

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12-19-63

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WILLIAM F. ALEXANDER, Aka., Bill Alexander, Assistant District Attorney, Dallas County, called at the FBI Office and advised that he has been assigned by District Attorney HENRY WADE to handle the prosecution of JACK L. RUBY for the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

ALEXANDER stated it has come to his attention that EARL GOETZ, reporter for the "Milwaukee Sentinel" has information to the effect that RUBY had a roommate in 1957 - 1958 by the name of FRANK FERRARA or FRANK FERRARO who was close to RUBY until FERRARA and RUBY got into a fight and immediately thereafter FERRARO left Dallas by plane and was met at the International Airport by JOE VELACHI.

ALEXANDER stated he believes that if there was any connection between RUBY and the syndicate, Mafia, or other hoodlums, it would have come to the attention of his office through various gamblers and hoodlum informants of his office and no such information has come to his attention.

ALEXANDER stated he has never been a customer or guest in the Carousel Club and is not a member and never received a membership card to RUBY's club. He speculated if the name "William F. Alexander" or variations thereof was found in RUBY's possession, it is likely RUBY may have intended sending him a card.

ALEXANDER stated his office has employed a psychiatrist by the name of SILVANO ARIETI, 22 East 72nd Street, New York City, who is coming to Dallas, December 21, 1963, and that he plans to have ARIETI examine RUBY between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday, December 22, 1963, without the knowledge of the defense attorneys of RUBY.

ALEXANDER discussed various potential witnesses who could place RUBY at various places during the period November 21 - 24, 1963, whom he contemplates utilizing as witnesses or utilizing the information furnished by them in cross-examination of RUBY in

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order to impress the jury with the thorough investigation which has been conducted in this case.

ALEXANDER stated the jurors who will hear RUBY's case will come from a panel of 500 names and that he is hopeful that this office will search these names against the persons interviewed in connection with the investigation by the FBI of the OSWALD - RUBY matter, to insure that any "nuts" will be brought to his attention and he can exclude same from the jury.

ALEXANDER stated he has no information other than what has been in the paper concerning the source of funds for RUBY's defense.

ALEXANDER stated Detective D.L. BLANKENSHIP, Dallas Police Department has known RUBY over the years during RUBY's stay in Dallas. ALEXANDER stated he has no information or knowledge to support allegations in the press that RUBY received favors from the Dallas Police Department or that Dallas Police Officers were offered or received favors from RUBY.

on 12-19-63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 44-1639
by Special Agent J. CALVIN RICE & MANNING C. CLEMENTS - md. Date dictated 12-19-63

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