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her that her husband was running around with other women and that he was going to die. She also told JENKINS that she did not believe this, as she did not think eagles made telephone calls.

In conclusion, Mr. JENKINS advised that based on his association with MARIE STEPHENS he considers her a very unstable person, strongly inclined to imagine things, and he would not believe anything she said.

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M E M O R A N D U M

September 23, 1964

TO: Mr. J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

FROM: Burt W. Griffin

RE: Telephone conversations, September 22, 1964 concerning  
Jack Ruby's relationship with Russell D. Mathews.

Between 11:00 and 12:00 p.m., I placed long distance telephone calls to George Senator in New York City and to Ralph Paul and Eva Grant in Dallas, Texas for the purpose of ascertaining what connection, if any, Jack Ruby had with Russell D. Mathews and Elizabeth Ann Mathews.

Neither Mr. Senator, Mr. Paul nor Mrs. Grant were familiar with the names of Mr. and Mrs. Mathews and knew of no connection Jack Ruby had with Mr. Mathews or with persons at Shreveport, Louisiana, other than night club owners.

I asked Mrs. Grant specifically what information she had concerning the possible sale of jeeps to Cuba. She explained that she had heard about this venture in the spring or summer of 1959 or 1960. She said that she had been present during a conversation with her brother, although, it was not clear if anyone else was present. According to Mrs. Grant, her brother was contacted by a person who owned eight jeeps and wished to locate a buyer. She said her brother saw this as an opportunity to act as a broker, just as one might be a broker for any conventional item of merchandise. She also was not sure where the prospective buyer or seller were located, although when I mentioned Houston to her, she indicated that there was someone in Houston connected with the transaction. She indicated, although her answers were not specific, that the prospective sale was never completed. She also said that she never considered the prospective sale worthwhile since it was her understanding that Cuba was getting all the jeeps it needed from the United States and would not have any use for eight jeeps. She also was unable to give any specific information about the jeeps although she speculated that they were broken down jeeps left over from World War II.

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COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 3069

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MEMORANDUM

September 23, 1964

TO: Mr. J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

FROM: Burt W. Griffin

RE: Telephone conversation with Andrew Armstrong, Jr.

At approximately 2:45 p.m. today I spoke by telephone with Andrew Armstrong Jr. in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Armstrong stated that he did not know and had never heard of Russell D. Mathews or Elizabeth Ann Mathews and he knew of no connection between those persons and Jack Ruby.

*Burt W. Griffin*

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Date November 27, 1963

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JOHN W. MASHEK, Washington Correspondent for the Dallas Morning News (Dallas, Texas), 620 Alber Building, 1426 G Street NW, Washington, D. C., stated that he had been interested in trying to find out if there was any possible connection between LEE HARVEY OSWALD and/or JACK RUBY and gambling and racketeering activities. MASHEK stated that any information he had in this regard was hearsay, based on either information in the various news media or rumor.

MASHEK stated the person who would be best able to furnish information concerning JACK RUBY would be TONY ZOPPI, Amusement Editor, Dallas Morning News.

MASHEK said he had heard on the news, what he considers at present to be a rumor, of OSWALD having been in Mexico in the latter part of September, 1963, about the time President KENNEDY made a trip there. MASHEK stated he was trying to locate the file references in his office to ascertain the dates of the visit.

MASHEK said he had heard or read something about JACK RUBY or RUBY's brother having made trips to Chicago, but this was rumor as far as MASHEK is concerned, and he could not furnish any factual information in this regard.

MASHEK said in conversation with newsmen he had heard what he considered at the moment to be a "wild rumor," mentioned by a Chicago Daily News man who was working in Dallas at the office of the Dallas Morning News, to the effect that a payoff was made to OSWALD or RUBY in Chicago, two weeks before the assassination of President KENNEDY on November 22, 1963. MASHEK said the rumor or information supposedly stemmed from an informant in Chicago, who reportedly told the Federal and Police Reporter for the Chicago Daily News about it.

MASHEK said he could not recall the name of the Chicago Daily News reporter in Dallas who had mentioned this alleged "payoff," but he had the name written down at home. He said he would find out the name and advise interviewing Agents of same.

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