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I. Identifying Information:

Name FBI

Telephone _____

Address _____

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x Person

II. Summary of Contact:

I reviewed Janet Conforto's file and

James Breen's file. I re-reviewed R. D. Matthews file.

Notes are attached. Notes from R.D. Matthews file are
contained in the chronology attached to his profile .

III. Recommended Follow-up (if any):

FBI File
5/31/78
Leslie Wizelman

Janet Conforto (JADA)

① WC - Vols X V pp 199, 200, 101, 102, 208, 210, 211,
227, 228, 265, 410, 412, 413,
416, 627, 628

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② FBI - Ruby File

Serial 355

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③ Airtel, 3/29/67 From NO.

File no 62-109060-4946

Information supplied by Gordon Dwane Novel on 3-28-67. p2. Novel stated that Garrison plans to indict

Carlos marcello in the JFK assassination cos. Garrison believes marcello is ⁱⁿ some way tied up with Jack Ruby.

"Novel stated that he is not certain what evidence D.A.

Garrison has on the marcello - Ruby tie up but it was in some way connected with Bourbon street nightclubs and a Bourbon street stripper named JADA."

④ Airtel 1/15/68 - File no 62-109060-6057

From NO

Review of Article on Garrison assassination probe by William W. Turner which appeared in January 1968, Ramparts magazine.

p2 The article reports that one of the many Dallas police officers who frequented the Caravel Club has told Garrison that in mid-1962 Ruby left on a two-week trip, saying he was going to New Orleans and then to Cuba "to pick up an act for the club." When Ruby returned he was uncharacteristically tight-lipped about his trip and was without an act.

The files of NO office show that Carlos Bringuier advised on 2-5-64 that the DEE in Miami had info that Ruby visited Cuba ~~at that time~~ in late 1962 and early 1963, and that Ruby traveled

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to Cuba at that time through Mexico.

"New Orleans files are incomplete concerning investigation conducted with regard to this allegation.

The files of the New Orleans Office do not contain any additional information reflecting that Ruby made a trip to Cuba in mid-1962."

The files reflect that in June 1963 Ruby was in N.O. endeavoring to obtain the services of JADA who was then working at the Show Bar on Bourbon Street. "Ruby indicated that in addition to being interested in hiring JADA, he was interested in any of the show girls who might want to go to work for him at the Carousel in Dallas. During one contact Ruby presented one of his business cards for the Carousel, which listed the address of the Carousel as corner of Field & Commerce, with the telephone number RJ 7-2362. On the reverse side of this card Ruby wrote his name in ink and furnished his home phone number in Dallas."

- ⑤ FBI memo From SAC NY 11/19/65 "Ernest Friedrich Haas," File no 65-69778-2 p.3 On July 25, 1964 the Minneapolis P.D., morals squad, arrested one Janet Adams Conforto in a hotel room on a charge of Possession of narcotics. The search of

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her room resulted in the seizure of her address book which contained the name Ernest Haas - photographer, 340 E. 71st St. and notation Magnien, 14 W. 47th St., NY, NY. Conforto was described as a stripper and an admitted call girl and believed identical with Janet Frances Prideau, FBI no. 488452. This info is located in NY File 92-794-95, p. 17 entitled "Murray L. Humphreys aka; Anti-Racketeering."

- ⑥ Interview of Frank Caraci, 11/27/63. Report dated 12/2/63, by DeBrueys, Dallas, Investigative period - 10/18 - 12/1/63. File no 105-82555-454. p. 493 - Caraci - co-owner of Club 500, 500 Bourbon St. Never met J.R., but recalled that probably in June (1963) he & Nick Carno (his partner) were in his office when his night manager, Cleeve Dugas, came into his office & told him that a man who ran the Carousel Club in Dallas were out in front who wanted to talk to Caraci about hiring some dancers. He told Dugas to tell this man he knew of no dancers available other than Conforto & ^{to} ~~tell~~ tell this person to go to the Shw-Bar & talk to Conforto.

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⑤ Report, 11/16/64, Minneapolis, 62-9-43-473
p.12 Robert Dale Marchildon - recently been
associating with an exotic dancer, Janet JADA
also known as Janet Conforte, who has been
appearing in a Minneapolis ~~police dept~~
night ~~spot~~ club & who was recently
arrested on a narcotics charge.

James Eckford Breen a/k/a Michael Connor.

Ruby file Serials 1160, 1563, 1619, 1644 pp
10-14, 20, 22, 25, 26, 45-61, 63, 64; 1829, p. 2-3;
1839; 1932; 1840, 1841; 1479; 1885.

Assassination File Serial 6057 pp 23, 24,
6261 pp #6

① FBI Report, Dallas, 5/24/56 "Bank Robbery" by
SA Curtis L. Perryman File # 91-~~24~~ 9232
p. 72- Dallas informant advised that James E. Breen,
FBI no. 3543773, left Dallas early in March, 1956, and
reportedly is engaged in unknown criminal activities.

② File no 62-103069-

p. 1 Airtel From Dir to LA 3/20/56 ^{on 3/18} Bunny Breen, aka
Carol Connor requested LA office to have SA Ambrose
K. Law call her collect at Davis 74784, Dallas, Texas.
She ~~was~~ & James Breen were acting as informants for
FNB and LAPD Administrative Vice.

James Breen was interviewed twice or 3 times as a
possible prospective PCI, but both were constantly in
trouble with local authorities and contact could not
be maintained with them. Bunny, on 3/18, advised she &
James had jumped a local bond on narcotics charges
about the 1st of the yr & gone to Dallas. Bunny was
told by James that he had made connection with a
large narcotics set up operating between Mexico,
Texas, and the East.

James Breen

James made several trips and returned. He left about 3 wks ago & has not returned.

"She believes James ~~got okay to operate~~ made connections with narcotics ring through former associate from Seagoville Prison where James served time. In some fashion James got okay to operate thru Jack Ruby of Dallas. Several days ago one Jack (LNU) of Houston came to see Bunny with one Gordon Winters of Houston, p.2 a friend of hers and James. * Jack told her that James was trying to high jack (sic) a 300 or 400 thousand load of narcotics from Mexico and was trying to go with another distribution set up."

- ③ File no 115-4392-1 - memo to FBI from SAC, Memphis, 1/3/74, Subject - James Eckford Breen A/K/A James F. Dixon, Tim Watson.
DOB - 1/4/28 POB: Coffeyville, Kansas
FBI # 3 - 543 - 773.

- ③ Teletype from Kansas City, 3-4-74 115-4392-3
Subject (Breen) apprehended in Pineville, Missouri on 3-2-74.

/ ④ 115-4392-4 3/8/74 Report Memphis

p.1 On 2/20/69 Breen convicted of violation of Title 18, Sect 2312, USC & sentenced to 3 yrs in custody of AG. Breen lost appeal. Breen was to report to USM, Nashville on 4/21/70. Bench warrant issued 10/4/72. Breen apprehended 3/2/74.

p.2 Charge- Interstate transportation of stolen motor vehicle.
Atty = Dale Quillen (Nashville)

⑤ Address in March 1963- Valencia Hotel, Anaheim, Calif.

Social sec. # 513-14-0531

⑥ 26-38 ? - 9 - Report 7/10/68 Memphis

Employed as a farmer on Rt 2, Halfway, Missouri from September 1963 to an unknown date.