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Houston, Texas

August 24, 1964

JACK L. RUBY;  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM  
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RE: COPYRIGHT STORY BY  
COLUMNIST DOROTHY KILGALLEN

Mr. Leon Jaworski, Attorney, Houston, Texas, advised Special Agent James W. Russell on August 21, 1964, that he is not a member of the Warren Commission. He said he is a Special Counsel to the Attorney General of the State of Texas to investigate the assassination. Mr. Jaworski advised he was not present at the interview of Jack Ruby by the Warren Commission as has been reported in the news media in recent days. He said he had written a letter to Mr. J. Lee Rankin, Commission Counsel, on August 20, 1964, and he had pointed out to Mr. Rankin that he had not attended these interviews. Mr. Jaworski also stated he advised Rankin that he has no idea as to how the information regarding this interview had been leaked out to the press.

Mr. Jaworski advised that this interview had largely been set up as a result of his arrangements with, and through, Mr. Joe H. Tonahill of Jasper, Texas, who was Jack Ruby's attorney. He said he cannot recall why he could not attend the interview but he probably was required to be in some distant city at the time. He said Mr. Robert G. Storey of Dallas, who is likewise a Special Counsel to the Attorney General of the State of Texas, did attend the interview of Jack Ruby. Mr. Jaworski advised he has never seen a transcript of the interview with Ruby, has never had a copy of this transcript in his possession, and has no knowledge of the distribution made of the copies of this transcript.

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On August 21, 1964, Mr. Joe Golden, law associate of Joe H. Tonahill, Jasper, Texas, advised that Joe H. Tonahill was on vacation and he would attempt to locate him and have him contact the Houston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On August 21, 1964, Mr. Tonahill telephonically contacted Special Agent Graham W. Kitchel. When requested for an appointment to interview him, Mr. Tonahill was advised the purpose of the interview was to question him concerning how the transcript of the interview of Jack L. Ruby came into the possession of Columnist Dorothy Kilgallen.

Mr. Tonahill advised that it would not be necessary in his opinion to interview him in person regarding this matter and declined to advise his location. He stated he was vacationing with his family on a lake in Texas and would be so occupied for approximately ten days.

Mr. Tonahill advised that he was present during the interview of Jack L. Ruby as Ruby's counsel. He stated he took very few notes but was accorded a copy of the transcript of the interview by J. Lee Hankin when it was prepared. He stated he has maintained this copy of the transcript locked in his desk in his office, and that employees of his office have not seen it and do not know that he has such. He stated he does not know how a copy of the transcript of the interview came into the possession of Dorothy Kilgallen, but knows he had no part in making the transcript available to her.