have it. It may be, of course, that all of the information contained in such a FBI folder on Ruby has been put into the reports received by the Commission from the FBI but I suggest that in any case this should be clarified.

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FEB 25 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A review of Special Agent Harold G. Gammack's report of November 30, 1963 of pages 155 through 159, requests the submission of a file concerning the information above cited. This information is being furnished to the Commission on November 22, 1963. It is noted that in the report the names of individuals from the Commission are listed as they appear on the report.

The Commission will appreciate receiving a report on the information relating to the FBI which may have been in your possession prior to November 22, 1963.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in the spirit of this Commission.

Sincerely,

JOHN F. WILSON

J. Lee Powell
General Counsel

cc: Mr. Rankin
Mr. Williams - Chicago
Mr. Shorter



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 27, 1964

Memorandum for: Joe Rankin
General Counsel
U. S. Department of Justice
400 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In reply to your letter of February 25, 1964, please be advised that the information set forth as background information at the top of page 158 of the report of Special Agent Manning C. Williams dated November 30, 1963, was obtained through a search of all files in the Dallas Office wherein references to Jack L. Ruby appeared. All available information concerning Jack Ruby contained in the Dallas files is set forth in the report.

For your information, Ruby was contacted by an Agent of the Dallas Office on March 11, 1959, in view of his position as a night club operator who might have knowledge of the criminal element in Dallas. He was advised of the Bureau's jurisdiction in criminal matters, and he expressed a willingness to furnish information along these lines. He was subsequently contacted on eight occasions between March 11, 1959, and October 2, 1959, but no further information whatever was furnished. Ruby was never paid for further contacts with him. He was informed of this Bureau activity, and he was never paid.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Robert Carson
Analyst

Mr. J. Lee Rankin
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Thank you for your letter of February 27, 1964, in reply to mine in part of February 25, 1964, relative to the fact that pages 158 through 160 of the Williams report dated November 30, 1963, contained information that there may be other files in the FBI on Jack Ruby.

We did not intend that the request made in our letter of February 25, 1964, be interpreted to mean that we were necessarily Ruby agent files in the Dallas file system. As you know, the Dallas office has a large number of folders with Ruby contacts in all FBI records, and also all copies of records of interviews of other persons, at all times. It is possible that the copy files (through Ruby is included). Since the purpose of course is to locate any material obtained after November 23, 1963.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Commission No. 732

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 7, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
Carousel Counsel
1300 President's Commission
250 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In response to your letter of March 3, 1964, a thorough search was made of all FBI records. Copies of all of the records located wherein mention is made of Ruby prior to November 23, 1963, have been prepared and are being forwarded to you. These copies are verbatim copies of the original source material with the exception of those instances wherein it was necessary to conceal the identity of a confidential source. The items enclosed are listed below as follows:

Item 1. Information indicating that in March, 1962, Ruby was the owner of the Carousel Club. This information was developed in connection with a survey of crime conditions in the Dallas Division.

Item 2. Information obtained from a confidential source during the course of an investigation concerning Ralph Eugene Young which related to a possible violation of the Atomic Energy Act. The investigation was conducted in 1950.

Honorable J. Lee Rankin

Item 3. Information furnished by Bunny Breen, whose true name is Eileen Curry, which was obtained on March 18, 1956. This information was the basis for the statement in the report of Special Agent Manning C. Clements at Dallas dated November 30, 1963, page 153, that Jack Ruby was known to be an associate of Eileen Curry.

Item 4. Information obtained from Lieutenant Jack Revell, Dallas Police Department, on July 9, 1959, wherein Jack Ruby is set forth as operator of the Vegas Club.

Item 5. Information obtained from a confidential source on September 7, 1961, with reference to one Bethel Kramer's obtaining a job at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club.

Item 6. An interview with Jean Bostick on September 25, 1961.

Item 7. An interview with Mrs. Sue Brown on November 13, 1962.

Item 8. Information submitted by Special Agent Ralph J. Miles concerning his observation of Ruby on August 11, 1953, and information furnished to him by Vincent Lee of the American Guild of Variety Artists.

Item 9. Information obtained from a confidential source on May 31, 1961, wherein Ruby is referred to as the owner of the Carousel Club.

Item 10. The description of Jack L. Ruby which was obtained when he was contacted by Special Agent Charles W. Flynn on March 11, 1959.

As you were previously advised in my letter of February 27, 1964, Ruby was contacted by an Agent of the Dallas Office on March 11, 1959, in view of his position as a night club operator who might have knowledge of the criminal element. He was advised of the Bureau's jurisdiction in criminal matters and he expressed a willingness to furnish information. He was subsequently contacted by an Agent on April 28, June 5 and 18, July 7 and 21, August 6 and 31, and October 2, 1959. He did not furnish any information and further contacts with him were discontinued.

Honorable J. Lee Rankin

These contacts were recorded only by date along with notations indicating Ruby had not furnished any information. There is no information recorded that was furnished by Ruby in connection with any of those contacts. Ruby was never paid any money and he was never, at any time, an informant of this Bureau.

As you will note, the information pertaining strictly to Ruby was excerpted from the above-listed items and furnished to you in the report of Special Agent Manning C. Clements at Dallas dated November 30, 1963. As the items basically contain information pertaining to other unrelated investigative matters much of which was furnished to this Bureau in confidence, it is requested that the President's Commission continue to maintain this information in the same confidence that it was initially furnished.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Item 10

Jack L. Ruby was contacted by Special Agent Charles W. Flynn on March 11, 1959, at which time the following description of Jack L. Ruby was obtained through observation of the Agent and this interview. No additional information was furnished by Ruby.

Name: Jack Ruby, also known as Jack Leon Ruby, Jack Rubenstein
Race: White
Sex: Male
Born: March 25, 1911, Chicago, Illinois
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 194
Build: Heavy
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Complexion: Medium
Fingerprint Classification: 19 L 9 U OIN 7
M 1 U OII 6,
fingerprinted Dallas, Texas, Police Department, their number 36388, charged with investigation violation State liquor law (returned from FBI identification Division, August 6, 1959, revealed no previous fingerprint record nor FBI number assigned).
Ruby is shown to have been on file with Dallas Credit Bureau since September, 1950, and has an unsatisfactory credit rating.
Claimed previous service with U. S. Air Force, 1943 to 1946, not confirmed.
James Robert Todd
1905883
22255

Credit information:

Military service:

Associates:
FBI Number:
Dallas PD Number:

CE 7328

Remarks: Known Dallas area criminal
Residence: 4560 Hawthorn Street,
Dallas, Texas, in March,
1959.
Occupation: Operated Vegas Club, 3508
Oak Lawn, Dallas, during
1959.

Handwritten initials

Reilly, George 2-11-22

JUN 1 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In connection with the alleged criminal and expressive
associations of one Alvin Karpis, please provide names and
addresses of all persons who suspect or may allege criminal
or otherwise activities are:

1. Joe Davis (Clemens Report, November 29, 1963, p.420).
2. Martin Dierke (a close friend and Dallas business partner of Alvin Karpis died in 1944 or 1945).
3. Henry Green (Clemens Report, December 19, 1963, p.403).
4. Andrew "Peggy" Miller FBI Number 214511A.
5. Ralph Paul (Clemens Report, November 29, 1963, p.445).
6. George Amster (Clemens Report, November 31, 1963, p.236).
7. Elmer Ray Coleman (Clemens Report November 14, 1963, p.210).
8. Herbert Ryan aka Ray William Ryan (Clemens Report, November 29, 1963, p.221).
9. Joe Peterson (Clemens Report, December 4, 1963, p.242).
10. Frank Hill (Clemens Report December 14, 1963, p.320).

Where possible, it would be helpful if the addresses would show the names of other persons involved with the above individuals.

If you have already forwarded reports for Mr. Paul and Mr. Roberts, it will be sufficient to indicate the date that same reports were forwarded.

Finally, an enclosure in your letter of April 7, 1964 shows that Jack Ruby was mentioned on March 11, 1959 by Special Agent Charles W. Flynn, who obtained a personal description and stated the following: "Mr. Ruby was a 'black sailing salesman' in the office on one of the persons and other records of Jack Ruby's activities on that date and account of a letter to the Dallas Observer-News regarding Jack Ruby's criminal record which was dated on October 21, 1959 with the Department of Justice or any other information not here in your file."

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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CG: CHARLES FLYNN
Mr. Rankin
Mr. Sullivan



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Collection No. 1052

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
June 9, 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:

Your letter of June 1, 1964, requesting summaries of FBI reports with regard to ten named persons and certain information regarding the contact by Special Agent Charles W. Flynn with Jack L. Ruby on March 11, 1959, is herewith acknowledged.

As you were advised by my letter of February 27, 1964, Jack Ruby was contacted by Special Agent Charles W. Flynn of the Dallas Office on March 11, 1959, in view of his position as a night club operator who might have knowledge of the criminal element in Dallas. The purpose of this contact was to determine whether or not Ruby did have such knowledge, and if so, if he would be willing to furnish information to this Bureau. Ruby was advised of the FBI's jurisdiction in criminal matters, and he expressed a willingness to furnish information. A personal description of Ruby was obtained by Special Agent Flynn on the occasion of this contact on March 11, 1959, but no information or other reports were obtained. Between March 11, 1959, and October 2, 1959, Ruby was contacted on eight other occasions, but he furnished no information whatever and further contacts with him were discontinued.

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

The personal description of Ruby as obtained by Special Agent Flynn on March 11, 1959, did not in itself contain the remark "Known Dallas criminal." This remark was added to the description by Special Agent Louis H. Kelley at the time when he was assisting in the preparation of the report of Special Agent Manning C. Clements at Dallas dated November 30, 1963. Enclosed herewith is the affidavit of Special Agent Louis H. Kelley at Little Rock, Arkansas, dated June 4, 1964, setting forth his basis for adding the remark "Known Dallas area criminal" to the description of Ruby as it appears in the report of Special Agent Manning C. Clements at Dallas dated November 30, 1963, and in the enclosure to my letter to you of April 7, 1964.

The summaries concerning the ten named individuals in your letter of June 1, 1964, are currently being prepared and will be forwarded to you promptly upon completion.

Sincerely yours,



Enclosure

CD 1010

Little Rock, Arkansas
June 4, 1964

I, Louis H. Kelley, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, after being duly sworn, depose as follows:

I arrived at Dallas, Texas, November 29, 1963, to assist in the investigation of the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy and related matters. On or about November 24, 1963, I was assigned to review all previously existing files and current information as to Jack L. Ruby and to prepare an insert based on such file review for inclusion in an investigative report. This insert was to include such physical description and biographical data as were available from the file review and from information developed on November 24, 1963. I had before me at the time I dictated the insert information which had been obtained on November 24, 1963, by other Special Agents of the FBI and from the Identification Division files of the Dallas Police Department. The Dallas Police Department records, under Dallas Police Department No. 22255, included information concerning arrests of Ruby dating from February 4, 1949, to March 14, 1963.

In dictating the physical description and biographical data concerning Ruby, I possibly included under the heading "Remarks" "Known Dallas area criminal," based on the fact I had before me Ruby's identification record from the Dallas Police Department, which listed several arrests in the Dallas area. This would have been the only thing on which such an observation could have been based.

LOUIS H. KELLEY

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this _____ day of June 1964.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary Public, State of Arkansas, No. 22, 1964