

1Date December 3, 1963

ROBERT DONALD LAWRENCE, was interviewed at his residence, 237 Lana Street, Apartment 1A, Las Vegas, telephone number 736-4785.

LAWRENCE was questioned concerning his knowledge of, and/or association with, JACK RUBY. LAWRENCE advised that he has not seen RUBY since he departed Dallas, Texas, approximately six or seven years ago. He advised that he was acquainted with RUBY in Dallas, when the latter owned and operated the "Vegas Club" in that city. He recalled RUBY as at one time the operator of the "Professional Club" in Dallas.

LAWRENCE related that he knew RUBY well, describing him as a "hot head" with a "short fuse."

He stated that he has no information that RUBY has been in the Las Vegas area recently and added that he has never seen RUBY in Las Vegas, Nevada.

LAWRENCE recalled that RUBY at one time operated a beer and wine establishment in Dallas, Texas. He further recalled that RUBY was always friendly with the police in Dallas. He mentioned that RUBY was a very excitable person and used to become heated in the midst of poker games when things did not go his way. He also advised that RUBY spoke like a high pressure salesman when in conversation with others. LAWRENCE related that he knew the following persons were friends and associates of RUBY in the Dallas, Texas area:

JOHNNY ROSS, liquor store owner;
"Chicken Louis," well known hood, deceased;
R. D. MATTHEWS, strong arm man;
CHARLEY TISH, employed Prime Rib Restaurant, Las Vegas;
ABE WEINSTEIN and BARNKY WEINSTEIN, brothers who
operated the Colony
Club and Theatre
Lounge respectively.

LAWRENCE advised that he had never heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD until his name appeared in the newspapers.

On 11/26/63 at Las Vegas, Nevada File # Las Vegas 44-48
by SAS FRANCIS J. SCHMIDT and JOSEPH A. MURRAY: JAM/nph Date dictated 11/26/63

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ORIGIN	Field	OFFICE	Los Angeles, California	FILE NO.	4-3-601.0
TYPE OF CASE	Protective Research	STATUS	Closed	TITLE OR CAPTION	Jack Ruby - PRS Subject C 14 b
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	Los Angeles, California	PERIOD COVERED	11/29/63 - 11/30/63		
INVESTIGATION MADE BY	SAIC Guy H. Spaman & SA Darwin D. Horn				
DETAILS	<p><u>DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION</u></p> <p>On the afternoon of November 29, 1963, SAIC Spaman received a phone call from a man who said he was Irving Cassidy. Mr. Cassidy said that he had just visited Harry Hall in Terminal Island Federal Reformatory, Los Angeles, and Mr. Hall asked that Mr. Cassidy call SAIC Spaman to tell him that Harry Hall had information concerning Jack Ruby from Dallas, Texas, and would like to talk with the Secret Service.</p> <p>Harry Hall was an informant for the Los Angeles Office several years ago, giving information which resulted in the seizure of a counterfeiting plant. He has since given information to the Intelligence Division of the Treasury and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.</p> <p>Harry Hall is serving a sentence of 30 months in Terminal Island for defrauding boxing promoter Truman Robinson of a large sum of money. His confidence scheme involved forging United States Attorney Francis Melan's signature and other fraudulent Federal papers resulting in his conviction in Federal Court after an investigation by the FBI.</p> <p>On the same date SA Horn interviewed Harry Hall at Terminal Island Reformatory in the presence of a prison official. Hall stated that he had had business dealings with Jack Ruby and was well acquainted with him, but advised SA Horn that he did not want to talk in the reformatory in the presence of witnesses, but would talk to SAIC Spaman if he could be taken out of Terminal Island to the Secret Service Office.</p> <p>On November 30, 1963, SAIC Spaman discussed this matter with Inspector Kelley at Dallas, Texas, advising Inspector Kelley that Harry Hall had been of assistance to other agencies in addition to the Secret Service, and that his information in many cases had been reliable.</p>				
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