Rich No.

Q. Does the name Dave Cherry mean anything to you?
Rich That's it. I have been wracking my brain for that name. A swell-looking fellow—crewcut, young, real college-looking type.

The FBI's summary of an interview with Cherry was in the Commission's possession, but Cherry was not called as a witness. Mrs Rich testified that 'Eddie Brawner and Youngblood' had been friends of her late husband when he was in Dallas. 'Eddie Brawner could probably tell you more on this than I could,' she added, 'because my husband talked to him and wanted to go on the boat with him.' She described Brawner as about 40 years old, a resident of Grand Prairie, Texas, married to Mary Brawner and the father of three or four children, but Brawner was not called by the Commission. The only Youngblood called was Rufus Youngblood of the Secret Service, who understandably was not asked about the Cuban gun-running affair.

Despite its failure to question the relevant witnesses named by Mrs Rich, the Commission rejected her testimony with the following words 'No substantiation has been found for rumors linking Ruby with pro- or anti-Castro Cuban activities'

On April 18, 1966, I interviewed Mrs Rich in Lewiston, Maine. During our filmed and tape-recorded conversation I asked her if the transcript of her hearing published by the Commission was a complete record of the testimony she had offered in Washington.

Rich Now, also at this second meeting, which I did introduce into the Warren Commission Report—but I have read my testimony in the Warren Commission and there is no mention of this—I told Mr [Leon D.] Hubert and Mr [Burt W ] Griffin [Commission counsel] that in the apartment building, in a little storeroom outside of the apartment building, out in back, was a cache of military armaments. In fact it's the first time in my life I ever held a hand grenade.

Lane That was at these meetings?
Rich That was at this second meeting that we were taken out because the reason—let me go back a little bit. I wanted reassurance that this was actually going to happen. They said,
‘Well, come out back with us’, I think was about the words the colonel used. So we all walked in the back and, my God, I thought I’d walked into an Army supply depot. There were guns, there was one B. A. R. [Browning automatic rifle] which I think was left over from World War II, used, and there were hand grenades. There was some kind of a land torpedo, there were mines, I’d say probably half a dozen land mines, and, why, there must have been 20 or 30 packing cases of hand grenades. And I assume—in fact I more than assume, because I got the general impression from what was said that these were pilfered from the United States Army or Air Force bases.

Lane Did you give this information to the Warren Commission when you testified on June 2, 1964?

Rich I did, but apparently they chose to discount it. I can attest to the fact that at the time it was given it was told to be stricken from the record. I didn’t think there would be [any record of it], considering Mr Griffin said, ‘Strike that from the record’—quote.