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STATE OF LOUISIANA

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CLAY L. SHAW \*  
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NO. 198-059  
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SECTION "C"

EXCERPT OF THE TESTIMONY OF  
ROWLAND CHARLES ROLLAND, taken in  
Open Court during the Afternoon  
Session on February 12, 1969.

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THE HONORABLE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR.,  
JUDGE, SECTION "C"

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2 AFTERNOON SESSION

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4 ROWLAND CHARLES ROLLAND,

5 a witness for the State, after first being duly  
6 sworn by the Minute Clerk, was examined and  
7 testified on his oath as follows:

8 DIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. ALCOCK:

10 Q For the record, would you state your full  
11 name, please?

12 A Rowland Charles Rolland.

13 Q Mr. Rolland, where do you reside?

14 A Houston, Texas.

15 Q In the month of November 1963 where did you  
16 reside?

17 A In Houston, Texas.

18 Q And in that month what was your occupation or  
19 business?

20 A I was President of Winterland Ice Skating Rink,  
21 Incorporated and also General Manager.

22 Q Was that business establishment also located  
23 in Houston, Texas?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Mr. Rolland, do you recall being at that

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1 location, that is your place of business, 3  
2 on the day of November 23, 1963?

3 A I do.

4 Q Do you recall approximately what time of day  
5 or night you arrived at that location?

6 A Yes, I was there that morning. That afternoon  
7 we had from 1:00 to 3:00 -- we give  
8 lessons to Girl Scouts, which I handled  
9 this procedure. I left at approximately  
10 3:25 to 3:30, somewhere in that  
11 neighborhood, to go for lunch. Our doors  
12 opened and we started selling tickets at  
13 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon for public  
14 skating. Skating started at 3:30.

15 I left after seeing that the ice had  
16 been resurfaced for this session and went  
17 out to eat and was gone approximately 45  
18 minutes I would say.

19 Q Would you approximate the time you returned?

20 A Somewhere between 4:00 and 4:15.

21 Q How long had you been in that business at that  
22 time?

23 A I have been connected with ice rinks and the  
24 ice business since 1946.

25 Q Are you a professional skater?

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1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Now, Mr. Rolland, calling your attention to  
3 the time you returned to the ice rink,  
4 did you have occasion to meet someone?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Who was that?

7 A A very unusual thing, Mr. Dave Ferrie. The  
8 reason this is such a memory to me was  
9 because of the way he approached me. He  
10 had called the week before or several  
11 days before asking about our services.  
12 We get many calls from people coming from  
13 out of town because iceskating is an  
14 unusual thing to many people and they  
15 like to try the sport.

16 Mr. Ferrie made quite a point,  
17 actually he made a little bit of a pest  
18 of himself at the time.

19 Q Mr. Rolland, I am going to show you an exhibit  
20 marked for purposes of identification  
21 S-10 and ask you if you recognize the  
22 person depicted.

23 A Yes.

24 Q Who is that person?

25 A Mr. Dave Ferrie.

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1 Q Is that the man you are now talking about? 5

2 A Yes, would you like a description of him?

3 Q Yes, go ahead.

4 A He had red hair, wore a toupee, sort of  
5 ruddy complexion.

6 Q When was, approximately how long after you  
7 returned to the ice rink did you first  
8 meet Dave Ferrie?

9 A Practically upon walking in I was told several  
10 people -- that --

11 MR. DYMOND:

12 I object to what was told to him.

13 THE COURT:

14 I sustain the objection.

15 BY MR. ALCOCK:

16 Q Did you have a conversation with Ferrie at that  
17 time?

18 A Yes, I did.

19 Q What was that?

20 A He came in and made known he was there, his  
21 party, himself and two others.

22 Q Was he with anyone at the time?

23 A He was by himself when he came up but later he  
24 brought two others over and introduced  
25 them to me but I do not recall their names

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1 and frankly he came back and talked to  
2 me. I was waiting on people and he made  
3 quite a point of the fact he was there --

4 MR. DYMOND:

5 I object to his conclusion.

6 THE COURT:

7 You can testify as to how many times he  
8 met with you or spoke with you, but  
9 you are drawing a conclusion.

10 BY MR. ALCOCK:

11 Q Mr. Rolland, after this first encounter or  
12 introduction by Ferrie, did you have  
13 occasion to talk to him again that same  
14 afternoon?

15 A Yes.

16 Q How many times?

17 A Approximately five.

18 Q And what was said on these occasions by Ferrie?

19 A Unh, nothing except to let me know he was there.

20 MR. DYMOND:

21 I object to that Your Honor, as the  
22 witness is interpreting what was  
23 said. If he knows what was said let  
24 him say it but not interpret it.

25 THE COURT:

1 I sustain the objection. 7

2 BY MR. ALCOCK:

3 Q Mr. Rolland, is there a public telephone in  
4 Winterland Ice Rink?

5 A Yes, there is.

6 Q And approximately where is that located in the  
7 ice rink?

8 A Near the entrance.

9 Q And principally where were you during the time  
10 that Dave Ferrie and his companions were  
11 in the ice rink?

12 A The area in which I worked and handled was  
13 around the entrance because that is where  
14 the Pro Shop, a Skate Counter, Ticket  
15 Window and office and telephone is  
16 centrally located in that area, and if  
17 you need a diagram of this I will be  
18 happy to give it to you.

19 THE COURT:

20 Are you going to have the gentleman sketch  
21 a diagram?

22 MR. DYMOND:

23 No objection.

24 THE COURT:

25 Beg pardon?



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1 MR. DYMOND: 8  
2 No objection.  
3 THE COURT:  
4 How would it be convenient, do you wish  
5 to leave the witness stand or can  
6 you do it there?  
7 THE WITNESS:  
8 I can do it anywhere.  
9 THE COURT:  
10 Mr. Dymond, you want to step up here?  
11 THE WITNESS:  
12 (Complying with request by drawing an  
13 illustration.)  
14 BY MR. ALCOCK:  
15 Q Mr. Rolland, would you just explain the  
16 diagram to the Court?  
17 A Yes, this is the entrance to the ice rink,  
18 double doors. This is glass. This is  
19 the ticket window area with our offices,  
20 the Skate Shop, the skating area itself,  
21 the Pro Shop with the window in here.  
22 This is all open in this area.  
23 Q Go ahead.  
24 A Mr. Ferrie, this over here being public  
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1                   telephones, Mr. Ferrie spent the majority   9  
2                   of his time in and around this area over  
3                   here.  
4       Q       Where did you or would you have spent the  
5                   majority of your time?  
6       A       I was either at this window in the Pro Shop or  
7                   in the work shop and at one time  
8                   Mr. Ferrie did ask for me, and I was  
9                   back sharpening a pair of skates and had  
10                  to come back to the window.  
11       Q       Where did the two gentlemen or persons that  
12                  accompanied him to the ice rink spend  
13                  their time?  
14       A       They spent most of their time skating. They  
15                  did skate.  
16       Q       To your knowledge did David Ferrie even rent  
17                  any skates on that occasion?  
18       A       No, he did not buy a ticket of admission for  
19                  skating purposes.  
20       Q       Did you ever see Dave Ferrie use the public  
21                  telephone?  
22       A       Yes, I did, a number of times.  
23       Q       Did Dave Ferrie, to your knowledge, ever  
24                  receive a telephone call at the skating  
25                  rink?

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1 A Yes, he did.

2 Q Were you in a position to hear any conversation

3 which he might have had?

4 A No, I did not.

5 Q Can you approximate how many times Ferrie used

6 the public telephone?

7 A Approximately three.

8 Q Now approximately how long was David Ferrie at

9 the ice rink while you were present?

10 A He left at approximately 5:45.

11 Q Did you actually see him leave?

12 A Yes. Excuse me. He made a point outside once

13 again to --

14 MR. DYMOND:

15 Object. Just a moment --

16 A (Continued) I wouldn't say made a point but

17 he spoke to me outside saying they were

18 leaving and they would be back that

19 evening, he and his two companions.

20 Q Did you see him later on that evening?

21 A No, he never returned.

22 Q Mr. Rolland, did you report these activities

23 of Ferrie to the Federal Bureau of

24 Investigation?

25 A Yes, I did. Oh, I guess the men from the FBI

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1                   spent about one hour and a half with me. 11  
2   Q   Approximately when was that?  
3   A   It was on a Sunday morning, the following week.  
4   Q   Mr. Rolland, did you have occasion at that time  
5           to have a conversation at all with the  
6           two persons who accompanied Ferrie to the  
7           rink?  
8   A   No, I was introduced to them and that was all.  
9           No conversation.  
10   Q   And I think you said Ferrie did not rent any  
11           skates?  
12   A   That is correct, he did not skate. He spent  
13           most of his time walking around in the  
14           lobby, looking in the Pro Shop and watching  
15           the skaters. He made a number of trips  
16           to the telephone booth and then to his  
17           two companions and he was talking to his  
18           companions and talking to me on a number  
19           of occasions.  
20   MR. ALCOCK:  
21           You know my next number?  
22   THE CLERK:  
23           Twenty-six.  
24   MR. ALCOCK:  
25           No, I didn't introduce twenty-five.

1 THE CLERK:

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2 Twenty-five is going to appear in the  
3 transcript.

4 MR. ALCOCK:

5 It will? Then it will appear as being  
6 not filed so now it would be No. 26  
7 then.

8 Your Honor, in connection with  
9 the testimony of this witness the  
10 State offers, introduces, and files  
11 in evidence, having marked same for  
12 purposes of identification as  
13 "State-26," a diagram, a sketch of  
14 this witness of the ice rink.

15 MR. DYMOND:

16 No objection.

17 THE COURT:

18 Let it be received.

19 (RECESS)

20 AFTER THE RECESS:

21 THE COURT:

22 Is the State and Defense ready to  
23 proceed?

24 MR. DYMOND:

25 We are ready.

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MR. ALCOCK:

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We are ready, Your Honor.

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THE COURT:

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I believe the witness has been tendered

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for cross-examination.

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CROSS-EXAMINATION

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BY MR. DYMOND:

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Q Mr. Rolland, when did you first contact or get

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in touch with any member of the District

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Attorney's staff here in New Orleans?

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A When did I?

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Q Yes.

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A I did not, they contacted me.

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Q When was that, sir?

15

A I do not recall the date.

16

Q Could you tell us approximately, I don't expect

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you to be exact on it but about how long

18

ago?

19

A A year after the incident happened possibly.

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Q A year after '63?

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A I am guessing at this and I am not sure. I

22

do not recall the date.

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Q When you estimated a year after the event you

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mean a year after the visit by Dave Ferrie

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to Winterland Skating Rink?

1 A Yes. 14  
2 Q That would be approximately 1964 then, is that  
3 correct?  
4 A Yes.  
5 Q What particular individual from the District  
6 Attorney's office contacted you?  
7 A I believe it was Andy Sciambra.  
8 Q Mr. Sciambra, is that the gentleman you see in  
9 court?  
10 A Yes, that is the gentleman. He is the one that  
11 contacted me.  
12 Q And you are quite certain that was roughly  
13 November '64, is that right?  
14 A I said I do not remember the date. It is  
15 approximately one year after that, I  
16 believe.  
17 Q You don't think you could be a year wrong on  
18 your estimate, could you?  
19 A Would you repeat that question?  
20 Q Would you think you could be as much as a year  
21 wrong in your estimate?  
22 A I don't think so.  
23 Q You wouldn't possibly be two years wrong,  
24 could you, sir?  
25 A I don't believe so.

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1 Q And you would be just as certain of that as 15  
2 you are of the rest of your testimony?

3 THE COURT:

4 Even though the State hasn't objected,  
5 you may rephrase your question.

6 BY MR. DYMOND:

7 Q I want to be certain you are not being misled  
8 on this, Mr. Rolland, but is it your  
9 testimony that you were contacted by  
10 Mr. Sciambra approximately one year after  
11 the visit by Dave Ferrie to your  
12 Winterland Skating Rink?

13 A If you don't mind I want to take just a moment.

14 Q Perfectly all right.

15 A To recall events.

16 THE COURT:

17 Mr. Dymond, may I make a suggestion. Do  
18 you have anything that may assist  
19 the witness in refreshing his  
20 memory?

21 MR. DYMOND:

22 Your Honor, I don't think it's my purpose  
23 to refresh his memory.

24 A I could tell you where we had the meeting and  
25 I could give you the time, but far as



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1 date, no.

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2 BY MR. DYMOND:

3 Q I'm not asking you for a precise date at all  
4 but I am asking that you tell me within  
5 a period of say six to eight months, how  
6 long after the visit by Dave Ferrie to  
7 your Winterland Skating Rink were you  
8 contacted by Mr. Sciambra?

9 A I said approximately one year.

10 Q Approximately a year and you stand on it?

11 A That is give and take and we met at 3700 Kirby  
12 Drive in the coffee shop. We sat in the  
13 booth, I even can tell you what booth if  
14 you would like.

15 Q I just want to be sure that my question was  
16 clear and was it, sir?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Now how long have you owned this Winterland  
19 Skating Rink or were you President of it?

20 A I was President of Winterland Skating Rink from  
21 1962 until 1964.

22 Q I see.

23 A Would you like a little more information?

24 Q No, that will be enough. Now with respect to  
25 your description of Mr. Ferrie which the

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1 record will show you did offer to 17  
2 describe him and did describe him, did  
3 you not?  
4 A I believe I did.  
5 Q You said he had on a toupee?  
6 A Yes.  
7 Q And by that you do mean false hair?  
8 A That is right.  
9 Q And you say it was reddish-brown?  
10 A Reddish in color.  
11 Q Was that well groomed or very messy looking?  
12 A Quite curly is the way I would explain it.  
13 Q Would you term it spotty?  
14 A What is your definition of "spotty"?  
15 Q Appearance of having pieces of hair missing  
16 from it.  
17 A I didn't pay that much attention to it. I was  
18 quite busy 'cause Saturday afternoon is a  
19 very busy day for us.  
20 Q Now you say Saturday afternoon is quite a busy  
21 day for you, is that correct?  
22 A Correct.  
23 Q Would I be correct in assuming this incident  
24 took place on a Saturday afternoon?  
25 A I believe so.

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1 Q You say that is the reason you didn't have time 18  
2 to very closely observe Dave Ferrie, is  
3 that right?  
4 A That is right.  
5 Q Because it was Saturday afternoon and you were  
6 unusually busy, is that correct?  
7 A Well, any time you are open for business you  
8 are busy, aren't you?  
9 Q You picked Saturday, you did sir, and isn't  
10 that a busy day?  
11 A One of the busiest. The whole weekend is  
12 busy, Sunday too.  
13 Q Didn't you give that for a reason to remember  
14 it was a Saturday, because it was just a  
15 busy day?  
16 A I believe so.  
17 Q And you stand by that, sir?  
18 A Right.  
19 Q Now let me ask you with respect to David  
20 Ferrie's eyebrows, do you recall anything  
21 unusual about them?  
22 A They were unusual, but I can't explain in what  
23 way.  
24 Q You do recall they were unusual?  
25 A Like possibly they were plucked or some shape.

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- 1 Q You say quite possibly, you saw them? 19
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Were they bushy?
- 4 A You mean wide, bushy eyebrows?
- 5 Q Let me help you just a minute. May I have the
- 6 pictures of Ferrie, please. I don't know
- 7 the number.
- 8 BY MR. DYMOND:
- 9 Q I show you first a photograph that has been
- 10 marked for identification as State-8,
- 11 Mr. Rolland, purporting to be a photograph
- 12 of Dave Ferrie after his decease and ask
- 13 you to observe the eyebrows on that
- 14 photograph.
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q I also show you another photograph marked for
- 17 identification State-10 likewise
- 18 purporting to be a photograph of Dave
- 19 Ferrie and ask you to observe not only the
- 20 eyebrows but the back of the hair on this
- 21 photograph.
- 22 A Okay.
- 23 Q Having seen these photographs are you able to
- 24 give us any more detailed a description of
- 25 the appearance of Dave Ferrie's eyebrows?

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1 A They appeared to me, what I recalled full, 20  
2 they weren't plucked out but they were  
3 shaped like up, like a woman does hers,  
4 in a sense of the word.  
5 Q You would say they were full?  
6 A That is correct.  
7 Q They were very much as they appeared in those  
8 pictures, is that correct?  
9 A Right.  
10 Q Do you remember what type of clothing  
11 Dave Ferrie had on that time?  
12 A Sports jacket, sports coat, a pair of slacks  
13 and shoes.  
14 Q What color were the garments if you remember?  
15 A Nothing outstanding as far as color.  
16 Q Do you remember what color they were or not?  
17 A Offhand, no. I want to say he was wearing a  
18 maroon shirt for some reason.  
19 Q Is it true?  
20 A I would say he was wearing a maroon shirt, that  
is the only thing I remember about him.  
Q I understand that you were present when they  
arrived?  
A No, sir.  
They were there when you got back?

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1 A Right. 21  
2 Q From having lunch, is that correct?  
3 A Correct.  
4 Q And as I understand your Direct testimony you  
5 were introduced to the two men who were  
6 Ferrie's companions, is that right?  
7 A That is correct.  
8 Q Do you remember their names?  
9 A No, sir.  
10 Q Are you able to describe either one or both of  
11 them?  
12 A Young fellows, that is all.  
13 Q You say young, and would you mind approximating  
14 their age based on their appearance?  
15 A Between 20 and 25 I would say.  
16 Q Would you be able to point out any  
17 distinguishable appearances between the  
18 two companions, that is would you be able  
19 to distinguish one from the other?  
20 A Between the two fellows and Ferrie?  
21 Q No, between the two fellows as between the  
22 two, was one taller than the other or  
23 heavier or any other appearances?  
24 A No, they were built pretty much the same as I  
25 recall correctly and I believe one was

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1 light complected, brownish hair, and the 22  
2 other was medium complexion.  
3 Q And both appeared to be roughly the same age?  
4 A To me, yes. I was not paying a whole lot of  
5 attention to them.  
6 Q You recall how they were dressed?  
7 A I believe they were wearing bluejeans.  
8 Q Bluejeans?  
9 A Yes.  
10 Q Both of them?  
11 A I think so.  
12 Q How about shirts, what color shirts did they  
13 have one, do you recall?  
14 A I do not recall.  
15 Q How about jackets or coats?  
16 A I don't recall them having a jacket, either one  
17 of them.  
18 Q Was this a cold or warm day?  
A Very warm afternoon.  
Q As I understand your testimony you returned to  
your skating rink at Winterland between  
4:00 and 4:15 in the afternoon, is that  
correct?  
A That's correct.  
Q And when you arrived there these three men were

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1                   there already, is that right?  
2       A     That's right.  
3       Q     Are you reasonable certain as to that time of  
4                   day?  
5       A     Yes, sir, quite certain because of our  
6                   scheduling which we have.  
7       Q     Do you feel I would be safe in saying you could  
8                   not be more than 15 to 20 minutes off on  
9                   that?  
10      A     That is why I said between 4:00 and 4:15.  
11      Q     So you would definitely stand on that time?  
12      A     That is correct.  
13      Q     Now you say Dave Ferrie used the telephone  
14                   there, the pay phone in your place?  
15      A     Right.  
16      Q     And you said he used it about three times, was  
17                   over by the phone using it?  
18      A     He may have used it more.  
19      Q     Could it have been as many as six?  
20      A     Very possibly. I was busy.  
21      Q     As few as one?  
22      A     No.  
23      Q     It would have been more than three?  
24      A     Somewhere around three times that I saw him.  
                 I saw him and he could have used it more.

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1 Q Would I be safe in saying that he used it 24  
2 definitely three times?  
3 A I believe I said that before.  
4 Q I believe you said about three times.  
5 A I will say definitely three times.  
6 Q Were you able to overhear any of his conversa-  
7 tions between these three or six people he  
8 might have called?  
9 A Have you ever been in a public ice rink during  
10 a public session?  
11 Q No, I never have.  
12 A We have music playing, many children around --  
13 Q You were real busy?  
14 A -- going back and forth, assisting the  
15 customers, waiting on customers, but I  
16 was quite aware of what was going on.  
17 Q Still you had time to note a number of phone  
18 calls?  
19 A I saw him standing over there by the phone a  
20 number of times and using it because I  
21 had to pass across that way. If you take  
22 a look at the diagram you will see why --  
23 Q I am familiar with the diagram. Did you see  
24 him put nickels in the phone or not?  
25 A Yes, I did.

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1 Q How many times? 25  
2 A I know of two times.  
3 Q Did you see him put them in the third time?  
4 A No, I saw him using the phone three times.  
5 Q You're sure that wasn't a continuation of the  
6 second conversation?  
7 A It was a long one if it was.  
8 THE COURT:  
9 Mr. Dymond, may I interrupt you a second?  
10 Under Article 369, unless you have a  
11 purpose I say it is irrelevant --  
12 MR. DYMOND:  
13 I have a right to test the witness'  
14 credibility.  
15 THE COURT:  
16 I am aware of that fact but I think you  
17 have covered that subject and I  
18 suggest you go on to another subject.  
19 MR. DYMOND:  
20 I will get off the nickels, Judge.  
21 BY MR. DYMOND:  
22 Q Now you say that Ferrie walked around the  
23 center part of your establishment, that  
24 is the part other than the ice rink area,  
25 is that correct?

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1 A Correct.

2 Q And he did not participate in the iceskating,  
3 is that correct?

4 A That is correct.

5 Q Well, where else was there for him to go if he  
6 didn't want to skate?

7 A He could have gone where the visitors from  
8 out of town watch the skaters or he could  
9 have walked down to the coffee shop.

10 Q He didn't go there?

11 A I never saw him go down there.

12 Q And you thought it was real unusual that he  
13 didn't go?

14 A What I thought was so unusual about Mr. Ferrie  
15 is that most of the time people come in  
16 town and you don't know it and then you'  
17 might get a card saying they were there or  
18 saw or liked your establishment but nobody  
19 ever makes it a point of being sure you  
20 know they are there, that is, not a public  
21 place.

22 Q Do you know if Mr. Ferrie had any other friends  
walking around your establishment?

3 A No, I don't.

4 Q Who else would he have had to talk to if not

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1 you that he introduced himself to?

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2 A He could have talked to persons working in the  
3 ticket office, some of the fellows around  
4 the Skate Shop, there were all types of  
5 people standing around that had children  
6 he could have talked to.

7 Q And you considered it unusual he didn't do  
8 that?

9 A Let's say the only people I saw Mr. Ferrie  
10 talk to were either myself or the two  
11 boys.

12 Q Let me ask you this Rolland: did you consider  
13 it unusual that you got a phone call from  
14 Mr. Sciambra on this case almost two years  
15 before they started their investigation  
16 on it?

17 A So I was off on the time. Is that correct?  
18 Is that correct? Good. Thank you.

19 Q Thank you.

20 MR. DYMOND:

21 That's all I have.

22 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

23 BY MR. ALCOCK:

24 Q How many times did Ferrie introduce himself to  
25 you?

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THE COURT:

I didn't hear the question.

BY MR. ALCOCK:

Q How many times did Ferrie introduce himself to  
you?

A Approximately four or five.

Q He mentioned his name on four or five occasions?

A Yes, sir, he did.

Q Did you consider that strange?

A Quite strange.

Q Did you have an interview with a Federal Bureau  
of Investigation Agent some week or two  
after that?

A Yes.

Q And who were you talking about?

A Talking about Dave Ferrie because it was so  
obvious that --

MR. DYMOND:

I object to that, Your Honor.

THE COURT:

I sustain that. He stated already the  
time he spent there.

BY MR. ALCOCK:

Q You testified you saw him leave the ice rink?

A Yes.

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1 Q And did you have a conversation with him when 29  
2 he left?  
3 A I did, outside the ice rink and they got in  
4 their car and drove off.  
5 Q Just the three of them?  
6 A Yes.  
7 MR. DYMOND:  
8 I object to leading the witness, Your  
9 Honor.  
10 BY MR. ALCOCK:  
11 Q Did Ferrie remention his name at that time?  
12 MR. DYMOND:  
13 Your Honor, I again object to the leading  
14 of the witness.  
15 THE COURT:  
16 Rephrase the question.  
17 BY MR. ALCOCK:  
18 Q What did Ferrie tell you at that time?  
19 A He said he enjoyed the skating. He said that  
20 he would be back and then he left, they  
21 drove off in the car.  
22 Q Do you recall Mr. Rolland, when the President  
23 was assassinated?  
24 A Yes, I do.  
25 Q Would it have been about that time?

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MR. DYMOND:

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We object to this. That is improper

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Redirect and nothing was brought out

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in Cross-Examination that would permit

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that.

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THE COURT:

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The objection is overruled.

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MR. DYMOND:

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BY MR. ALCOCK:

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Q Do you recall in relation to the time that

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Dave Ferrie was in your ice rink when the

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President was assassinated?

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A Yes, I do.

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Q When was it?

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A Very close to the time that the President was

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assassinated.

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Q Do you recall the specific day?

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A The day after.

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1 Q Ferrie was in your rink the day after?  
2 A That is correct.  
3 Q Now do you recall whether or not Sciambra  
4 contacted you prior to the assassination  
5 of the President or after the  
6 assassination of the President?  
7 A Mr. Sciambra?  
8 Q Mr. Sciambra, to my right.  
9 A Right, he contacted me after, in fact I was no  
10 longer with Winterland at the time when he  
11 contacted me.  
12 Q When did you leave Winterland?  
13 A In September '64.  
14 Q Can you approximate for us, Mr. Rolland, using  
15 today as your point of reference, how  
16 long ago Mr. Sciambra contacted you?  
17 A Several years ago.  
18 MR. ALCOCK:  
19 No further questions.  
20 RECROSS-EXAMINATION  
21 BY MR. DYMOND:  
22 Q One moment. You say Mr. Ferrie introduced  
23 himself to you five times?  
24 A I said a number of times and each time there  
25 was quite a point made out as to who he

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1 was.  
2 Q Didn't you say five times?  
3 MR. ALCOCK:  
4 I object, Your Honor.  
5 MR. DYMOND:  
6 The witness is not responding to my  
7 question.  
8 MR. ALCOCK:  
9 He has a right to explain the answer.  
10 MR. DYMOND:  
11 He has a right to explain it but I asked  
12 him nothing about the rest.  
13 THE COURT:  
14 Let me advise the witness. Any answer,  
15 Mr. Rolland, when they ask you a  
16 question you can either say yes or  
17 no and that's if it calls for a yes  
18 or no, and you will be permitted to  
19 explain your answer no matter how  
20 long it takes.  
21 THE WITNESS:  
22 Thank you, sir.  
23 BY MR. DYMOND:  
24 Q Didn't you say that he introduced himself to  
25 you about five times?

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1 A I said about five times, yes.  
2 Q Yes. In what words, how did he introduce  
3 himself to you upon these occasions?  
4 A Through conversation.  
5 Q Did he say "I am Dave Ferrie" five times or  
6 what?  
7 A He pointed out his name like "I, Dave Ferrie  
8 this or that" in conversation.  
9 Q How about the first time he introduced himself  
10 to you, what did he say then?  
11 A Then he said, "I am Dave Ferrie. I am the one  
12 that called you from New Orleans about a  
13 skating party and I have my party here."  
14 Q Was there anything unusual about that, that  
15 first introduction?  
16 A Yes, 'cause when I talked to him on the phone  
17 that it is a public session and just come  
18 in and skate.

You thought it unusual for him to identify  
himself when he comes in?

At a public skating session? I sure do. It  
happens very, very seldom.

MR. DYMOND:

That's all I have.

THE COURT:

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1 You are excusing Mr. Rolland from the 34  
2 effects of the subpoena?  
3 MR. ALCOCK:  
4 Yes, sir.  
5 (Witness excused)  
6 THE COURT:  
7 Call your next witness.  
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