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Dear Gordon:

I am enclosing attachments concerning an accident which occurred at 10:50 AM on 22 November 1963 involving a TI employee, Charles E. Burns, and a Miss Janet Conforto (Conponto) or "Jada" Conforto, who is alleged to have been a "stripper" for Jack Ruby's night club during 1963.

This information was supposed to have been furnished to one of your agents, name not now recalled, by telephone on 25 or 26 November 1963 by William V. Walsh who was, at that time, Security Administrator for the Apparatus Division then located at 6000 Lemmon Avenue. I am bringing this to your attention for the following reasons:

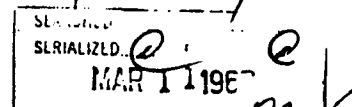
1.) Indications are that the New Orleans DA has been, or soon will be, in touch with Mr. Burns.

2.) A statement attributed to Miss Conforto by Mr. Walsh which, if exactly as recalled, should probably have been closely checked out as a result of Mr. Walsh furnishing this information over the telephone. Indeed it may have been adequately recorded and checked but in view of 1.) above you may have an interest in re-examining your file.

The attached official TI documents reflect that Charles E. Burns was struck on his left hip by an automobile driven by Miss Conforto at 10:50 AM on 22 November 1963. Mr. Burns was crossing Atwell Street from a TI leased building on the north side of Atwell to TI's 6000 Lemmon Avenue facility. Miss Conforto was driving west on Atwell at a speed of 15-20 MPH. The accident was witnessed by a Bob Stastny of 321 Lakeside, Irving, Texas. Miss Conforto was driving a 1962 or 1963 Cadillac bearing Louisiana license plates 941-985. Miss Conforto stopped and rendered aid and Mr. Burns was

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taken to the TI health center in 6000 Lemmon Avenue and also taken to Launey Clinic at 9528 Webb's Chapel Road where he was treated. You will note the attached documents have typographical discrepancies concerning:

- 1.) Date of accident - shown in December 9 letter to Mr. Charles E. Way as 21 November. The originator of the letter, Mr. H. F. Aubel, states this is in error and the date was 22 November.
- 2.) Spelling of Miss Conforto's name - in same letter name is spelled "Conponto." Mr. Aubel says his original notes show "Conforto."
- 3.) Time of accident - shown on Supervisor's Investigation Report prepared on December 16 as 10:50 PM. Mr. Aubel, Mr. Walsh and Mr. H. L. Shearer all state it was 10:50 AM.

All the above states, and attached documents attempt to prove, is that Miss Conforto was involved in an accident shortly before 11 AM on the day of the assassination and was driving a 1962 or 1963 Cadillac with Louisiana license plates 941-985. The rest of the information set forth below is not documented in writing unless it was written up by your office as a result of Mr. Walsh's call on 25 or 26 November 1963. It was not brought to my attention until March 9, 1967.

Mr. Walsh and Mr. H. L. "Doc" Shearer, a TI guard assigned to Lemmon Avenue on this date, remembers the accident well. They recall Miss Conforto was most agitated and nervous after the accident and Mr. Walsh does not attribute this excitement to the accident so much as to her repeated statements that, while she wanted to straighten out the accident, she had to leave town immediately for New Orleans and would handle all the accident details later. They say that she called a gentleman friend to come to TI and he came up in a green Cadillac. They do not now recall his name but Mr. Walsh, an early day pro football player himself, remembers this man boasted of playing pro football. Mr. Walsh checked this man with Tom Landry a few days later and Walsh remembers Mr. Landry knew the man and knew he drove a Cadillac. Mr. Walsh states Mr. Landry told him this man was from a small Eastern school which had never "furnished" a player to pro football but that the man was "telling this story all over Dallas." It is interesting to note that everyone has described this individual as large, dark and heavy set. Mr. Burns thinks he had an "Italian-sounding" name, with possibly "Nick" as the first name.

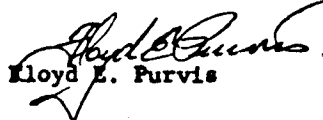
Miss Conforto entered the TI building at 3709 Atwell to make a telephone call, presumably to the gentleman described above. Patsy F. Foster was the girl assigned to receptionist duty in this building. Mrs. Foster states that Miss Conforto asked "how to get outside" and, after being told, dialed a number and said, "Jack, I've just hit a man. Come and get me." Mrs. Foster said she believed the man's name used was "Jack" but she has frequently questioned her recollection and wondered if she associated the name "Jack" with this call only after she learned of Miss Conforto's relationship to Jack Ruby. She stated she was positive the man who drove up in a Cadillac in just a few minutes was not Ruby. Mrs. Foster said she recalled one Cadillac had Louisiana plates (note the car of Miss Conforto had La. plates 941-985) and the other had Texas plates. She believed the Cadillacs were the same year, color and model but observed "All Cadillacs look the same to me." She believed the color was tan.

TI Guard J. B. Mitchell has advised he passed the accident scene shortly after it happened but did not speak to the Tier involved or the woman who hit him. Mr. Mitchell did say he talked to Mrs. Foster at the scene and quotes Mrs. Foster as saying the woman placed a call and said, "Jack, get the hell over here quick. I've just hit somebody." Mr. Mitchell was pressed as to when he heard Mrs. Foster say "Jack" was called and he was firm in saying it was at the scene of the accident. Mr. Mitchell did not see "Jack".

All of the foregoing is actually only by way of introduction and description of events and, in my estimation, means very little except that Mr. Walsh advised me on March 9, 1967 that during his conversation with Miss Conforto prior to 11:30 AM on 22 November 1963, Miss Conforto stated she was employed in Dallas but that she was going to New Orleans as "we will not be open tonight." (Quotes and underlining supplied for emphasis only - see Mr. Walsh for exact quote as he may recall it.)

To my mind the only unexplainable aspect of the incident is, if Mr. Walsh's recollection is correct, how did Miss Conforto know prior to 11:30 AM on 22 November 1963 that Jack Ruby would close his club that night?

I am well aware of many possible, or even probable, explanations but, in view of Mr. Garrison's indicated interest, I thought it would be well to bring this matter to your attention. If Mr. Walsh's earlier information was recorded when he reported this data, it may be that comparison of that information with this is all that will be required.


Floyd E. Purvis

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