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9-45 AM CST URGENT 3-20-64 WD

DIRECTOR= (44-24016) AND HOUSTON (44-939)

FROM DALLAS (44-1639) 2 P

JACK L. LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. RUBY, AKA.

NEWSPAPERS MARCH NINETEEN AND TWENTY REFLECT RUBY FAMILY HAS ENGAGED PERCY FOREMAN, WIDELY KNOWN HOUSTON, TEXAS, DEFENSE ATTORNEY AS CHIEF DEFENSE COUNSEL TO SUCCEED MELVIN BELLI PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT JOE A. TONAHILL, WHO HAS BEEN FIRED. JASPER, TEXAS AND PHIL BURLESON, DALLAS, WILL CONTINUE ON DEFENSE STAFF, AT LEAST AS TO MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL.

ONLY-RECORDED CONTACTS OF DALLAS OFFICE WITH FOREMAN WERE IN CONNECTION WITH HIS REPRESENTATION OF JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO. AKA, TOP HOODLUM WHO ATTENDED APPALACHIN MEETING, BUFILE NINETY TWO DASH NINE EIGHT TWO FOUR, HOUSTON NINETY TWO DASH ONE NINE TWO. REPORT OF SA MILTON L. NEWSOM, MAY TWENTYNINE , SIXTYONE, CASE REFLECTS BACKGROUND INFO RELATIVE TO FOREMAN. AND TEN, IN SUBSTANCE THAT FOREMAN HAS BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSIBIL MAR 25 1964 IN CAPITAL CASES, IS REPORTEDLY WEALTHY, BIG BLOWHARD JAND HAS REPUTATION OF

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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ETHICAL PRACTICES.

HOUSTON ADVISE BUREAU AND DALLAS OF ANY ADDITIONAL INFO OF POSSIBLE PERTINENCE AND SPECIFICALLY ANY DETAILS REFLECTING SUBVERSIVE CONNOTATIONS.

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CC-MR. ROSEN