

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

ORIGIN Chief	OFFICE Boston, Mass.	FILE NO. CG-2-34,030
TYPE OF CASE Protective Research	STATUS Closed - Boston	TITLE OR CAPTION Mary P. Rich (Nancy Ferrin Rich)
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Boston, Mass.	PERIOD COVERED 6-1-64 - 6-5-64	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY ASAIIC Edward F. Sweeney		
DETAILS SYNOPSIS		
<p>On June 5, 1964, Mr. Rodney G. Kennett, President, Executives, Unlimited, Suite 309, 100 Boylston St., Boston, Mass., former employer of the subject, and his employees who worked with the subject at Boston, Mass., were questioned regarding the subject's veracity and stability.</p>		
DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION		
<p>Reference is made to telephone conversation with Inspector Kelley and ASAIIC Sweeney on June 1, 1964, concerning the production of the subject witness before the Warren Commission; also to G/M from the Chief to SAIC McDermott dated June 2, 1964, requesting a report be made of the extent of the conversation with the former employer and the employer's opinion of the veracity and stability of the subject witness.</p>		
<p>On June 5, 1964, Mr. Rodney G. Kennett, former employer of the subject was interviewed at the above location. Mr. Kennett stated that Mrs. Rich, then Mrs. Nancy Ferrin, applied for a position with his concern on January 14, 1964; that he was momentarily impressed and hired the subject on a temporary basis and that she was engaged in the advertising field with this concern; that within a few weeks a great deal of dissention had been built up in his organization which was determined to be caused by the work of the subject and he was forced to discharge her because of her general attitude.</p>		
<p>Mr. Kennett cited one instance where the subject had told him she had to go to Biddeford, Maine to attend her father's funeral and would return a week later; the following week the subject told co-workers that she was again going to Biddeford, Maine to visit her father. When questioned about the discrepancy of her original story by co-workers, the subject "just smiled and did not answer."</p>		
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Mr. Kennett stated that the subject had a very vivid imagination and it appeared to him that she had lied on several occasions and "would lie to gain a point." He said that her word could not be depended upon and that the employee, including his wife who is the company secretary, eventually refused to listen to Mrs. Rich because they believed her stories were outlandish. He described the subject as being 27 years of age; born at Biddeford, Maine on September 9, 1936; 5'5" tall, about 120 lbs. In Mr. Kennett's opinion, the subject "definitely has a mental condition and is a person who is anything but stable."

Miss Jan Hess, receptionist for this concern, 22 years of age, single, stated that she knew Mrs. Rich when she was employed with this concern; that she considered Mrs. Rich to be one of the most immoral women that she had ever met. Miss Hess stated that according to Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Rich had been married four times; that her previous husband, Mr. Ferrin, committed suicide in California; that when Mrs. Rich originally came to work in January 1964, she was approximately five months pregnant and was not married at the time; that it appeared to the employee that an abortion had been performed. Miss Hess also stated that Mrs. Rich was a highly nervous individual, self-centered, and had told her that she had had St. Vitus Dance during her childhood; that Mrs. Rich was anything but ladylike and had a very foul tongue; that while employed with this concern Mrs. Rich was having an affair with an individual from Texas whose name she did not know but whom she believed to be the father of Mrs. Rich's unborn child; that Mrs. Rich lied consistently about many things and caused the other employees a good deal of concern.

Mrs. Mary Kennett, secretary for this concern and wife of Rodney G./Kennett, stated that she disliked Mrs. Rich personally and morally and that she was not a nice person to be with; that she did not believe Mrs. Rich's stories and would not believe her "on a stack of bibles." Mrs. Kennett also said that she believed the subject would tell a story that came into her mind and immediately believe it to be true even though it was fictitious.

According to the employees at this concern, the subject had requested the Warren Commission to be heard concerning her employment as a bartender for Ruby at Dallas, Texas. The employees are skeptical concerning the bartender job and believe Mrs. Rich could have been "a stripper" even though "she is not pretty."

On June 1, 1964, at 4:00 PM, Special Agent Bernard E. Milton of this office met Mrs. Rich by prior arrangement at her husband's place of business at the corner of Kendall & Hancock Streets, North Quincy, Mass. and transported her by official SS car to Logan International Airport, East Boston, Mass.

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A reservation had been made for Mrs. Rich to travel by plane to Washington, D.C. on American Airlines Flight #355, Seat No. 16-F, leaving Logan International Airport at 6:00 PM and to arrive Washington, D.C. at 7:38 PM on June 1, 1964. Round-trip Ticket No. 1-1648388 was purchased with GTR No. A434663, issued at Washington, D.C., authorized by the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy.

A summary report of Special Agent Milton's impression of Mrs. Rich from conversation with her between 4:00 PM and the time she boarded the plane at approximately 5:45 PM on June 1, is as follows:

Mrs. Rich volunteered the information that she was of Iraqi descent, born in Biddeford, Maine and raised by German foster-parents; her first husband, Mr. Perrin, was a magazine writer; she was the mother of four children - three of whom lived with her and the fourth she did not elaborate on; she claimed to have lived and worked in California, Mexico and New Orleans and to have been a translator for Prince Faisal of Saudi Arabia when he was in the United States and that she liked Prince Mansour and did not like Faisal or his brother Tamir; that she worked as an "undercover operative" for various district attorneys and the FBI in various places in the United States; that she was nervous and it was a change for her to be a housewife instead of an undercover operative; that she was a member of CORE; that she could speak five languages, including two dialects of Arabic.

Mrs. Rich mentioned her present husband casually and said he was "a little old" for her. She talked generally about police brutality in the South and about civil rights.

Mrs. Rich exhibited a letter from the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy and the envelope, upon which was written "opened by mistake." She said that her ex-boss had opened it and she asked Special Agent Milton what to do about it. He advised her to tell the people in Washington about it.

According to Special Agent Milton, Mrs. Rich appeared to be a very nervous woman. She talked rapidly but intelligently and seemed to have strong feelings on any subject she discussed. She has highly-developed facial tics - such as making faces with her mouth and a spastic contraction of the right eye. She is possibly a mental case and definitely a very nervous person. She told many stories about doing undercover work and working on counterfeiting cases which appeared to be obvious fabrications.

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NANCY ELAINE PERRIN, 6 Harder Road, Hayward, California, also known as Julie Ann Cody, Mrs. Robert Perrin, was interviewed and advised she worked for RUBY in his night club, Carousel, as a bartender and waitress in July - August, 1961. Following her discharge from RUBY's club in 1961, PERRIN claims she and her husband ROBERT (deceased) attended four meetings at an unknown apartment in Dallas of a group arranging to run guns to CASTRO in Cuba. PERRIN states RUBY was present at three of these meetings. PERRIN stated a United States Army Colonel (name not remembered) was in charge of meetings where they discussed Enfield rifles from Mexico and sending them by plane and boat to Cuba. PERRIN said she made her husband pull out of the operation and does not know if any guns were ever received or run to Cuba.

PERRIN states she could find the building where the meetings were held if she was in Dallas.

PERRIN stated that "BUDDY KING" was a Master of Ceremonies and comic entertainer in RUBY's club and a close friend of RUBY. PERRIN feels KING would know about RUBY's operations. PERRIN states she saw "syndicate men" from Chicago and St. Louis in RUBY's night club, and she entertained them as hostess and observed money payments made to RUBY. The only name PERRIN could remember was "EDDY MARK" from St. Louis.

PERRIN claims Dallas police officers frequented RUBY's club where he gave them free drinks. PERRIN states a CY VICKORSON, Dallas attorney, was retained by her in connection with an arrest for prostitution. PERRIN also states Detective PAUL RAYBURN, Dallas Police Department, Juvenile Division, was her boy friend whom she met at RUBY's club. PERRIN said RAYBURN would vouch for her.

PERRIN admits to call girl operations in New Orleans and Boston where she has arrest record for prostitution.

on 11/27/63 at Hayward, California File # DL 89-43
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by Special Agent RICHARD G. ALLEN /gv Date dictated 11/29/63

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