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DALLAS, Tex. AP - A Dallas contractor said 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 Dallas Times-Herald said today.

The newspaper said the 22-year-old 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.

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

The newspaper 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 Times-Herald offering to sell the Ruby papers to the highest bidder.

The contractor said he and his workmen were remodeling a building about a year ago when a tall, well-spoken man walked in and asked for the building's owner. The man never identified himself, the newspaper quoted the contractor as saying.

"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."

Two days later, the Times Herald said, an electrician stringing new wiring discovered the false ceiling. Four boxes containing the Ruby papers were in a conner.

The mystery man returned within the week and was told the building was not for sale.

"At his request, I let him have a look around," the contractor said. "He went straight to the false ceiling and looked in the same corner," the contractor said, but found nothing because the boxes had been removed.

The would-be buyer then left without a word and never returned, the paper said.

The contractor said he informed the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the materials but they indicated they were not interested.

Among the names mentioned in the appointment book is a reference to "Shaw." No further identification is noted. It says "Opening for Shaw."

There is no evidence among the papers to suggest this reference is in any way connected to the Clay Shaw that New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison has charged with conspring to assassinate President Kennedy.