Personnel File Action Request

TO: RID/201 Section
FROM: Ann Egarter
1-9-64
Restricted Permanent Charge
Action Desk - CI/SI Code: 731

A memo for Chief, CI/SI6 Subj: Jack Ruby
From Stephen C. Millet, Jr. Dec. No 1207-434
FOIA Review 1-1977 Same as 1816-441

"A reliable source 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 the delegation by Gibbons of the Teamster Union, while in New York he was also in contact with Glen Bondke reported to be an official of the Histadrut (Israel Federation of Labor).

"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."

Salomón Pratkin - Hotel Sevilla.

Memo for the record as of Nov 1963 by Birch B. O'Neal.

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

A 9:20 Papun called again and said after search at F81 "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 alleged visited a night club. Mr. Papun 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 Papun that we had checked through Immigration 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 26 September and re-entry on 3 October..."
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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memo 1-7-64 to CIA from Hoover:

Mr. Carlos Villa, 1450 Coral Way, Miami furnished a letter on 1-21-63. 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 Animal and Trocadero opposite the Sevilla Biltmore." For your information the Bureau has authorized me to inform you that Ruby ever visited Cuba except once on one occasion in 1959 when he visited there briefly on a vacation trip.

memo for James Angleton 1-9-64 memo received from AMTOUT-1.

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

Sr. Eudicio Pereira, (Brigadier of Giron) informs that Ruby was in Havana a yr. ago to see Pranski.

Info received by Brigadier of Brigade 2506, Eudicio Pereira. (Eudicio B. Pereira Acosta),

Op Cold: 12 March, 2506, Capt, Carrillo, Las Villas.

RETURN TO CIA
Background Use Only
Do Not Reproduce
No SAS traces in Pratón.

Later suggests Bureau interview Pereira—
He is living at 826 SW 2nd St, Miami, FL.

Includes interview of Pereira—by PBJ.

① SAS Dispatch from JMWAVE.

Info received from AMSPELL.

AMSPELL reports the letter was sent airmail, postmarked as Dec 1963 & sent to fictitious name 'Sra. Juana Barreiros. Received 13 Jan 1963.

Allegation made by sister-in-law of Am[ ]

Graziella RUBIO y Rivera.

What is a Sensitive Document Input Record.

⑥ Document Transfer & Cross Reference.

'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. 100-300-017

DB-04902

17 Jan 68

PBJ
A memo dated Nov 30, 1963, Document No. 1810-1126. For
FOIA review.

Subject: Ruby

By: Girch O'Neal.

Checked ROD 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, might have info on Gorman.

10- Memo for Chief, 22(ES). 2 Dec 1963 Subj: Jack Ruben

From Stephen C. Millett, Jr. FOIA Dec. No 1812-1

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

11- Same memo as (10) above: Complete quote from letter

"The Brigadier of Giron, Sr. Eudidio Pereira, with
constant communication with Cuba, informs the Gene
Delegate of the movimenta Patriotico Cuba Libre, ...
news of great importance.

1. Notify the Pentagon of this fact: Ruby, the
assassin of Oswald, was in Havana a ye
ago. He is a friend and customer of a citizen
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, were received by Brigadier of Brigade 2506, Eudio Pereira, who is ready to verify them. New York, 29 December 1963."

Memo for Hoover from Angleton - subj: Jack Ruby. XA2-228/18. 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 Eudio Bernando Pereira Acosta story. Suggests FBI interview Pereira. Location of Pereira. Remarks: FBI interview Pereira.

Interview of Pereira - 2-7-1964.

Eudio stated he was a prisoner in Cuba after 3:00 P.M. 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 the letter. Letter was from a member of the Cuban Red Cross who he corresponded with.

Dispatch to attachel J.P. bulletin & envelope from Cuba. Dispatch to Chief SAS from JMWAVE. 2/13/64.

Ref: WAVE-1233, 29 January 1964. "AMSPEIL reports the letter was sent airmail, postmarked 28 December 1963, and sent to a fictitious
name (Sra. Juana Barreiros) 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) is also false. The letter was received on 13 January 1964. 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 AMWUCH-1, who was not willing to cooperate in handing the letter over to AMSPELL. Reportedly, the information contained in the letter reached ODENY, who also asked the recipient to cooperate. The latter delivered only a small portion of the letter to ODENY, where the information appeared, of which AMSPELL submitted the following resume, made by the recipient of the letter:

"Salomon Prakins 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."

Also attached a copy of story released by AMSPELL on 29 Jan 1964 to wire services, Miami News.
Cable to Mexico City 19 March 1964

"Mellon M. Belli, traveling to Mexico."

From: Richard Helms

Unit: DDB

Ext 5353

Date: 19 Mar 64

2. FBI Report 4-6-64

Radio program @ Paul Buhle & Stanley Ro

Dr. Bettel 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.

Bettel 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
considered reliable," is Jose Lanuza. Bethel said
Lanuza could furnish info re. the background of
Lito and of his efforts to infiltrate D.E.
Second source was Salvador Lew, known as Dr. L
who is with a Miami legal firm. Lew can be
reached through Miami phone 3R1-5606.
Another source - Dr. Fernando Carandi, Miami.

(3) "Doc. Transfer & cross Ref. Card.
"For Doc. subj. reported in contact James Kelley Lo
and German born wife Ingrid. Ingrid iden as sou.
agent. Her husband James former USAF Intel Officer.
loves were in company of Ruby and Lee Oswald.
some 6 to 8 weeks prior to assassination of Pres.
301-385-9249
088-21509
3 Sept 65
FBI Document

(4) "Doc. Transfer & Cross Ref. Card.
"It was understanding of source that Garrison
had been conducting exhaustive search to locate
man named Bnam Dmare /p/ supposed to have
traveled to Saluton, Texas about time of assassination
there. Met with Ruby and Ferrie.
O88-93286 10 June 67 FBI
Doc Transfer & Cross Ref.

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

FBI doc. 17 Jan 1964.

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Memo for FBI from Angleton 6/1967 FOIA (121-1

Mr. Rogers talked @ a N.O. rep of Agency. Rogers has spoken @ Garrison & Staff. "He has been told by a member of Garrison's Staff that Garrison has def proof that Ruby was once hospitalized in New Orleans and 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.

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FBI report Sept 3, 1965 62 James Kelley Lowe 55-7

On August 26, 1965 the 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 1964.

Lowe stated he & his wife met LHO and Jack Ruby at Ruby's place of business early the summer of 1963. This was prior to the assassination.

On August 31, 1965, FBI would Advised Lowe had...
been arrested on Aug 5, 1965 - illegal possession of
dangerous drugs. on Sept 1, 1965 he refused
to make a comment to PAI under advice of counsel.

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Wake 1253: Cable from Miami dated 30 Jan 64
1-29 Jan Blue Streak edition Miami News carried
full news item titled "Ruby United Cuba-- Exiles Say." 
Jack Ruby, killer of President Kennedy's accused assassin,
has visited Castro's Cuban exile group here charged today.
Ruby flew from Mexico City to Havana late part Dec 8
on Mexicana Flight, said spokesmen for Cuban DEE. A
organization which 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 Pratte, store was
located on El Prado across street from Sevilla Biltmore
Hotel.....

2 - DEE had first reported this to WAVE on 17 Jan
3 - "DEE also alleged above was confirmed by
Cuban exile (not identified) who had received
letters containing information on this matter.
WAVE requested DEE provide origin of
mimeograph bulletin & letters plus identity
recipients & senders. Despite promise to do so,