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MORRIS GERALD TANNEHILL advised he presently resides at 3911 West Adams Street, Kansas City, Kansas, and is employed as a salesman for the Christian Memorial Foundation, 800 West 47th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

TANNEHILL stated he could not recall the circumstances or the occasion when he might have made statements to the effect that it was well known that RUBY had been mixed up with the Communists and that RUBY had a plane chartered to go to Mexico on the day of LEE HARVEY OSWALD's assassination.

TANNEHILL explained that he possibly made statements similar to those above, however if he did, he had no basis in fact for making such statements and most probably he was attempting to express something he had read in some of the "right-wing" periodicals. He added that it was possible that this might have been contained in one of the publications distributed by GERALD L. K. SMITH, however he could not be sure.

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REPORTED INFORMATION THAT JACK RUBY
AND LEE HARVEY OSWALD HAD BEEN IN
THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

On November 26, 1963, an individual who requested his identity not be divulged, but who has furnished reliable information in the past, telephonically advised SA GILBERT G. BENJAMIN, JR. that AARON C. FUNK, JR., who has done work in the past at the offices of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in Washington, D. C., remarked on November 25, 1963, that he knows an individual in the San Fernando Valley that was a member of the same chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union in Dallas, Texas, with LEE HARVEY OSWALD and OSWALD's "killer", JACK RUBY.

Source stated that FUNK can be reached at his home, 5050 Vanalden, Tarzana, California, and his home telephone is DI 4-1113. Source said that FUNK has no connection with the HCUA at the present time, to the best of source's knowledge.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ALAN W. MURDOCH:

AARON C. FUNK, JR., 5050 Vanalden Drive, Tarzana, interviewed on November 26, 1963, at the offices of Heintz and Maletesta, Advertising Agency, 1711 North Vine, Hollywood, advised that he had talked to THOMAS DEVINE, Professor of Sociology at Pierce Jr. College, over the week end and learned from him that DEVINE had talked to someone in Texas, who had said that OSWALD and RUBY were both in the American Civil Liberties Union. FUNK could not definitely say that DEVINE told him they were in the same chapter in Dallas. It was his recollection now that they had speculated that OSWALD and RUBY were in the same chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

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SA WILLIAM G. BROOKHART : ssc Date dictated 4/17/64
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THOMAS C. DEVINE, Audio-Visual Coordinator, Pierce Jr. College, 6201 Winnetka, Woodland Hills, formerly Professor of Sociology there, advised on November 27, 1963, that he had talked to a friend of his in Texas over the week end, but it concerned another matter. He learned nothing during the call about the OSWALD-RUBY case. He said he had talked to NORMAN MOORE, Sergeant, Los Angeles Police Department, Highland Park Station, a personal friend of his, also during the week end, and learned from him that RUBY had been a member of the American Civil Liberties Union. DEVINE had previously heard on television that OSWALD had been in the American Civil Liberties Union and he later mentioned this connection to FUNK. They speculated that OSWALD and RUBY were probably in the same chapter in Dallas.

At this point in the interview with DEVINE, he telephonically contacted Sergeant MOORE. Following the conversation, DEVINE reported to the writer that he had misunderstood MOORE in their previous conversation. MOORE knew nothing whatever concerning RUBY being in the American Civil Liberties Union. MOORE had said "the killer" (meaning OSWALD) had been in the American Civil Liberties Union and DEVINE had assumed he meant RUBY. MOORE got the information that OSWALD was in the American Civil Liberties Union from television.

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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
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ORIGIN	OFFICE	FILE NO.	
Dallas	Dallas	CG-2-34,000	
TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION	
Protective Research	Continued	Assassination of President Kennedy, Dallas, Texas	
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	PERIOD COVERED		
Dallas, Texas	December 5, 1963		
INVESTIGATION MADE BY			
SA Robert Stewart, SA Elmer H. Moore, and SA Gary Seale			
DETAILS			
<u>OSWALD</u>			
Jack Ruby reported to be a communist sympathizer.			
<u>DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION</u>			
Reference is made to previous reports.			
On December 5, 1963, SA Stewart, while at the Office of the Chief of the Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Lynch Building, 1344 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas, was introduced to Miss Pat Ostermiller who said she had information that Jack Ruby is a Communist.			
Pursuant to instructions, Special Agents Moore and Seale interviewed Miss Patricia A. Ostermiller, home address 4300 Mineral Avenue, Dallas, telephone LA 6-3078, at the Metropolitan and Postoffice Department, Room 110, Lynch Building. Miss Ostermiller reported that on December 4, 1963, while at work, she received a telephone call from an aunt, Mrs. Arabelle Thelan, in Oklahoma City. In the course of the conversation Mrs. Thelan said that she had heard from some female relative, possibly wife or sister of a man who at one time played in an orchestra at one of Ruby's night clubs, that Jack Ruby was a Communist sympathizer, in fact known to other musicians employed by Ruby. The man, name unknown to Miss Ostermiller, was supposed to have attended Southern Methodist University at one time. Miss Ostermiller advised she had no other information regarding Ruby but stated she was certain that if Mrs. Thelan were interviewed she could furnish additional information which would serve to identify the man. She said Mrs. Thelan is employed at the Information Desk of the City and Children's Hospital, 100 N. E. 10th Street, and lives at 707 N. E. 12th Street, Oklahoma City 4, Oklahoma.			
INVESTIGATOR	COPIES	REPORT MADE BY	DATE
Dallas	2	Elmer H. Moore	12-5-63
Oklahoma City	2	APPROVED Robert Stewart	DATE 12-5-63
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