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Jack Ruby

① Personality File Action Request.

Branch: CI/SI

TO: RID/201 Section

FROM: Ann Egerton.

1-9-64

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Action Desk - CI/SI Code: 731

a-memo for chief, CI/SI 6 Subj: - Jack Ruby

From Stephen C. Millett, Jr. Doc. No 1207-439

FOIA Review 1-1977 Same as 1216-441

"A reliable source" ^{who is} well versed in labor affairs informed me today that Jack Ruby (formerly Rubenstein) was sent to Israel last year with a delegation of American trade unionists, having been placed on this delegation by Gibbons of the Teamsters Union. While in New York he was also in contact with Glen Bondike reported to be an official of the Histadrut (Israel Federation of Labor)

a- It was also stated that the AFL-CIO has a record that Subject applied last year in New Orleans to the AFL-CIO office there for a job as a union organizer."

③ Article from Wash. Post 2 Feb. 1964 "Ruby's Travels Included Trips to Cuba and Mexico." by Jack Ruby & William Read Woodfield.

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Salomón Pratkins - Hotel Sevilla.

FOIA Doc. No. 1209-440

④ memo for the record 25 Nov 1963 by Birch D. O'Nea

A 9:10 A.M. Papish called and stated that he wanted to be sure we didn't have any additional information concerning Ruby. "I advised him that we had checked our records, including fru's, and on the basis of the information we had concerning Subject which had been provided by him (24 November) we have no information relating to him."

A 9:20 Papish called again and said after search at FBI "there was no indication that he has been out of the United States or that he is a member of any particular political or subversive group. He stated that there was some indication that he may have been in Cuba in 1959 while we still had an Embassy there, and there was some information that he allegedly visited a night club. Mr. Papish pointed out, however, that this would have been entirely consistent with his known activities in the night club business. He said that the possibility of his being in Cuba should be considered with a "big question mark."

"I reminded Papish that we had checked through the Immigration ~~and~~ Service on the tourist card record in the Mexican Immigration in Nuevo Laredo and that we had had a response that they were unable to develop any information concerning his departure on ~~se~~ 26 September and re-entry on 3 October."

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I advised him that we had not received a response from a request to Customs Service with regard to such departure and entry. Mr. Papish stated that the Bureau was looking into this matter and would keep me informed. I indicated that I would not press the matter further with the Customs Service. He is to keep us informed."

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⑤ memo 1-7-64 to CIA from Hoover.

Mr. Carlos Villa, 1450 Coral Way, Miami furnished a letter on 12-21-63. Letter had been forwarded to a friend of his, Jose Antonio Juan. Mr. Juan received letter from son in Cuba.

In letter "it is known here that Rubenstein was here a little less than a year ago visiting a Mr. Pranski, dealing in tourist articles, owner of shop on Prado street between Animas and Trocadero, opposite the Sevilla Biltmore."

For your information the Bureau has developed no info that Ruby ever visited Cuba, except on one occasion in 1959 when he visited there briefly on a vacation trip.

⑥ memo for James Angleton 1-9-64 memo received from AMTOUT-1. From [redacted] FUTA Doc No 1213-1128

Attached is translation of memo sent to Carlos Marquez Sterling ~~who~~ gave a copy to AMTOUT-1, an SAS/EDE asset, who passed it on to us.

Sr. Euidio Pereira (Brigadier of Giron) informs that Ruby was in Havana a yr. ago to see Praskin. Info received by Brigadier of Brigade 2506, Euidio Pereira. (Euidio B. Pereira Accosta,

OPOR 12 March 1964 Gral, Carrillo Las Villas. 001-298242

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No SAS traces on Prastin

Later suggests Bureau interview Pereira —

He is living at 824 SW 2nd St, Miami, FL.

Includes interview of Pereira — by FBI.

⑦ SAS Dispatch from JMWAVE.

Info received from AMSPELL

AMSPELL reports the letter was sent airmail, postmarked

28 Dec 1963 & sent to fictitious name, Sra. Juana Barreiros. Received 13 Jan 1963.

Allegation made by sister-in-law of Am⁰¹[LUNCH-1], Graziella RUBIO y Rivera.

What is a Sensitive Document Input Record.

⑧ Document Transfer & cross Reference.

"Sometime around May 64 I was given 2 photographs by a minister who I met through a mutual friend. The photograph shows Ruby and Oswald together.

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9- memo dated Nov 26, 1963 Document No. 1210-1126 for
FOIA Review.

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subject: Ruby

By: Birch D. O'Neal

checked RID files on Jack Ruby, also known as
Leon Rubenstein. Revealed that John Reed Gorman was
investigated in 1951, 1952 & 1953. Paul Crouch advised FBI
that Jack Rubenstein, "Director, Young Communist League in
who could be reached through the National Office of the
Textile Workers' Union of America, New York" & his wife
marion Rubenstein, ~~with~~ might have info on Gorman.

10- memo for Chief, CI (JCG) 2 Dec 1963 subj: Jack Ruben
~~Re~~ From Stephen C. Millett, Jr. FOIA Doc. No 1212-1

1p. Reliable source reported that J. Rubenstein
born in 1905 Poland, resident of N.Y., visited
Israel from 17 May 1962 to 7 June 1962 with
wife Minnie.

11- same memo as (No 6) above: complete quote from letter
"The Brigadier of Giron, Sr. Euididio Pereira, who
in constant communication with Cuba, informs the Gene
Delegate of the movimiento Patriotico Cuba Libre, ...
news of great importance.

1. Notify the Pentagon of this fact: Ruby, the
assassin of Oswald, was in Havana a year
ago. He is a friend and customer of a citizen

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named Praskin, owner or manager of a novelty shop for tourists located between Animas y Trocadero, Paseo del Prado, in front of the Hotel Sevilla."

"This information received in Miami, as noted at the beginning of this memorandum ¹¹¹¹⁰⁸⁹⁶, were received by Brigadier of Brigade 2506, Euidio Pereira, who is ready to verify them. New York, 29 December 1963

- (12) memo for Hoover from Angleton - subj: Jack Ruby. XAA2-22818. 30 Jan 1964. States that the Agency has received a report from a source to the effect that Ruby was in Havana in late 1962 or in early 1963. Related Euidio Bernardo Pereira Acosta story. & location of Pereira. Suggests FBI interview Pereira.

- (13) ^{FBI} Interview of Pereira - 2-7-1964.

Euidio stated he was a prisoner in Cuba after B.C.P.P. showed a letter dated 12-3-63 from Havana containing the Ruby being in Cuba story. Pereira had no knowledge as to the original source of info. Letter was from a member of the Cuban Red Cross who he corresponds with.

- (14) Dispatch @ attached 2 p. bulletin & envelop ~~was~~ from Cuba. Dispatch to Chief SAs from JMWAUE. ~~29 Jan 1964~~ 2/13/64.

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Ref: WAUE-1283, 29 January 1964.

"AMSPELL reports the letter was sent airmail, postmarked 28 December 1963, and sent to a fictitious

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name (Sra. Juana Barreiros)^{no 201} and received in the
AMSPELL P.O. Box 168, main station, Miami, Florida.
AMSPELL further reported that the sender's name
appearing on the envelope (Alicia Cardoso)^{no 201}
is also false. The letter was received on 13 January.

2. The correspondence from Cuba referred to in
paragraph three of Reference was not obtainable
according to AMSPELL. The latter stated the letter
was received from Cuba by airmail, addressed to
AMLUNCH-1, who was not willing to cooperate in
handing the letter over to AMSPELL. Reportedly the
information contained in the letter reached ODENVU,
who also asked the recipient's cooperation. The latter
delivered only a small portion of the letter to ODENVU
where the information appeared, of which AMSPELL submit
the following resume, made by the recipient of the
letter:

(no 201)
"Salomon Pratkings owned a tourist store
located across the street from the Sevilla
Hotel, in Prado street in Havana. Ruby
was a habitual visitor at this store
while he stayed in Havana in 1962 and
1963. Ruby flew to Havana from Mexico
City."

3- Also attached a copy of story released by AMSPELL on
29 Jan 1964 to wire services, Miami News.

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① Cable - to Mexico City 19 March 1964.

"Melvin M. Belli, traveling to Mexico."

From: Richard Helms

Unit: DDP

CITZ DIR 08574

Ext 5353

Date 18 Mar 64.

2- FBI Report 4-6-64

re Radio program @ Paul Bethel & Stanley Ro

p.3 - "Bethel said that "we," and when he said "we" he was not speaking for the Citizens Committee at that point because they had to be checked out carefully before "we" would issue it at all -- but "we" had been notified by people whose judgment "we" trust that Ruby had been in Cuba several times after the break in relations, and the only way that this man could get in there, of course, was clandestinely. He then asked who would be interested in getting him into Cuba clandestinely. Certainly not friends of ours. He added that this information was obtained from several sources

p.6 - Bethel stated in later interview by FBI that "Ruby trip to Cuba might have had gambling connections centered around the Hotel Capri, in Havana, Cuba, whose front man was supposed to be George Raft, the movie actor. His sources advised that Ruby had been in Cuba either two or three times, subsequent to the break in relations, in 1959 or 1960." One of two sources whom he

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considered reliable" is Jose Lanuza. Bethel's Lanuza could furnish info re the background of LHO and of his efforts to infiltrate DRE. Second source was Salvador Lew, known as Dr. L who is with a Miami legal firm. Lew can be reached through Miami phone FR 1-5606. Another source - Dr. Fernando Carandi, Miami.

③ Doc. Transfer & Cross Ref. Card.

"Per Doc subj. reported in contact James Kelley Le and German born wife Ingrid. Ingrid iden as sou. agent. Her husband James former USAF Intel officer. Lewes were in company of Ruby and Lee Oswald some 6 to 8 weeks prior to assassination of Pres.

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④ Doc. Transfer & Cross Ref. Card.

"It was understanding of source that Garrison had been conducting exhaustive search to locate man named Fnu Dmare /P/ supposed to have traveled to Galveston, Texas about time of assassination there met with Ruby and Ferrie.

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⑤ Doc Transfer & Cross Ref.

"Sometime around May 64 I was given a photograph by a minister who I met through a mutual friend. The photograph shows Ruby and Oswald together."

FBI doc. 17 Jan 1968.

⑥ memo For FBI from Angleton 6-19-67 FOIA 1017-1

Jack N. Mr. Rogers talked @ a NO. report Agency. Rogers has spoken @ Garrison & staff. "He has been told by a member of Garrison's staff that Garrison has definite proof that Ruby was once hospitalized in New Orleans that Oswald visited him in the hospital, that they were there engaged in a homosexual act, that they were caught, and that Oswald was arrested."

⑦ FBI report Sept 3, 1965 Re James Kelley Lowe JS-6

On August 26, 1965 ~~info~~ source stated that James Kelley Lowe advised informant that he was a former intelligence officer in the U.S. Air Force, and that his German-born wife, Ingrid Lowe, nee Bernhau, was a Soviet Agent. Lowe indicated he met his wife in Austria, in 1962 and subsequently married her in Dallas, Texas in 1961.

Lowe stated he & his wife met LHO and Jack Ruby at Ruby's place of business some 6 to 8 wks prior to the assassination.

On August 31, 1965 Ft. Worth PD advised Lowe had

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been arrested on Aug 8, 1965 - illegal possession of dangerous drugs. on Sept 1, 1965 Lowe refused to comment to FBI under advice of counsel.

- ⑧ WAVE 1283 = cable from Miami dated 30 Jan 64
- 1- "29 Jan Blue Streak Edition Miami News carried full news item titled "Ruby visited Cuba -- Exiles Say," Jack Ruby, killer of President Kennedy's accused assassin, has visited Castro's Cuba, exile group here charged today. Ruby flew from Mexico City to Havana latter part Dec on mexicana flight, said spokesmen for Cuban DRE. ~~It is organization which first~~ "Students said they first learned of Ruby's Havana visit several weeks ago, but delayed making any statement until complete check had been made with their sources on island. According to underground communications, Ruby stayed in Havana until early January 64, frequenting a tourist store owned by man named Solomon Pratkanis. Store was located on El Prado across street from Sevilla Biltmore Hotel.... "

2- DRE had first reported this to WAVE on 17 Jan

3- "DRE also alleged above was confirmed by Cuban exile (not identified) who had received letters containing information on this matter. WAVE requested DRE provide originals of mimeograph bulletin & letters plus identity recipients & senders. Despite promise to do so,