

Alleged payments made to Ruby

FBI continues probe

WASHINGTON — One tip pursued in the FBI investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was an allegation that two days before the shooting, former Ala. Gov. George Wallace traveled to Texas and gave \$35,000 to Jack Ruby.

The FBI quietly checked on Wallace's whereabouts for the days preceding the assassination, but dropped the investigation after agents were unable to locate the individual who made the accusations.

According to FBI documents released Wednesday, a man who identified himself as "Jerry Coleman" came to the office of Birmingham, Ala., attorney Arthur Shores on April 24, 1964, and asked to see Shores.

Upon being informed that Shores was not in, the man dictated a mes-

sage alleging that Wallace traveled to Texas two days before the assassination and gave \$35,000 to Jack Ruby, who shot suspected assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

The money, Coleman claimed, was to be divided between Ruby, Oswald "and a cop."

In his message, Coleman said, "I can personally prove every word I am saying because I was there. In other words, I was working in the governor's office..."

In the message, the man left an address in Detroit, where he could be contacted if Shores wished further information.

Receptionists in the office told agents the man "appeared to be in a rather excited state of mind and had been drinking" and also "appeared to have recently been in a fight since

he was bruised and cut about the head."

The receptionists said they considered the message absurd and without foundation, but the FBI followed up on it anyway. Agents went to the Montgomery, Ala., Public Library and reviewed copies of the local newspaper, "The Montgomery Advertiser," for the days surrounding the assassination to pinpoint Wallace's whereabouts. They found he had been in Columbus, Ga., on the evening of Nov. 19, 1963, for a speech and had been in his office in Montgomery on Nov. 20.

There was no mention in the paper of Wallace's whereabouts on the day before the assassination, Nov. 21. But agents noted "extensive news coverage was afforded a local trial...and it is possible this coverage prohibited information

concerning the governor's whereabouts or activities on the previous day."

In a Nov. 23 issue of the newspaper, Wallace was reported to have attended a "Governor's Day" meeting in Haleyville, Ala., on the day Kennedy was shot.

A team of FBI agents also checked out the Detroit address given by the tipster and found it to be nonexistent.

They checked up on two individuals with the last name of Coleman who were listed in the city directory as living on the same street but found one, a woman, had moved six months earlier and the second, a man, did not know anyone by the name of Jerry Coleman.

Oswald's wife reveals Lee's Nixon attempt

WASHINGTON—Lee Harvey Oswald's wife told the FBI she had to lock him in a bathroom in April, 1963 to keep him from trying to assassinate Richard Nixon, newly disclosed FBI files showed Wednesday.

J. Edgar Hoover concluded that Marina Oswald was confused and that Lyndon B. Johnson, then vice president and visiting Dallas at the time the incident occurred, was Oswald's apparent target, the files showed.

The incident tended to support the ultimate conclusion of the Warren Commission that Oswald was John F. Kennedy's killer and that he acted less out of political opposition to Kennedy than out of a generalized grievance against society.

The commission found that Oswald was "moved by an overriding hostility to his environment."

Postal Inspector H.D. Holmes, who questioned Oswald about buying a mail order rifle, said:

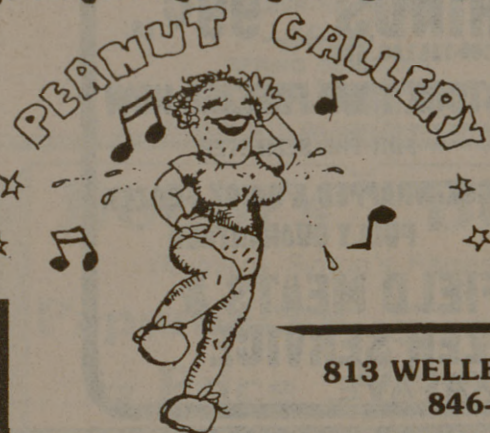
"Oswald at no time appeared confused or in doubt as to whether or not he should answer a question. On the contrary, he was quite alert and showed no hesitancy in answering those questions which he wanted to answer, and was quite skillful in parrying those questions which he did not want to answer. I got the impression that he had disciplined his mind and reflexes to a state where I personally doubted that he would ever have confessed."

She said she "locked him in the bathroom" to keep him from leaving their home, the FBI files showed.

The incident occurred only two weeks after Oswald fired a shot into the home of Army Gen. Edwin Walker, a political conservative. He confessed afterwards to Marina of that attempt on Walker's life.

Oswald's sister-in-law also gave authorities an account telling of how Oswald allegedly threatened to shoot Nixon.

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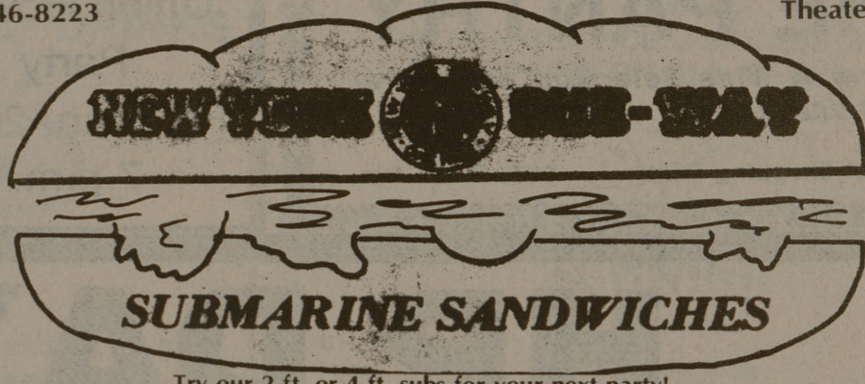
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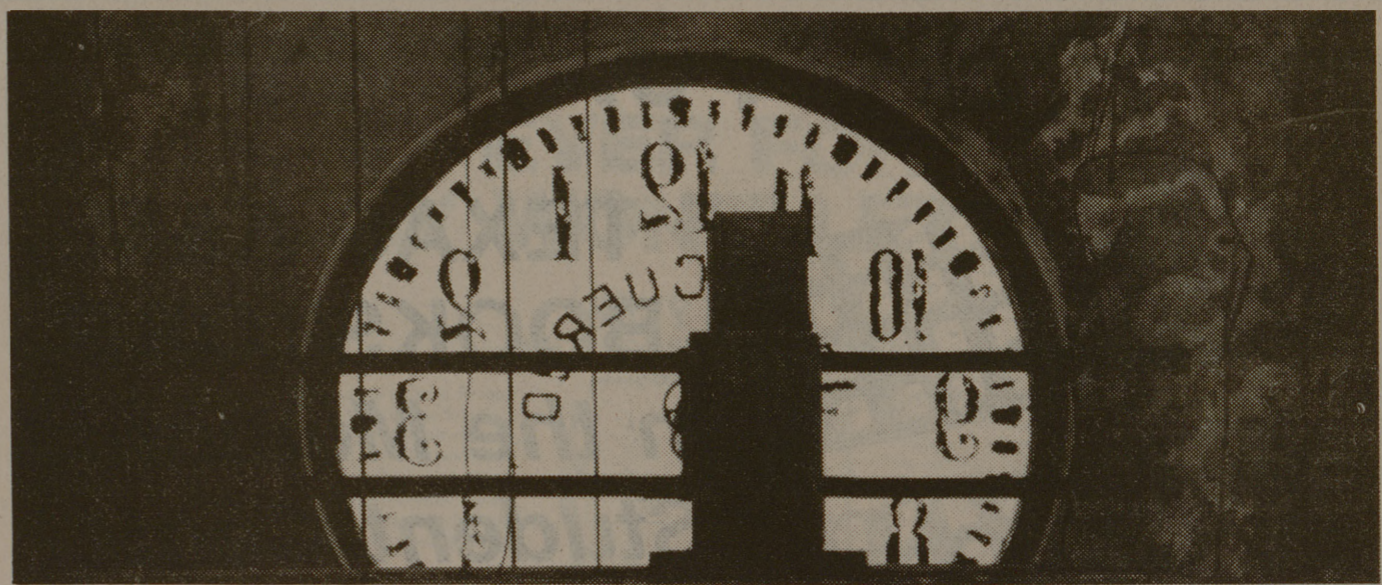
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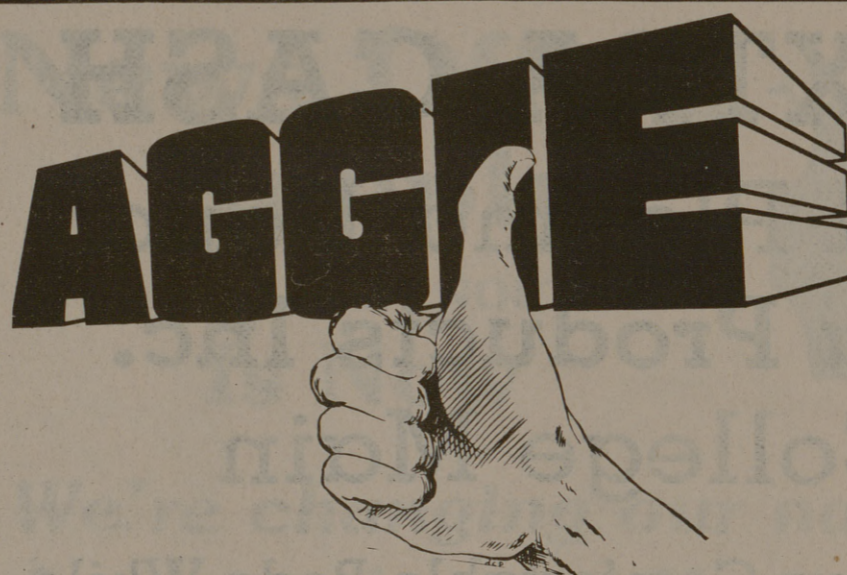
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