

Date 6/24/641

BEATRICE HECHT was interviewed at her residence, 81-03 254th Street, Glen Oaks, Queens, New York. She is presently married to Doctor MAX H. HECHT, Dentist, whose offices are located in their residence.

Her maiden name is BEATRICE SCHULL. Her first marriage was to RAPHAEL PAUL, also known as RALPH PAUL on October 20, 1920, in New York, New York. She exhibited a document reflecting that she had filed a petition for divorce in Supreme Court, Bronx County, New York, on November 20, 1931, and the divorce became final in February, 1932. She had divorced PAUL as she had decided after ten years of marriage that she had never been in love with her husband.

She described PAUL as a very hard working man and a good provider for his family. He had worked with his father operating a fruit store on 161st Street in Bronx County, New York, near the Yankee Stadium. He frequently worked 18 -20 hours a day. She never knew him to engage in any political activity of any kind.

Her sexual relationship with PAUL during their marriage was a perfectly normal sexual relationship. She had no knowledge that PAUL had any homosexual tendencies.

They had two children born of this union, a daughter RITA, who was 42 on June 1, 1964, and a daughter MARILYN, who was 38 on May 2, 1964. Both her daughters are now married.

On 6/23/64 at Queens, New York File # NY 44-974
by SAB JAMES J. ROGERS & GERALD V. CASWELL/mae Date dictated 6/24/64

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

1

Date 2/3/64

Mr. JOHN M. BASINGER, minister, First Baptist Church, Lake City, Arkansas, furnished the following information concerning his brother, REX HARDING BASINGER:

REX was born in October 1918 at Hackett, Arkansas. When REX was 18 years of age, he worked in a CCC camp, then he attended Arkansas State College at Jonesboro for one year and then attended Arkansas Tech College at Russellville, Arkansas, for one year.

At the age of 21 he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard where he served for one year. REX then transferred to the United States Army where he remained for four years.

In about 1943 REX married MILDRED BASINGER, maiden name unknown, but who was then employed as secretary to Senator MC KELLAR from Tennessee. REX and MILDRED lived together for about two years and of this union a son, REX HARDING BASINGER, JR., was born. MILDRED BASINGER is now residing in Maryland, name of town unknown, and is employed by the United States Government, branch unknown, in Washington, D. C. REX, JR. is now in the United States Marine Corps.

In about 1948 REX moved to Denver, Colorado, and has resided there since that time with the exception of about four years while serving in the United States Air Force. As he recalls, REX was discharged from the Air Force in about 1957 and has since been employed driving a taxicab in Denver, Colorado.

REX has the following relatives:

Parents	JAMES ALLEN and GEORGIA BASINGER, both deceased
Brothers	JOHN M. BASINGER, Lake City, Arkansas; HORACE K. BASINGER, 12289 West Connecticut Drive, Denver, Colorado
Sister	Mrs. BEATRICE BLAYLOCK, 1141 Pearl Street, Denver, Colorado

HORACE BASINGER and BEATRICE BLAYLOCK are both employed by the Veterans Administration in the Federal Building, Denver, Colorado.

On 1/31/64 at Lake City, Arkansas File # LR 2-13
by SA ESTES G. COLEMAN/ds Date dictated 1/31/64

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2818

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2817

REX stopped driving a taxicab in Denver in about August 1963, at which time he started living with an elderly couple, name unknown, at Denver, Colorado, where he acted as a yardman and chauffeur, for which he received his room and \$15.00 a month.

About the first week of December 1963 he heard that REX had departed from Denver, Colorado, and his whereabouts was unknown. About the middle of December 1963 he received a telephone call from REX, who was then staying at the Milan Hotel, Dallas, Texas. REX claimed to be without funds and he mailed money to REX at the hotel, which money was not received by REX.

He had no knowledge of REX's whereabouts until Tuesday, January 21, 1964, when REX arrived at his home in Lake City, Arkansas. REX remained at his home until January 25, 1964, at which time he left, stating he was going to Monroe, Louisiana. He received a letter from REX post-marked January 27, 1964, wherein REX gave his address as 608 Arkansas, Monroe, Louisiana. REX, in his letter, stated he was attempting to obtain employment as a taxicab driver in Monroe and stated if he did not obtain this employment he would work as a plumber's helper for the man where he is now residing.

REX, in his opinion, is having mental difficulties and he bases his opinion on the following stories told to him by REX while at Lake City:

REX claimed while driving a taxicab in Denver, Colorado, that he, REX, was also working with the Police Department in tracking down and locating pushers of narcotics. REX claimed when a pusher would get into his taxicab, he would radio the police, who would arrest the pusher. REX claimed the underworld was after him in Denver and it was for this reason he stopped driving the taxicab in August 1963. REX claimed in December 1963 while out walking his employer's dog, someone took two gunshots at him. It was for this reason that he left Denver in December 1963.

REX claimed he traveled from Denver, Colorado, to Dallas, Texas, in December 1963 and lived at the Milan Hotel

for two or three days until he ran out of money and had to leave. He was then arrested by the Police Department in Dallas on a vagrancy charge and placed in the same jail block with JACK RUBY.

REX claimed he obtained a confession from RUBY about the OSWALD killing. Also, RUBY told him about an invasion of Cuba which would take place on May 1, 1964. The invasion group were to meet at Key West, Florida, and others were to meet in Mexico, place unknown. REX said he was going to join the group at Key West, Florida, but could not furnish any information as to the leaders of this group, but claimed the invasion was being sponsored by the United States Government.

REX claimed while in Dallas, Texas, he was also confined in the Park Memorial Hospital and had a statement bearing the name of the Park Memorial Hospital reflecting REX still owed \$5.00. REX also claimed that he gave a pint of blood while in Dallas, Texas.

REX claimed when he left Dallas, Texas, he traveled to Fort Smith, Arkansas, and visited with a cousin, TOMMY BASINGER, an employee of the United States Post Office.

REX then left Fort Smith and traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana, and on to Monroe, Louisiana, where he attempted to obtain employment as a cab driver. He then traveled from Monroe, Louisiana, to Lake City, Arkansas.

While at Lake City, Arkansas, REX had numerous stories about people surveilling him at all times. On a trip to Jonesboro, REX saw two police cars and mentioned that the police were surveilling him and ducked down in the car where he could not be seen.

BASINGER stated that he could not believe the stories told him by REX and feels sure that he was not in the same jail block with JACK RUBY in Dallas, Texas. He has talked with his brother HORACE and sister BEATRICE BLAYLOCK in Denver, Colorado,

4.

LR 2-13

and they, too, are of the opinion REX is having mental trouble.

He in no way believes that REX has any information concerning any invasion of Cuba.

He described REX as follows:

Age	45
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	October 1918 at Hackett, Arkansas
Height	5'7"
Weight	130 pounds
Hair	Brown and graying, almost bald on top
Eyes	Believed to be greenish gray, deep-set
Complexion	Medium

DL 44-1639

MCC:ej

1

The following investigation was conducted by SA ALFRED D. NEELEY, February 1, 1964, at Dallas, Texas:

Records of the Dallas, Texas Police Department reflect REX HARDING BASINGER, white male, born November 11, 1918, was arrested at Parkland Hospital, Dallas, December 14, 1963, on a charge of vagrancy. He was released by the Police Department to the same hospital on December 17, 1963 with notation "lunacy". Dr. WIRT JACKSON, Parkland Hospital, subsequently reported to the Police Department his diagnosis as "probable psychosis, possible brain syndrome".

Since JACK L. RUBY had been removed from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail prior to BASINGER's confinement at Dallas City Jail, RUBY and BASINGER could not have been in the same cell block.