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Ruby Book, 'Mystery Man' Offer Reported

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — The Dallas Times-Herald quoted a Dallas contractor yesterday as saying he was offered \$50,000 for a \$10,000 building the would-be buyer apparently knew contained an appointment book belonging to the late Jack Ruby.

The vestpocket booklet, found by accident in a false ceiling in the building, contained dozens of names, addresses and telephone numbers of persons across the country, the newspaper said.

Ruby was the nightclub owner who gunned down accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald in the Dallas police station five years ago. He died of cancer in January 1966.

Among the names mentioned in the appointment book is a reference to "Shaw." No further identification is included. The notation said simply, "opening for Shaw."

There was no evidence among the papers to suggest the reference was connected to Clay L. Shaw of New Orleans, who has been charged by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison with conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy. Shaw is scheduled to go on trial on the charge Jan. 21.

The Times-Herald said the contractor, who asked that he not be identified, showed the appointment book and other Ruby papers after he was located through an ad in the newspaper offering to sell the Ruby papers to the highest bidder.

The contractor said he and his workmen were remodeling a building about a year when a man walked in and asked for the building's owner.

"He called me aside and offered me \$50,000 for the building," the contractor said. "Or he said he would give me the same amount of money if I wouldn't reopen the place."