



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>DALLAS</b>	Office of Origin <b>DALLAS</b>	Date <b>11/30/63</b>	Investigative Period <b>11/22 - 30/63</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>CHANGED JACK L. RUBY, aka. Jack Rubenstein, Jack Leon Ruby, "Sparky" LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka. Alek James Hidell, A. T. Hidell, O. H. Lee (Deceased) - VICTIM</b>		Report made by <b>MANNING C. CLEMENTS</b>	Typed by <b>BC: [initials]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>RUBY</b>	

Synopsis: Title changed to add nickname "SPARKY" by which subject has been widely known in Chicago, Illinois.

REFERENCE

Dallas teletype to Bureau, all Continental Offices, 11/25/63.

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NEW YORK - INFORMATION

Information copy to New York in view of location of headquarters of "Fair Play For Cuba Committee" in that division.

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Copies are furnished to Chicago and Detroit Offices, covering locations of subject's relatives.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The following criminal informants affiliated or familiar with gambling matters, Albuquerque Division, were contacted on November 25, 1963, with negative results:

[REDACTED] Albuquerque, N.M., by SA J. JEROME MAXWELL.  
[REDACTED] Albuquerque, N.M., by SA J. JEROME MAXWELL.  
[REDACTED] Albuquerque, N.M., by  
SA J. JEROME MAXWELL.

AQ [REDACTED] Albuquerque, N.M., by SA CARY CARLTON.

AQ [REDACTED] Albuquerque, N.M., by SA STUART J. CAMERON.

[REDACTED] Albuquerque, N.M., by SA STUART J. CAMERON.

PCI [REDACTED], Roswell, N.M., by SA WILLIAM L.

EDDY.

PCI [REDACTED], Roswell, N.M., by SA WILLIAM L.

EDDY.

[REDACTED] Grants, N.M., by SA CALVIN D. KNOTT.

PCI [REDACTED] Clovis, N.M., by SA FRANK W. HAINES.

PCI [REDACTED] Clovis, N.M., by SA FRANK W. HAINES.

On November 25, 1963, [REDACTED] advised SA W. J. WILKINSON, JR., Farmington, N.M., that she once met JACK RUBY in an unknown hotel in Dallas, Texas, many years ago. The informant was unable to recall the hotel or other people during this contact. Informant has never met victim.

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On 11/25/63, [REDACTED] SE, Albuquerque, N.M., who requested his name be maintained in complete confidence, admitted formerly being a bookmaker in Chicago over fifteen years ago. He advised he is acquainted with JACK RUBY, known to him as SPARKY RUBENSTEIN who lived in the same general area in Chicago. He did not become too well acquainted with SPARKY until they grew up and [REDACTED] knew RUBY's father as the "neighborhood drunk."

[REDACTED] described SPARKY as somewhat emotionally unstable. [REDACTED] stated SPARKY made his living primarily from "scalping" tickets to sports events in the Chicago area and at one time traveled throughout the country selling punch boards which [REDACTED] stated was prior to the Senator Kefauver investigations. [REDACTED] described the subject as an extremely stubborn person and a publicity hound, therefore, [REDACTED] did not think it unusual when newspapers reported that RUBY was more upset over the death of the President than the death of his own father. He stated that he was surprised when SPARKY killed OSWALD, advising that he would think it more proper that RUBY would shoot him in the leg with a .22 in order to get publicity.

[REDACTED] did not see SPARKY for more than twenty years until [REDACTED] visited Dallas, Texas, about one and a half years ago. He looked up SPARKY, whose Carousel Club is across the street from the Adolphus Hotel and they talked briefly of old times.

[REDACTED] knew of no specific connections SPARKY may have had with the Dallas Police Dept., but stated that many policemen knew him and he was well liked. [REDACTED] was not aware of any underworld connections which RUBY may have had and knew of no particular reason for RUBY's leaving Chicago. [REDACTED] states SPARKY, to his knowledge, had no extremist or subversive views whatsoever and had no contact with organized criminal or hoodlum element. [REDACTED] further advised that he was not personally acquainted with OSWALD and knew of no connection of OSWALD and RUBY, or any connection which RUBY may have had with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

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On 11/25/63, [REDACTED] advised SA STUART J. CAMERON at Albuquerque, N.M., that approximately eleven months ago he met JACK RUBY at the Carousel Club in Dallas, Texas. Informant met RUBY through [REDACTED], and when the informant mentioned that he was from Albuquerque, RUBY advised that [REDACTED] at Albuquerque was a good friend. The informant learned through [REDACTED] that RUBY came to Dallas, Texas, from Chicago and that a "Jewish boy" had the particular section of town where the Carousel is now located "all sewed up." Informant states RUBY had a difficult time breaking into the area, but that he is now quite well off along with the "Jewish boy," who also has a joint located one block from the Carousel in an upstairs location.

[REDACTED] mentioned to [REDACTED] that RUBY had a "good in" with the Dallas Police Dept. The informant states this would be borne out from his observation by the fact that RUBY had a B-girl operation where drinks were pushed heavily and they had no interference from the police department. The informant knew of no specific connections with the police department and only personally engaged RUBY in conversation for five to ten minutes. Informant stated he is not aware of any Chicago underworld connections of RUBY or any subversive or extremist connections. He did not know of any relationship between the subject and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee or any association between OSWALD and RUBY.

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Files of the Chicago Office reflect the following:

"Chicago Daily Tribune" of December 9, 1939, carried an article stating that JOHN MARTIN, President of the Scrap Iron and Junk Handlers Union Local 20467, AFL, had shot LEON R. COOKE, the attorney for the above union. According to former [redacted] who was interviewed at that time, the informant was then in the process of forming a rival union affiliated with the CIO and had written several letters to junk dealers in this regard which he had signed "Cook". MARTIN learned of these letters, assumed he was being double crossed by LEON COOKE, and during an argument between MARTIN and COOKE which ensued, MARTIN shot LEON COOKE. MARTIN then became a fugitive justice.

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██████████ advised SA JOHN R. BASSETT on November 24, 1963 that he had been a close friend of subject RUBY for many years in Chicago. This informant advised that "SPARKY" was hot tempered on occasions, but was generally of a good disposition. He stated that RUBY was an excellent fist fighter. According to this informant, RUBY, in the mid nineteen forty's, operated a "book" over a restaurant located east of Kedzie Avenue on the north side of Roosevelt Road in Chicago. Subject was a close friend of one ABE ZUCKERMAN, also known as "ZUCKIE" (phonetic). In the middle nineteen forty's, according to the informant, ZUCKERMAN was shot and the informant believed that this occurred because ZUCKERMAN did not cut LEONARD PARTICK, one of Chicago's top hoodlums, in on the profits of his book. Shortly after this shooting, PATRICK told the subject to leave town, accusing him of operating a book without PATRICK's sanction. PATRICK warned the subject that if he did not leave Chicago, he would "get what ZUCKIE got". The subject left Chicago at this time for Dallas, Texas, where he ran a club owned by his sister. Informant advised that he has not been in touch with the subject in recent years and was completely at a loss to understand the subject's action in shooting OSWALD.

PCI ██████████ advised SA JOHN W. ROBERTS, JR., on November 24, 1963, that JACK RUBY had, at one time, been close to ROSS PRIO, Chicago top hoodlum. This informant further advised that RUBY had been a close friend of one JOE SCARAMUZZO who owns a gun shop on Halsted Street near Taylor Street in Chicago.

The Chicago Division records contain no information concerning ABE ZUCKERMAN, also known as "ZUCKIE". The same records reflect that JOSEPH SCARAMUZZO is the owner of Scaramuzzo and Sons Gunshop, 831 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois. It should be noted that three of the four guns used by members of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico in the shooting at the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., on March 1, 1954, were purchased by one WILLIAM GALETTY, Gary, Indiana, from Scaramuzzo and Sons, 801 South Halsted Street, Chicago.

██████████ advised SA JOSEPH G. SHEA on November 24, 1963, that he believed the subject was related in some manner to one HARRY RUBENSTEIN. The informant advised that HARRY RUBENSTEIN had owned the Hotel Olympic on North Clark Street on Chicago's near North side, approximately fifteen years ago. HARRY RUBENSTEIN killed a man in this hotel, but by a payment of \$25,000.00 to a Chicago Police Captain, was able to fix this charge. According to this informant, HARRY RUBENSTEIN had good connections with certain unknown criminals in the Chicago area but was not considered by the informant to be a member of the Organized Criminal Element in this city. I 11.

It should be noted that the records of the Chicago Police Department reflect one HARRY RUBENSTEIN, a hotel owner on the near North side, as having been sentenced to one year probation on a charge of manslaughter in 1946. APPROX: 189

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[REDACTED] advised SA JOSEPH G. SHEA on November 24, 1963, that the subject was related to HARRY RUBENSTEIN who formerly operated two or three bars in the Chicago loop area. According to the informant, the subject worked as a bartender for HARRY RUBENSTEIN in a bar at the Banker's Building in Chicago-X loop. The informant advised that in 1942 or 1943, JACK RUBENSTEIN attempted to enlist in the United States Navy but was rejected when he failed to pass the physical examination. The informant described JACK RUBENSTEIN as extremely patriotic but moody. This informant was unable to furnish any information concerning HARRY RUBENSTEIN's present whereabouts or activities.

[REDACTED] (Protect Identity) advised SA JOHN R. BASSETT on November 24, 1963, that he does not know the subject. [REDACTED] advised that he had contacted a person known to him, whose identity he would not reveal, who recalled the subject as a friend many years ago in the area around Independence Boulevard and Roosevelt Road in Chicago. According to [REDACTED] this source stated that the subject was not connected with the criminal element, Chicago. This source indicated that RUBENSTEIN was good natured but on occasion was extremely hot tempered. According to this source, the subject had left Chicago in the late 1940's for Dallas, Texas, where he operated a club belonging to his sister. [REDACTED] advised that he had made an unsuccessful attempt to contact ANTHONY ACCARDO in an effort to obtain information concerning the subject.

It should be noted that ANTHONY ACCARDO is a high ranking member of Chicago's criminal element. [REDACTED] is known to be a close associate of many of Chicago's top echelon criminals and has, in recent years, been active in the management of several ranking prize fighters.

All other Chicago informants negative and Chicago files reflect no information pertaining to subject's involvement with Chicago criminal element.

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[REDACTED] was contacted by SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER, on 11/25/63, but at that time had no personal knowledge of RUBY. On 11/26/63, [REDACTED] advised that he had solicited information from politicians of the 24th Ward, the former voting residence of RUBY. PC advised that he talked to two persons who appeared to know RUBY from many years ago. They advised that RUBY was never anything but "a punk" and never had any hoodlum connections or associations. One person advised that he recalls that RUBY attempted to sneak into a prize fight in Chicago, believed to be the second DEMPSEY - TUNNEY fight, and was caught by a police officer who beat him over the head with his night stick. As a result of this beating, RUBY now has a plate in his head. Apparently this causes pressure when RUBY becomes excited and causes RUBY to act emotionally.

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

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

The informant 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. The informant visited this club and chatted briefly with RUBY who requested that he convey RUBY's regards to COLITZ when the informant returned to Chicago.

The informant has not seen or 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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██████████ who furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following November 25, 1963:

As of one month ago JACK RUBY was known to be an associate of "PAPPY" LNU, owner of "Pappy's Showland" in Dallas. Basis or extent of association unknown. ██████████ and ██████████ who are cognizant of Communist Party, Socialist Workers Party, Freedom for Cuba Committee, and related organizations, advised on November 25, 1963, that they do not know JACK LEON RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN. These sources have furnished reliable information in the past. All other logical informants and PCI's Denver Division unable to furnish any positive information re JACK RUBY.

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On 11/25/63, PCI [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], El Paso, Texas, who has  
furnished reliable information in the past, and whose  
identity should be protected, advised SA DAVID J. REID  
that RUBY was known by most theatrical agents to use  
exotic dancers. In 2/62, [REDACTED] talked to RUBY over  
the telephone concerning the employment of BETH KING,  
exotic dancer, who was looking for work. RUBY talked  
in a very pleasant manner, but did not employ BETH KING  
in view of the fact that he did not have an opening for  
her. [REDACTED] said he had no additional contacts with  
RUBY and had no personal knowledge of RUBY's background  
and associates. [REDACTED] said RUBY was never known to  
spend any time in El Paso, Texas.

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[REDACTED] advised SA LEVERETTE A. BAKER on 11/25/63, he met JACK RUBY a number of years ago through ABE WEINSTEIN (PH), owner of Colony Club, Dallas, Texas, but knows nothing further concerning RUBY.

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Gambling Informants  
Los Angeles Office

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PCI [REDACTED], on 11/25/63, could provide no personal information about JACK LEON RUBY, aka, but he did make available for interview by SA FRANK H. TOWNSEND one MORRIS BLOCK, 5510 Edgewood Place, Los Angeles. Information from BLOCK of potential value, including the identity of a knowledgeable Chicago friend, has been submitted separately by FD 302 and by teletype containing lead for Chicago.

Other informants who could provide no information are:

[REDACTED] on 11/26/63, to SA JOHN R. BARRON.

[REDACTED] on 11/25/63, to SA FRANK H. TOWNSEND.

[REDACTED] on 11/26/63 to SA JOHN R. BARRON.

[REDACTED] on 11/25/63 to SA GEORGE E. BLAND.

[REDACTED] on 11/26/63 to SA JOHN R. BARRON.

PCI [REDACTED] on 11/25/63 to SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.

PCI [REDACTED] on 11/26/63 to SA WILLIAM J. NOLAN.

PCI [REDACTED] on 11/26/63 to SA TOWNSEND.

The following informants were contacted by SA HOMER E. YOUNG on 11/26/63 with negative results:

[REDACTED]

PCI [REDACTED]

LA [REDACTED]

LA [REDACTED]

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PCI [REDACTED]

PCI [REDACTED]

PCI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that she had been contacted by letter from Dallas, Texas, by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who wanted informant to handle their bookings on the West Coast. Informant advised that [REDACTED] is a vocalist and understood she had been working for JACK LEON RUBY in one of his night clubs in Dallas. Informant stated that she is aware that [REDACTED] left Dallas on 11/21/63 for a booking into The Largo, a night club located on the Sunset Strip in Hollywood. Informant stated she would imagine that [REDACTED] accompanied him. Informant said she did not book this team since she did not have an opportunity to audition them.

[REDACTED] advised that the only bookings she handles in the Dallas area for strip tease dancers is through [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for their two places and has never had any business dealings with RUBY nor has she ever met him.

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On 11/25/63. PCI

[REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA JAMES E. HATHAWAY she met JACK RUBY in mid-November, 1962 in the Carousel Club, Dallas. [REDACTED]

During that period, RUBY operated the club alone, seemed to be on the premises almost constantly but was reportedly residing with mother in a suburban house. RUBY was "a loner" and appeared not to have close associates. [REDACTED] recalls some talk by employees or patrons indicating RUBY might be regarded as "queer". She knew of no female associates except it was rumored at club that RUBY sometimes dated a waitress employed by him known as "SISSY" or possibly "C. C.", described as WF, about 21, short, slight build, dark hair.

Only other persons considered well acquainted with RUBY were

1. GEORGE (LNU), described as WM, 30-35, medium build, dark hair, "Jewish appearance", who told [REDACTED] he was contemplating opening a dress shop in Dallas and who frequented the club and often visited RUBY in RUBY's office

2. GEORGE (LNU), WM, 45, medium build, grayish hair, who operated some sort of business dealing in novelty and gift items, and who was also often in RUBY's office

3. WALLY WESTON, emcee at Carousel, described as WM, 40, 5'11", slender, medium complexion, brown hair.

Of the above, [REDACTED] believes WESTON was closest to RUBY and was believed to have worked as emcee for RUBY for indeterminate time. [REDACTED] believes WESTON pays AGVA dues in Dallas but was in Louisville, Ky. about 2 weeks ago for a day or two at Merry-Go-Round Club. While in Dallas, he was believed married to an exotic dancer but has ex-wife and child, location not known. WESTON believed originally from Milwaukee.

[REDACTED] claims no gambling or prostitution at Carousel to her knowledge and she knew of no close associates of RUBY among police officers. Although detectives were occasionally in club, a uniformed officer frequently came in at closing time and made sure patrons left.

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██████████ said she has no knowledge on part of RUBY with subversive groups. She never heard of LEE OSWALD until newspaper publicity of 11/22/63. She was not surprised of hearing that RUBY shot OSWALD since she knew RUBY to be impulsive, quick tempered, over sensitive and at the same time loud, and somewhat of an extrovert. She never saw him with a gun, never heard him threaten anyone, nor did she see or hear of him strike anyone although he frequently argued bitterly with WESTON over details of show.

Available gambling informants, WSTA informants, PD sources and sources familiar with the entertainment field, contacted negatively for information re RUBY, family, friends, background or associates.

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Following investigation conducted telephonically  
by SA CHILTON B. CREASON, Union Springs, Alabama, on 11/26/63:

Chief of Police THOMAS K. SCROGGINS and Identification Officer Sgt. PAUL BLADES, Phenix City PD, Phenix City, Ala., stated JACK LEON RUBY, aka, completely unknown to police and has no record of local arrest. Both advised Phenix City has no source of strippers since vice cleanup in 1954. Only establishment in Phenix City which now has occasional strippers is MELVIN CHADWICK, operator of Chad's Rose Room. CHADWICK informed all his "strippers" are secured through booking agency in Atlanta and that RUBY is unknown to him. M. LAMAR MURPHY, Sheriff, Russell Co., and JOHN HENRY EAST, Deputy Sheriff, Phenix City, stated RUBY was unknown to that office and has no record of arrest. Both confirmed that Phenix City has no supply of "strippers".

<sup>Ala.</sup> [redacted] who has wide acquaintance among former night club operators, tavern operators and gamblers in Phenix City area stated he is certain RUBY has no close connections in Phenix City and has never operated there. RUBY unknown to informant. Informant confirmed information that Phenix City has no source of "strippers".

All informants in Mobile Division, cognizant of gambling activities, are negative re RUBY and OSWALD.

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AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Sources acquainted with some phases of Cuban activities in the New Orleans area advised on November 25, 1963, that they have no information regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD, JACK LEON RUBY, JACK RUBENSTEIN, or O. H. LEE.

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INFORMANTS

The Cuban sources mentioned in this report who were contacted November 25, 1963, are as follows:

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[REDACTED]  
New Orleans, Louisiana

[REDACTED]  
Metairie, Louisiana

[REDACTED]  
New Orleans, Louisiana

[REDACTED]  
New Orleans, Louisiana

[REDACTED]  
New Orleans, Louisiana

[REDACTED] Service  
New Orleans, Louisiana

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[REDACTED]  
New Orleans, Louisiana

CONTACTED BY

SA's REED W. JENSEN and  
WILLIAM L. NEWBROUGH

SA's L. M. SHEARER, JR. and  
MICHAEL F. CAMPBELL

SA's JENSEN and NEWBROUGH

SA J. WOODROW GILMORE

SA GILMORE

SA's EARL L. HASSELL, JR. and  
LAWRENCE F. FOLSE

SAs L. M. SHEARER, JR. and  
MICHAEL F. CAMPBELL

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The sources familiar with some Cuban activities  
in the New Orleans who were contacted are as follows:

[REDACTED]

New Orleans, Louisiana,  
contacted 11/25/63 by SA J. WOODROW GILMORE.

[REDACTED]

New Orleans, contacted 11/26/63 by SA EARL  
L. HASSELL, JR.

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Additional sources familiar with some phases of Cuban activity in the New Orleans area advised on November 25-26, 1963 that they had no information regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD, A. J. HIDELL, JACK LEON RUBY, JACK RUBENSTEIN or O. H. LEE.

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Twentyfour CI's and PCI's in the New Orleans Division familiar with gambling and night club business were contacted by New Orleans agents on 11/25/63 and all advised that JACK LEON RUBY was not known to them.

[REDACTED] Biloxi, Mississippi, a professional gambler, advised on 11/25/63 that on the night of 11/24/63, in Biloxi, he talked with all of the principal professional gamblers in the Mississippi Gulf Coast resort area, and none had heard of RUBY before that date. Informant said most of these gamblers had seen the shooting of OSWALD by RUBY on television that date.

In addition to contact with two CI's familiar with gambling in Baton Rouge, La. agents also contacted [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], leading gamblers in Baton Rouge, who advised they never heard of RUBY before 11/24/63, when he was charged with the murder of OSWALD.

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14/ [redacted] who is a known associate of [redacted] and [redacted] as well as [redacted] and who has been a manager of the [redacted] Restaurant up until October of 1963, advised SA REED W. JENSEN on November 27, 1963, that he had never heard of a JACK LEON RUBY or a LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to their notariety in the connection with the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. The PC stated on examining a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, NOPD number 112723, that he had never seen this individual in person before. He said he could not recall anyone who may have frequented the [redacted] Motel who resembled this individual enough to cause anyone to think this person might be OSWALD.

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INFORMANTS:

On November 25, 1963, SA WILLIAM F. DUKES contacted [REDACTED] a prostitute and barmaid in gambling establishments, [REDACTED] a professional gambler, and [REDACTED] a barmaid working in gambling establishments, all of Gulfport, Mississippi. These informants had not heard of JACK LEON RUBY until they saw and heard on television, November 24, 1963, that he allegedly shot and killed LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

On November 25, 1963, SA H. WARREN TOOL, JR., contacted [REDACTED] a cocktail lounge operator, [REDACTED] a professional gambler working in gambling casinos, and [REDACTED] another cocktail lounge operator, all of whom are familiar with gambling and nightclub operators and are from the Mississippi Gulf Coast area, advised that they had not heard of JACK LEON RUBY until November 24, 1963, when he was charged with killing LEE HARVEY OSWALD. [REDACTED] advised that on the evening of November 24, 1963, he had talked with most of the professional gamblers in the Mississippi Gulf Coast area and none of them had ever heard of RUBY before that date. This informant stated that most of these individuals said they saw RUBY shoot OSWALD while watching the television on November 24, 1963.

On November 25, 1963, SA REGIS L. KENNEDY contacted [REDACTED] a professional post-poster, who travels widely throughout the Eastern United States. The informant resides in New Orleans. He advised that he had never heard of JACK LEON RUBY before seeing RUBY on television on November 24, 1963.

On November 25, 1963, SA L. M. SHEARER, JR. contacted [REDACTED] a bookmaker operating in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, who advised that he had never known RUBY other than having seen him on television and heard about him on television since November 24, 1963.

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On November 25, 1963, SA LESTER G. DAVIS contacted [REDACTED] a homosexual who operates [REDACTED] in the New Orleans French Quarter. This informant advised he had never known RUBY.

On November 25, 1963, SA REED W. JENSEN contacted [REDACTED] operator of a gambling casino in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. This informant, who travels widely, had never met or heard of RUBY until he saw RUBY on television on November 24, 1963.

On November 25, 1963, SA FURMAN G. BOGGAN contacted [REDACTED], a former tavern operator, who is presently a pimp and fencer of stolen property. This informant, who is originally from the [REDACTED], Illinois area, advised that he did not know RUBY and had never heard of him until he heard about RUBY on television since November 24, 1963.

On November 25, 1963, SA RICHARD BUCARO contacted [REDACTED], a bartender and strip tease club manager, in the New Orleans French Quarter. This informant advised he had never known RUBY or heard of him until he saw RUBY on television since November 24, 1963.

On November 25, 1963, SA FURMAN G. BOGGAN contacted PCI [REDACTED], a sports handicapper, who has traveled widely throughout the United States. [REDACTED] stated he had never heard of RUBY until he saw the shooting of OSWALD by RUBY on television on November 24, 1963.

On November 25, 1963, SA KEVIN J. HARRIGAN contacted [REDACTED], a New Orleans French Quarter barroom operator, who advised that he did not know RUBY and had never heard of him until November 24, 1963, when RUBY shot OSWALD.

On November 25, 1963, SA J. DAWSON VAN EPS contacted PCI [REDACTED] a bookmaker in Jefferson Parish, and PCI [REDACTED], a former bookmaker, who frequents gambling establishments, and both advised they did not know RUBY and

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had never heard of him prior to November 24, 1963.

On November 25, 1963, SA JOHN V. HANLON contacted [REDACTED], a tavern operator in [REDACTED], Louisiana, who advised he did not know RUBY and had never heard of him before November 24, 1963.

On November 25, 1963 SA JAMES FRANCIS WRIGHT contacted PCI [REDACTED], Louisiana, who frequents gambling establishments. [REDACTED] had never heard of RUDY prior to November 24, 1963.

On November 25, 1963, SA RICHARD A. SMALLWOOD contacted PCIs [REDACTED], a professional gambler, [REDACTED] a bookmaker, [REDACTED] a gambling club operator, and [REDACTED], an employee of [REDACTED] all of [REDACTED] Louisiana. These individuals advised they had never heard of RUBY prior to November 24, 1963, when they observed him on network television.

[REDACTED], a professional bookmaker, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised SA EARL R. PETERSEN on November 25, 1963, that he had never heard of RUBY prior to November 24, 1963, when he had seen the shooting of OSWALD by RUBY on television. Subsequently on this same date, this informant advised that he had contacted bookmakers [REDACTED] of Baton Rouge, and they had not known RUBY. SA PETERSEN also contacted PCI [REDACTED] on November 25, 1963, [REDACTED] being an employee of [REDACTED], another Baton Rouge bookmaker. [REDACTED] had not heard of RUBY prior to November 24, 1963. *La*

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*474* SA PETERSEN also contacted [REDACTED] bookmakers at the [REDACTED] in West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana and these bookmakers had not heard of RUBY prior to November 24, 1963.

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SA PETERSEN also contacted [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Baton Rouge, on November 25, 1963, a bookmaker in that  
city, who had not known RUBY.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Persons familiar with "Fair Play For Cuba Committee" in New York area have no information indicating JACK LEON RUBY has ever had any connection with this committee.

There is no information known to the New York Office reflecting any connection of RUBY with the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee".

Informants of New York Office familiar with gambling activities in New York area have no information concerning JACK LEON RUBY.

Files of the New York Office fail to reflect any information identifiable with RUBY.

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AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

The following informant, PCIs, and sources of information in San Juan, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are acquainted with gambling activities, advised SA LA VERNE J. MOORE on November 26, 1963, that they did not know RUBY or OSWALD:

[REDACTED] (Croupier);  
[REDACTED] PCI, gambler;  
[REDACTED] PCI, gambling casino inspector;  
[REDACTED] PCI, gambler and restaurant owner;  
[REDACTED] Caribe Hilton Hotel;  
[REDACTED] Caribe Hilton Hotel,  
formerly with Hilton Hotel at Dallas;  
[REDACTED] Sheraton Hotel,  
formerly with Sheraton Hotel, Dallas.

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The following investigation by Tampa Office:

~~██████████~~ advised he located address book dated from 1945-48, and noted name NATE GROSSMAN, 5046 N. Troy St., Chicago, Ill. Source stated he is certain NATE GROSSMAN is identical to TINY GROSSMAN mentioned previously. *ok to tiny*

Source now recalls meeting GROSSMAN in Chicago in 1948 or 1949, and GROSSMAN told him he had spent some time in prison and in same conversation mentioned Flagstaff, Ariz. Informant has hazy recollection that GROSSMAN arrested Flagstaff for Illinois authorities and probably did time in Statesville Prison, outside Chicago.

Source now recalls GROSSMAN tended bar and lived in hotel above bar, located across the street from Croydan Hotel. Croydan located near Black Orchid Lounge, Chicago.

Same source recalls RUBY at one time ran errands for one RAY LEWIS, a furrier, State Lake Building, 190 North State St., Chicago. LEWIS had a bookie operation on the side and resided Maryland Hotel, Rush and Delaware Streets, Chicago.

Same source also recalls RUBY loitered about a barber shop run by one AL INDES at the corner, or near the corner of Clark Street, and Lake Street, Chicago.

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[REDACTED] advised 11/25/63 he knew RUBY in Chicago by reputation as ticket scalper along Rush Street and RUBY would do anything for a buck. Source states RUBY not known to hang around racketeers but recalls one TINY GROSSMAN, a cab driver or bartender, Chicago, also a ticket scalper, was close friend of RUBY. Source's knowledge of RUBY dates from 1945 to 1948. Later, source heard GROSSMAN did time at Flagstaff, Ariz., for ticket scalping. Source also recalls one time RUBY badly beaten trying to crash a fight program, Comiskey Park. RUBY dropped out of sight in Chicago, 1948, no one missing him.

[REDACTED] advised three years ago AGVA female entertainer complained to AGVA it was rough working in clubs in Dallas.

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Information concerning burlesque houses located in downtown Dallas was obtained from the report of SA ROBERT M. BARRETT dated March 15, 1963 in the file entitled "Crime Conditions in the Dallas Division - Anti-Racketeering," Dallas file 94-55-166, page 46.

Information that JACK RUBY was known to be an associate of EILEEN CURRY was obtained from the memo of SA EMMET J. MURPHY dated April 4, 1956, Dallas file [REDACTED]

Information concerning RALPH EUGENE YOUNG's telephone call to the Silver Spur was obtained from the report of SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT dated October 10, 1950 at Dallas in the matter entitled "RALPH EUGENE YOUNG; JOYCE SKILLMAN - Atomic Energy Act" and was furnished by W. P. HZLIP, Manager, Ambassador Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

Information concerning the letter received by Lt. JACK REVILL, Dallas Police Department, was obtained from the memo of SA ROBERT M. BARRETT dated July 1959 at Dallas, Texas, Dallas file 94-190-45.

Information concerning TESSIE ALINE AXENFIELD's information about BETHEL CRAMER was obtained from Dallas letter to Detroit dated September 14, 1961, Dallas file 31-5614-733.

Information furnished by GENE BOSTICK, Cashier, Carousel Club, was obtained from the memo of IC JOE A. PEARCE, September 28, 1961 at Dallas, Dallas file [REDACTED]

Information concerning EVA GRANT obtained from SUE BROWN was obtained from the memo of SA W. HARLAN BROWN, November 16, 1962, Dallas file 94-54-623.

Information obtained concerning the visit of JACK RUBY to the office of VINCENT LEE was obtained from

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the memo of SA RALPH J. MILES dated August 11, 1953,  
Dallas file 94-47-470.

Information concerning RUBY's descriptive  
data is contained in Dallas file [REDACTED] entitled "JACK  
RUBY, aka., PCI.

Information concerning which [REDACTED], Dallas  
PCI furnished concerning RUBY, was obtained from Dallas  
PCI file [REDACTED]

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Mrs. EVA L. GRANT, sister of JACK RUBY, was interviewed at her residence, 3929 Rawlins Street, Apartment I, Dallas, Texas, on 11/25/63.

As soon as the interviewing Agents announced their identity and while they were still exhibiting their credentials and before being asked one question, GRANT started talking in a rambling manner about various events and newspaper reports and advertisement pertaining to the assassination of President KENNEDY and subsequent related events. Mrs. GRANT stated she was very emotionally upset, explaining that "by nature" she is an emotional type person, which condition has been aggravated by recent major surgery and hospitalization, plus the tragic events of the last few days in connection with the death of President KENNEDY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Mrs. GRANT kept talking continuously and each time Agent asked a question in an attempt to get pertinent information and conduct interview in some logical sequence, GRANT would raise her hand and start talking louder, indicating she did not want to be interrupted. She stated on three or four occasions the taking of notes by the Agents was extremely annoying to her and, after approximately an hour, in a very positive manner, she instructed that no more notes be taken. It appeared to the Agents that GRANT was making a sincere effort to cooperate, but she was in an extremely nervous and emotional state. She was interviewed in the presence of Mrs. PAULINE HALL, a close personal friend, at Mrs. GRANT's specific insistence.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAS DEL D. DRAKE and JOE A. COPELAND.

AT EMORY, TEXAS

BERT MC KEOWN, Rains County Sheriff, SAM BRAZIEL, Rains County Judge, and BUSTER FLEMING, Post Master, all considered perfectly reliable and friends of the Bureau, advised November 25, 1963 that I. T. (TROY) RUCKLEY is a former Texas Ranger who served during the term of JIMMY ALLRED, Governor of the State of Texas in the 1930's. RUCKLEY was fired for some unknown reason and has been working for himself as an oil lease man in and around Emory, Texas.

[REDACTED]

RUCKLEY likes to consider himself a law enforcement officer and, if given any encouragement, will volunteer his services as an under-cover man.

It should be noted that at the time of interview of RUCKLEY, it was the opinion of the interviewing agents that RUCKLEY was [REDACTED] and, according to Sheriff MC KEOWN, RUCKLEY is seldom seen in [REDACTED] around Emory.

It will also be noted that RUCKLEY advised the interviewing agents that he was [REDACTED]

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At approximately 1:00 PM, on November 26, 1963, J. M. LANKFORD, Special Agent, Office of Naval Intelligence, Dallas, Texas, personally appeared at the Dallas Field Division. Mr. LANKFORD advised SA JOHN Q. FLANAGAN that approximately fifteen minutes previously an informant of his had contacted him concerning JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

LANKFORD stated that his informant, [REDACTED], an admitted homosexual, has been furnishing information to ONI for some time. He has, in the past, furnished signed statements to the Office of Naval Intelligence setting forth his homosexual activities with young servicemen.

Special Agent LANKFORD said that [REDACTED] has recently been operating a television and radio repair shop, known as [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas.

Room 511 YMCA  
Dallas, Texas

B. [REDACTED]  
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Date 11/27/63

Assistant WILLIAM F. ALEXANDER advised that District Attorney HENRY WADE had gone to Houston, Texas.

ALEXANDER advised he had been present when RUBY's case had been presented to the Grand Jury. He stated that Detective JIM LEAVELLE, who was on the right side of OSWALD at the time OSWALD was killed, told the Grand Jury what he knew. Detective C. M. DEORITY told what he observed from the car which was located at the end of the hallway where DEORITY was waiting.

ALEXANDER further advised that the whole presentation did not take over three or four minutes. None of the grand jurors asked any questions and no other evidence of any kind was presented.

on 11/27/63 at Dallas, Texas File # DI 44-1639  
 by Special Agent LEO I. ROBERTSON/eah LL Date dictated 11/27/63

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Information pertaining to the long distance telephone calls charged to the following numbers as listed, was obtained on November 27, 1963 by SA ROBERT C. LISH from Mr. R. A. Burrow, Chief Special Agent, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Dallas, Texas:

JACK RUBY, residence - 223 South Ewing, Apartment #7,  
(WH-1-5601 (Non-published)).

RI 7-2362, listed in the name - The Carousel, 1312 1/2  
Commerce Street.

LA 8-4775, listed to The Vegas Club, 3508 Oaklawn.

LA 6-6258, listed to J. RUBY, residence - 3929  
Rawlins, Apartment #1, (Non-published)

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Information concerning records of the Merchants State Bank, 5217 Ross, Dallas, Texas, was furnished to SAs RALPH E. RAWLINGS and EDMOND C. HARDIN on November 29, 1963, by V. P. SCHUMACHER, President.

Information obtained from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Dallas, Texas, on November 29, 1963, by SA ROBERT C. LISH, was made available by Chief Special Agent R. A. BURROW.

Mr. J. S. NESBIT, JR., Vice President and Loan Officer, Grand Avenue Bank and Trust Company, 5430 East Grand Avenue, Dallas, Texas, is the person contacted who made available the bank records on SAMUEL D. RUBY on November 26, 1963.

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THIS SERIAL HAS BEEN REFERRED TO  
ANOTHER AGENCY AND IS IN A PENDING STATUS:

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REFERRAL

The following informants who have access to gambling information in the Dallas area were contacted by SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and IVAN D. LEE on the dates indicated:

PCI	November 25, 1963
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PCI	November 24, 25, 26, 1963
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None of the above informants had any information that JACK RUBY, aka. was involved in any gambling activities either as a player, bookmaker or gambler, during the time he has resided in Dallas area - approximately fifteen years. RUBY was known to the above informants as the operator of the Carousel Club or Vegas Club, in Dallas.

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JIMMY KITCHING, Identification Officer, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, on November 28, 1963, made available the major case prints which he had, on that morning, obtained from JACK L. RUBY. These prints were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory November 29, 1963.

Except as otherwise set out in this section, information received by the various field offices from informants familiar with gambling activities throughout the country, has been negative. A record of the individuals contacted is maintained in the files of the Dallas Division. In the interest of brevity, the individuals contacted are not being set out nor are the dates that the individual offices notified the Dallas Division of the negative contacts being set out.

Confidential Informants and other sources familiar with gambling in the Dallas area were likewise contacted and only positive information has been reported herein. Between November 24, 1963 and November 29, 1963, Confidential Informants of the Dallas Office, familiar with some Communist Party, Cuban and racial activities in the Dallas area, have advised that subject RUBY and victim OSWALD are unknown to them; that they have no information these two persons have ever associated with each other; or that either of them have ever engaged in any subversive activities.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to:

Report of **MANNING C. CLEMENTS**  
Date **November 30, 1963**

Office **Dallas, Texas**Field Office File No. **44-1639**

Bureau File No.:

Title **JACK L. RUBY;  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD (Deceased) - VICTIM**

Character **CIVIL RIGHTS**

Synopsis:

**JACK L. RUBY, W/M/A, born JACK RUBENSTEIN, 3/25/11, Chicago, Illinois, (not verified in vital statistics), Dallas, Texas, night club operator, fired one shot from .38 caliber revolver at close range into left side of stomach of LEE HARVEY OSWALD at approximately 11:24 AM, 11/24/63, on premises of Dallas, Texas, City Hall. OSWALD had been held without bond since his arrest, 11/22/63, charged with assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, attempted slaying of Governor JOHN CONRALLY of Texas, and murder of J. D. TIPPIE, Dallas Police Officer, all of which occurred 11/22/63. OSWALD died at Parkland Hospital, Dallas, 1:07 PM, 11/24/63, without regaining consciousness. Shooting occurred in basement area of City Hall during process of transfer of OSWALD to Dallas County Jail. Shooting witnessed by numerous police officers, newsmen, filmed on TV. RUBY seized immediately, being held in Dallas County Jail under State indictment returned 11/26/63, charging him with OSWALD's murder. Plans of Dallas PD to remove OSWALD to Dallas County Jail morning of 11/24/63, received publicity through news media, based on releases of information attributed to Dallas police officials. Anonymous calls received by Dallas FBI and Dallas County SO, early AM, 11/24/63, caller stating group would "kill the man that killed the President"; Dallas PD officials advised. Police authorities proceeded according to plan; state every effort made for appropriate safeguards, but security failed; police investigation under way. RUBY states was in highly emotional state because of President's assassination, had not known OSWALD, conspired with no one; states put loaded revolver in pocket on leaving residence morning of 11/24/63, parked car near Western Union Office, sent telegram, and walked to City Hall,**

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entered area restricted to police and newsmen without press card. States had not intended to shoot OSWALD when he entered pertinent area, that shooting was "compulsive act" and in "moment of insanity". Officers and newsmen interviewed by FBI disclaim knowledge RUBY was in area until shooting, and state cannot account for his evading security measures. Numerous persons, including relatives, state RUBY highly emotional; associates and employees state he is impulsive, high-tempered, has resorted to violence on several occasions without provocation, suspected of homosexuality. Mother had long history of mental illness preceding death. RUBY has claimed has steel plate in head, relatives state have no knowledge such condition exists. No connection between RUBY and OSWALD established.

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RUBY AND LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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1. 2515 W. 5th Irving, Texas
2. 1026 N. Beckley, Dallas

610, 824-828  
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DETAILS:

Investigation was instituted on receipt of information at approximately 11:24 AM, on November 24, 1963, that an individual, subsequently identified as JACK L. RUBY, had shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD on premises of the Dallas City Hall, which houses the Dallas Police Department.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been taken into custody by the Dallas Police Department on November 22, 1963. He was held in the Dallas City Jail, charged with the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, the attempted murder of Governor JOHN CONNALLY of Texas, and the murder of J. D. TIPPIT, Dallas Police Officer, all of which occurred on November 22, 1963.

Chief of Police JESSE CURRY of the Dallas, Texas, Police Department, was advised by Assistant Special Agent in Charge KYLE G. CLARK on November 24, 1963, that the President of the United States had requested that we conduct an investigation in this matter.