



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin

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General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to my letter dated August 27, 1964, concerning the display of photographs of Officer J. D. Tippit and Mr. Bernard Weissman to six individuals having a connection with the Carousel Club.

Enclosed are two copies each of two communications from our Portland Office dated August 21, 1964, and August 31, 1964. In the enclosed communications you will note Mr. Crafard states Mr. Jack Ruby told him that he knew Officer Tippit and that he, Crafard, had seen Mr. Weissman at the Carousel Club on a number of occasions.

For your information, my letter dated August 27, 1964, enclosed a communication from our Dallas Office dated August 21, 1964. On page two of the Dallas communication Mr. Andrew Armstrong, Jr., during an interview on August 20, 1964, stated after viewing photographs of Officer Tippit and Mr. Weissman that he had never seen either individual before. Mr. Armstrong also stated that Mr. Ruby had told him that the "Tippit" who was shot was not the one he knew. Further, beginning on page three of the Dallas communication Detective Gayle M. Tippit, during interview on December 16, 1963, acknowledged that he was very well acquainted with Mr. Ruby.

When the results of our efforts to verify Mr. Weissman's employment in Dallas on November 14, 1963, as requested in your letter dated August 31, 1964, are received, you will be promptly advised concluding our inquiries into this particular matter.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (4)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Portland, Oregon
August 21, 1964

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Curtis La Verne Crafard, 1219 Birch Street, Dallas, Oregon, advised Special Agent Vern F. Davis that he had been employed by Jack Ruby at Ruby's Carousel Club and also at his Vegas Club in Dallas, Texas, principally as lights operator for the stage acts but also occasionally as bartender and coorman, and this employment covered the period around November 14, 1963. Interview was conducted on August 21, 1964.

Relative to Officer J. D. Tippit, the photographs of Tippit were shown to Crafard at his above address in Dallas, Oregon. He said that he does not recognize the photographs of Tippit as anyone he had seen in either of the above clubs. He does recall the name "Tippit" and recalls that he was in the presence of Ruby at the time the news came over the air concerning the assassination of President Kennedy and the death of Officer Tippit, and at that time Crafard recalls hearing Ruby refer to Tippit by name in a manner indicating to Crafard that Ruby knew Tippit. Crafard was unable to recall specifically what Ruby said.

Concerning Bernard Weissman, Crafard was shown the photographs of Weissman. He recalled the photographs as being of a man he recognizes as having been at the Carousel Club, belonging to Ruby in Dallas, Texas, on a number of occasions. He has heard Ruby refer to Weissman by the name of "Weissman," and on several occasions has served Weissman drinks at the Carousel Club.

Crafard stated he was employed by Ruby on November 14, 1963, but he is quite certain he was at the Vegas Club on that date. Crafard has no recollection of Ruby, Weissman and Tippit meeting at the Carousel Club or elsewhere on November 14, 1963, or on any other date.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Portland, Oregon
August 31, 1964

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Curtis La Verne Crafard, 1219 Birch Street, Dallas, Oregon, furnished the following information to Special Agents Vern F. Davis and Harold G. Brack on August 27, 1964:

It is Crafard's definite recollection that he was in the presence of Jack Ruby when the news came over the air concerning the assassination of President Kennedy and the death of Officer J. D. Tippit on November 22, 1963. At that time, Ruby referred to Officer Tippit by his first name or a nickname, neither of which Crafard can recall, and said he knew him quite well. He definitely was referring to the Dallas, Texas, Police Department officer, Tippit, who was shot the day of the assassination.

Concerning an individual named Weissman, Crafard has a very vague recollection of having heard either Ruby or the man in charge of the Carousel Club in Ruby's absence, whose name is either Andy Alexander or Andy Armstrong, mention the name Weissman. He does not remember in what connection the name was mentioned, unless possibly it was simply an order to serve Mr. Weissman. Crafard believes he served such a "fellow" two or three times at the bar at the Carousel Club in the late evening and that he was a detective from the Dallas, Texas, Police Department. He does not recall Weissman's first name but is inclined to think it may have been Johnny. He does not recall anyone else who knew Weissman, and the only description Crafard can furnish of Weissman is as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	38 to 43 years

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Height	Six feet
Weight	180 to 185 pounds
Hair	Dark

Crafard does not recall whether Weissman may have been at the Carousel Club early in the period he, Crafard, worked there or at a later date. Actually, Crafard said, he has "practically forgotten all that happened when I was in Dallas and I could have my recollection of a Mr. Weissman mixed up with someone else."

Crafard stated that if previous to August 21, 1964, he had not furnished information as to his recollection of an acquaintanceship between Ruby and Officer J. D. Tippit and also his recollection of a possible acquaintanceship between Ruby and a Mr. Weissman, it is because these points had not been specifically covered with him previously. He said he knows of no other information that he has which would be pertinent to this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dallas, Texas
September 2, 1964

JACK L. RUBY;
1ST FLOOR CEMETERY

The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy by Letter dated August 21, 1964, advised that Mrs. Wanda Wynne Helwick in her deposition before a Commission staff member stated that on Saturday night, November 23, 1963, at about 9:00 p.m. or later, she had overheard a telephone call at the Bull Pen Drive-In between Ralph Paul and Jack Ruby in which Paul made a remark about Ruby's possessing a gun and was heard to exclaim "Are you crazy!"

The President's Commission desired that certain employees of the Bull Pen Drive-In be identified and interviewed regarding this specific telephone call.

Attached are the results of the interviews of these employees.

It is noted that upon the original contact on August 27, 1964, at the Bull Pen Drive-In, Arlington, Texas, Mr. Ralph Paul presented himself and volunteered to assist in identifying and locating present and former employees of his drive-in and offered to be of any assistance possible to this investigation.

Attachments

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2431