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JOHN G. FLOBECK, 647 South Grape Street, Denver, Colorado, advised that he specifically recalls a party held in March, 1962, sponsored by the Cliff Dwellers at the Petroleum Club, Denver.

While FLOBECK and a friend, H. GREGORY AUSTIN, Jr., Denver attorney, and HENRY OXNARD were drinking and conversing, they were joined by a man who identified himself as HARRY NIER. OXNARD and NIER, with assistance of FLOBECK, engaged in discussion and argument for approximately one and one-half to two hours.

FLOBECK stated that as HENRY OXNARD, the son of a sugar company executive, had some knowledge of the situation in Cuba, OXNARD and NIER argued over the seizure of Cuba by CASTRO. OXNARD at that time was attending the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, and appeared to have either known NIER or had knowledge of NIER's connection with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). NIER made statements that CASTRO was a patriot, that people in the United States misunderstood him, and NIER blamed the American press for falsehoods pertaining to Cuba.

FLOBECK stated that NIER and OXNARD argued vehemently about Cuba. FLOBECK recalled that he asked NIER if he were a communist and NIER replied that he was not a communist, but a Marxist. During this discussion, NIER had with him newspaper clippings and numerous papers which he referred to during the discussion. NIER admitted leadership of the Denver Chapter, FPCC. The discussion included labor unions, agricultural problems and foreign policy.

FLOBECK stated that NIER, when he was pinned down, would change the subject and it was difficult to argue or reason with him. FLOBECK recalled that NIER stated that he either had been to Cuba or was going to Cuba and perhaps Mexico to get more information about the Cuban situation.

FLOBECK stated he cannot say that the name OSWALD was mentioned by NIER, although he recalls that NIER mentioned the

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names of numerous individuals which were unfamiliar to FLOBECK. FLOBECK stated that when he learned of the President's assassination and heard a rebroadcast of a radio interview of LEE OSWALD, at which time OSWALD stated he was a Marxist and had connections with the FPCC, FLOBECK then recalled his conversation with NIER as NIER had made the approximate same statements. FLOBECK stated that the name OSWALD was not recalled during this incident. FLOBECK stated he was not present during the entire discussion between OXNARD and NIER so it is possible that NIER could have made a statement mentioning a man named OSWALD.

FLOBECK stated that OXNARD has an excellent mind and, because of his intense interest in politics and the intense concentration by OXNARD with NIER during the conversation, it is possible that OXNARD would recall a name mentioned by NIER.

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H. GREGORY AUSTIN, Jr., Attorney, 790 Washington Street, Denver, Colorado, advised he was present in March, 1962, at the Cliff Dwellers organization party held at the Petroleum Club, Denver. AUSTIN stated he was present briefly during the conversations between HENRY OXNARD, JOHN G. FLOBECK and HARRY NIER. AUSTIN stated he did not participate in the discussions as it appeared that NIER was connected in some way with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and was supporting the CASTRO regime in Cuba. AUSTIN stated he did not hear NIER nor any of the other participants mention any individual named OSWALD.

Mr. AUSTIN stated that in his opinion, OXNARD is not tremendously stable, is imaginative, and could now believe that the name of OSWALD was mentioned in his conversation with NIER, when it had not been.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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JOHN S. POULOS, 1635 Quebec, Denver, Colorado, advised that he knows HENRY OXMARD, JOHN G. FLOBECK and C. EDWIN BUSH, but he does not recall the specific meeting or party at which time there was a discussion with HARRY NIER of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. POULOS said he does not know HARRY NIER.

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RE: JACK L. RUBY

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DN T-1 advised that he frequented the Clover Bar next door to the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, 1946, to 1949. He described this bar as a hangout for hoodlum element. At that time it was operated by IRA COLITZ who was described as a personal friend of Colonel JACOB ARVEY, well known Chicago political figure. COLITZ possibly was recently a candidate for alderman in Chicago and he resides in penthouse apartment on Michigan Boulevard.

Source related JACK RUBY, whom he identified from newspaper photographs, frequented Clover Bar in about 1946 or 1947, and was an acquaintance of IRA COLITZ and possibly was a former schoolmate of COLITZ on the West Side of Chicago. He does not know the nature of RUBY's activities in Chicago.

Source stated that in about December, 1949, he was in Dallas, Texas, at which time RUBY was operating a night club, name unknown, with western band and western motif. Source visited this club and chatted briefly with RUBY who requested that he convey RUBY's regards to COLITZ when source returned to Chicago.

Source has not seen nor heard from RUBY since 1949, and has never had any specific information concerning RUBY's background or activities, but has never had any reason to suspect him of being involved in subversive activities.

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At approximately 11:30 A.M., November 25, 1963, a call was received from Mr. J. IVANHO ROSENBERG of the "Herald Dispatch," a weekly newspaper in Southwest Denver.

Mr. ROSENBERG stated that as a result of information seen on television on the evening of November 24, 1963, regarding an alleged affiliation of RUBY in Denver, he had been conducting some investigation to verify this. Mr. ROSENBERG asked if he could obtain information from this office in exchange for what information he had. Mr. ROSENBERG was advised that any information in any way related to the assassination of President KENNEDY would have to be released by the Washington Headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and no information could be furnished by the Denver Office.

Mr. ROSENBERG then volunteered that he had talked with Mr. JIM BENNETT, Channel 7, Denver, and had learned that BENNETT had information indicating that RUBY has frequented and may possibly have a financial interest in the Matinee Lounge on West Colfax in Jefferson County and might be acquainted with JOHN DI ANDRO (phonetic); also that RUBY is reported to have frequented SID KING's place on East Colfax and may possibly have a financial interest in this establishment.

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Mr. STAN BROWN, Channel 7, KLZ Television Station, advised that JIM BENNETT was not available; however, he was familiar with the information concerning alleged affiliation of JACK RUBY in Denver, Colorado.

BROWN continued that the information which appeared in Channel 7 news to the effect that RUBY had frequented and may possibly have a financial interest in the Matinee Lounge in Denver, and might be acquainted with JOHN DI ANDRO (phonetic) was received in part from TONY SHEARER.

BROWN stated that the information that RUBY reportedly frequented SID KING's place in Denver, Colorado, came from a former news man, now retired, whose name is BILL DAY. BROWN stated that DAY had called him and advised that somehow RUBY's face was familiar. DAY further stated that he thought he had seen RUBY in Denver, but could not remember where he had seen him or what the circumstances were. BROWN advised that DAY then told him that it might possibly have been at Sid King's Crazy Horse Bar.

BROWN stated further that other than the above information, neither SHEARER nor DAY had any further information concerning RUBY. BROWN concluded that he could furnish no additional information concerning this matter.

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Mr. TONY SHEARER, Engineer, Channel 7, KLZ Television Station, advised that when he saw the picture of JACK RUBY it looked familiar to him until he recalled that approximately three years ago when he was on his way home from work he stopped in at the Matinee Lounge for a beer, at which time he recalled that JACK DI ANDRE (phonetic), owner of the Matinee Lounge, was talking to the man who SHEARER thought resembled RUBY. SHEARER advised that he did not talk to RUBY but only recalled having seen him with DI ANDRE at that time.

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Mr. BILL DAY, 65 Dudley, was contacted after unsuccessful attempts to contact him on November 26, 27, and 29, 1963.

Mr. DAY advised that when he saw JACK RUBY's picture on television sometime during the past week and heard his name, he thought possibly this might be an individual he had heard some information about about one year ago when he stopped in at Sid King's Crazy Horse Bar in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. DAY continued that on this particular day he stopped at the above restaurant for a drink after work and was sitting at the bar. He commented to another bar patron, whose name he does not know, that SID KING "has a good thing going here." He advised he made this remark because the establishment was full of customers. He advised further that the other bar patron made the statement that "it isn't all KING's, some guy in Dallas owns a piece of it." DAY advised further that this bar patron mentioned some name at that time for the alleged part owner in Dallas; however, he cannot recall the name at this time. He added, however, that when he had heard RUBY's name on television, he thought possibly the bar patron may have mentioned RUBY, but he is not positive and it was just a thought that crossed his mind at the time.

DAY concluded that the above information is the only information that he furnished to Channel 7, KLZ Television Station in Denver, and that he did not state that he thought he had ever seen RUBY anywhere. DAY stated he was unable to furnish additional information concerning this matter.

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