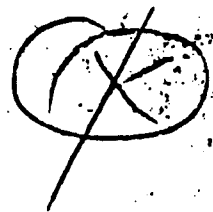


200 Mercantile Continental Building
1810 Commerce Street
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July 16, 1964

~~Mr. Clayton Fowler~~
Attorney at Law
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Dear Mr. Fowler:

RE: JACK L. RUBY

This will confirm my telephone conversation with you and Mr. Sol Dann on July 15, 1964, concerning the interest of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy in affording a polygraph examination to Mr. Ruby. You advised that you and your associates and various members of Mr. Ruby's family desired for me to convey to the Commission information which would be supplied by Mr. Dann.

Subsequently, Mr. Dann advised, by telephone, that the family had consulted with Doctor Emanuel Tanay, 861 Fisher Building, Detroit 2, Michigan, who had made an examination of Ruby in the past, and that you, Mr. Dann, and the family would be guided by the judgment of Doctor Tanay. Mr. Dann stated that at that time Doctor Tanay has advised a polygraph examination would seriously affect Ruby's health, that the Doctor was of the opinion it was highly questionable whether such a test would be of any value, in view of Ruby's present mental condition. Mr. Dann stated, therefore, he would not be in a position to allow Ruby to have a test at this time, and that he further desired to have conveyed to the Commission the following conditions under which the tests might be given in the future, if the above matters are ever resolved:

1 - Addressee

cc: Mr. Sol Dann
1820 David Stoot Building
Detroit 28, Michigan

2 - DL (44-1639)

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- 1.) The test would be given in the presence of Doctor Tanay, either you or Mr. Dann, with no outsiders present, with particular reference to anyone from the District Attorney's Office or the Sheriff's Office.
- 2.) That it would have to be assured the results of the test would be held confidential by the Commission, and under no circumstances made available to the District Attorney or the press.
- 3.) That written authority for such examination be obtained from Mr. Earl Ruby.

Mr. Dann stated that, while you and others were desirous of cooperating with the Commission, it was not felt a polygraph examination would be permissible, in view of the possible effect the examination might have on Ruby's health, except under the conditions noted above.

Mr. Dann stated the FBI or the Commission might desire to contact Doctor Tanay. He was advised this would be a matter left entirely up to the Commission, as the FBI was merely requested to set up the polygraph examination by the Commission.

Very truly yours,

J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge