



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.Dallas, Texas
August 19, 1964JACK L. RUBY;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD

By letter dated June 4, 1964, the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy requested the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine the existence of phonographic records and papers, which former Dallas County Sheriff Steve Guthrie claimed were made in connection with the Dallas Crime Investigation, 1946-1948; and if they do exist, how they are now maintained; how extensive they are, and whether or not they are indexed to show any mention of Jack L. Ruby.

Attached hereto are results of additional investigation and review of the recordings, located in the possession of Lieutenant George E. Butler, Police Department, Dallas, Texas.

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CARL F. HANSSON, 1230 Ridgeway Drive, interviewed at his residence, advised he was formerly Chief of Police, Dallas, Texas, until early January 1960. He was the Chief of Police at Dallas during the pertinent periods of 1947 and 1950.

HANSSON stated that during the time he was Chief of Police he was well informed on the investigation regarding PAUL ROWLAND JONES. He also stated that he is well acquainted with the part former Dallas County Sheriff STEVE GUTHRIE and Police Lieutenant GEORGE BUTLER took in the JONES investigation.

HANSSON stated he does not know the present whereabouts of transcriptions of the phonograph records taken of the various interviews between JONES, GUTHRIE and BUTLER. However, he did note that during the course of the JONES investigation, he had on several occasions read these transcripts and does not recall the name of JACK RUBY ever being mentioned. HANSSON stated he positively does not think that the name of JACK RUBY ever came up in the recorded interviews of JONES by GUTHRIE and BUTLER.

HANSSON noted he does not have a good opinion at all of STEVE GUTHRIE and would not place any confidence in any statement by GUTHRIE to the effect that JONES had mentioned the name of JACK RUBY during the interviews.

Regarding the reported return of the transcriptions of the phonograph records to the Dallas Police Department on December 2, 1950, from the Clerk of the Court of Criminal Appeals, State of Texas, Austin, Texas, HANSSON advised this would have been a routine matter and he would surmise the transcriptions were indeed returned at that time to the Dallas Police Department, but he nevertheless does not recall the specific incident.

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Assistant Chief of Police GEORGE L. LUMPKIN, Administrative Division, Dallas Police Department, was interviewed in his office regarding the possible location of a transcript of the original recordings taken by the Dallas Police Department in connection with other local law enforcement agencies during the period 1946-1948 in their joint investigation concerning PAUL ROWLAND JONES.

LUMPKIN advised that inasmuch as the investigation was many years ago and the matter regarding JONES has been handled in the courts, he would assume that any such old records have been long since destroyed.

However, LUMPKIN stated on August 6, 1964, that he would have his Records Bureau conduct a thorough search to try and locate the pertinent phonograph records and/or their transcriptions.

LUMPKIN subsequently advised on August 10, 1964, that a search by his Records Bureau regarding instant matter was unproductive.

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Lieutenant GEORGE E. BUTLER was interviewed in his office located in the Juvenile Bureau at the Police Department, Dallas Texas.

Lieutenant BUTLER advised on August 6, 1963, in regard to the present whereabouts of phonograph records and/or transcriptions of recordings made by former Dallas County Sheriff STEVE GUTHERIE and himself in connection with their departments' joint investigation of PAUL ROWLAND JONES around 1946 - 1948, he did not believe either the recordings or their written transcriptions were still in existence.

Lieutenant BUTLER stated that when he picked up the recordings from the Clerk of the Court of Criminal Appeals, State of Texas, Austin, Texas, reportedly in December, 1950, in behalf of former Dallas Chief of Police CARL P. HANSSON, he believes it was to deliver the recordings to the Kefauver Committee then holding sessions in Chicago, Illinois.

Lieutenant BUTLER stated he took the recordings to the Kefauver Hearings in Chicago, Illinois.

He noted he would make a search of his "personal" records at his home (6447 Velasco Avenue, Dallas, Texas) to see if he could locate any copy of the transcript of these recordings.

On August 11, 1964, Lieutenant BUTLER advised he had located the original recordings, consisting of twenty-two (22) discs, at his home, but could find no written transcriptions of same or an index.

He stated that when he located the recordings at his home, he noted that they were still packaged in the original, unopened container by which they were returned to him in 1960 from the McClellan Committee.

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BUTLER stated that he now remembers that he had loaned the recordings to the McClellan Committee for their use sometime in late 1959 or early 1960.

It was noted that the package by which these twenty-two records were returned to Lieutenant BUTLER had never been opened and had been sent by "Registered Mail - Return Receipt Requested" on March 17, 1960, from the office of Senator McClellan to Lieutenant GEORGE BUTLER, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas. The Post Office stamp on the outside of the package indicated that the package had arrived in Dallas, Texas, on March 21, 1960. The package bore Registry Number 220346.

Upon opening the package in the interviewing Agent's presence, it was noted to contain twenty-two records, which Lieutenant BUTLER described as the recordings taken by former Dallas County Sheriff STEVE GUTERIE and himself in their joint investigation in regard to the joint intelligence investigation of PAUL ROWLAND JONES around 1946 - 1948, the exact dates of which he does not now recall.

Lieutenant BUTLER stated he has retained these twenty-two recordings in his "personal" possession and intends to continue to do so in order to be sure of their whereabouts at all times.

He advised that if the President's Commission desires to personally review the recordings, the Commission should contact him "personally" and not through anyone else at the Dallas Police Department.

BUTLER stated that he had no objection whatsoever to the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the President's Commission taping these twenty-two records or making written transcriptions of them for official use.

Lieutenant BUTLER stated he has not listened to these records for years and cannot positively state whether or not the name of JACK L. RUBY is mentioned in any of the records. However, he stated to the best of his recollection, he does not believe that the name of JACK L. RUBY is mentioned in any of the recordings.

Regarding previous written transcripts and/or an index of names mentioned in any of the records, Lieutenant BUTLER stated that while transcripts had been made years ago, he does not know of their present location or even if they still exist. Concerning any index, Lieutenant BUTLER stated he believes the discs may have been indexed years ago, but he does not know of the present whereabouts or even of the present existence of such an index.

BUTLER added it is entirely possible that the McClellan Committee may have transcribed the contents of these twenty-two recordings for their records.

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The twenty-two recordings made available for review by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with the permission of Lieutenant GEORGE E. BUTLER, Juvenile Division, Police Department, Dallas, Texas, were monitored on August 14, 1964, in the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by Special Agent RICHARD J. BURNETT.

It is noted that at no time on any of the twenty-two recordings was the name of "JACK L. RUBY" or "RUBY" mentioned. The records furnished by Lieutenant BUTLER were twenty-two in number. They are marked and identified as follows:

1. Recordings #1 through #19, inclusive, were recorded on November 1-2, 1946, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 2 a.m. The conversations recorded thereon were between STEVE GUTHRIE, GEORGE BUTLER and PAUL ROWLAND JONES. They are described as the "first meeting".

It is noted that recordings #8 and #17 which would be on the same record, but opposite sides, are missing.

2. Recordings #20 through #28, recorded between 3:10 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on November 6, 1946, were recordings of conversations between STEVE GUTHRIE, GEORGE BUTLER, PAUL ROWLAND JONES, and a fourth individual named as "KNAPP". These records pertain to the second meeting of GUTHRIE, BUTLER and JONES.

3. Recordings #29 through #37 were recorded between 8:40 a.m. and 11:40 a.m., on November 7, 1946. The persons involved in these recordings are STEVE GUTHRIE, GEORGE BUTLER, PAUL ROWLAND JONES, "KNAPP", and a fifth individual called "MANNING". These records are referred to as the "third meeting".

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4. Recordings #38 through #42 were recorded on December 13, 1946 (time not indicated), between STEVE GUTHRIE, GEORGE BUTLER and PAUL ROWLAND JONES. These recordings are described as the "fourth meeting".

While the names of JACK L. RUBY or RUBY were not noted to have been mentioned in these recordings, of particular significance might be comments made on recordings #9 and #18 made at the "first meeting" between GUTHRIE, BUTLER and JONES on November 1-2, 1946.

During the conversation between JONES, GUTHRIE and BUTLER regarding the setting up of a gambling joint in the Dallas area by an outside group, JONES mentioned to GUTHRIE, who was then a Sheriff-elect and not as of that time officially in office, that he wanted GUTHRIE to choose his own man to operate the proposed gambling joint in Dallas and JONES stated "You pick the man," and JONES continued, "I'm going to train the man you pick." GUTHRIE stated that he would send in only one man from the outside to be connected with this gambling venture, and this would be a "crap shooter". JONES emphasized that "It's got to be local." JONES in describing the individual (the crap shooter), who he would bring in from the outside, stated that he looks like a preacher, "not a Dago, not a Jew".

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On August 17, 1964, the twenty-two recordings pertaining to the transcriptions made of the four meetings between former Dallas County Sheriff STEVE GUTHRIE, GEORGE E. BUTLER and PAUL ROWLAND JONES during November and December, 1946, were returned personally to Lieutenant GEORGE E. BUTLER, Juvenile Division, Dallas Police Department. Lieutenant BUTLER stated that he does not know where or what might have happened to recordings # 8 and # 17 of the "first meeting" between JONES, GUTHRIE and himself on November 1, 1946. BUTLER stated these twenty-two recordings, which he had furnished to the FBI on August 11, 1964, were all of the recordings which had been returned to him by the Mc Clellan Committee in 1960. BUTLER stated that he does not recall any questions in the past regarding the absence of any specific records pertaining to the interviews between GUTHRIE, JONES and himself in 1946. He stated that he does not know at this time whether the "missing record" might possibly be an error in transcribing numbers some years ago or whether such a record actually existed at one time.

Lieutenant BUTLER noted that all of these twenty-two recordings were made during four separate meetings in November and December, 1946, between JONES, GUTHRIE and himself in the home of former Dallas County Sheriff STEVE GUTHRIE. He stated that these records are the original recordings of these transcribed accounts of the four meetings.

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The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy by letter dated July 23, 1964, in Item Six, requested certain property receipts, included in a Dallas Police Department Report, be initialed by one or both of the officers who executed the documents and that one or more of the individuals be interviewed with respect to certain questions.

Attached are reports of interviews with Willie Mills Dickey, Charles Batchelor and B. W. Reuben, Dallas Police Department, and Billie Joe Smith, former Dallas Police officer.

The four property receipts supplied by the Commission have been initialed. In addition the Dallas Police Department has supplied a copy of property receipt number 14580G, which has been initialed by Mr. Smith.

Attachments (4)

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2417