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District Attorney Craig Watkins Discloses Historical Documents Connected to Jack Ruby Discovered in DA Office Safe

(DALLAS – February 18, 2008) – Today, Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins announced that historical documents and other memorabilia connected to Jack Ruby have been locked and stored in a safe in the Records Department at the DA’s Office since Frank Crowley Courts Building was built in 1989. There were nearly a dozen boxes found in the safe containing a number of items including but not limited to letters to former District Attorney Henry Wade (he prosecuted Ruby in 1964), letters to Jack Ruby, a transcript of a conversation between Ruby and Oswald (believed to be fake), a gun holster and a contract signed by Wade for a movie deal.

“The safe was brought to my attention shortly after I took office in 2007 and it’s taken us a year to scan and catalog all of the items found inside,” said Craig Watkins, Dallas County District Attorney. “After careful consideration, we decided these items should be kept in a place where they can be properly preserved and displayed for the American people. Whether or not this information will spark the conspiracy debate is anyone’s guess, but the bottom line is these documents have too much historical significance to just sit in boxes at the DA’s Office.”

The safe where the memorabilia was stored is 6’8”h x 5’6”w x 3’d, weighs in excess of 4,000 lbs., and is housed in the Records Department at the DA’s Office, located on the 10th Floor at the Frank Crowley Courts Building on 133 N. Industrial Blvd. in Dallas, Texas. Once all of the contents have been catalogued, Mr. Watkins intends to donate the items to an appropriate entity; however, the recipient of the collection has not yet been identified.

On March 14, 1964, Jack Ruby was convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald. Ruby fatally shot Oswald on November 24, 1963, just two days after Oswald had been arrested for assassinating U.S. President John F. Kennedy. Ruby successfully appealed his conviction but died of cancer before his second trial.

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