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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, DALLAS
FROM SAC, CHICAGO 44-645 4P

JACK LEON RUBY, AKA, . LEE HARVEY OSWALD DASH VICTIM DECEASED.
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RE BACKGROUND

TONY LEONARDI, MANAGER OF THE PLAYHOUSE CAFE, FIVE FIVE ZERO NORTH CLARK STREET, CHICAGO, ADVISED SAS WILLIAM A. MEINCKE AND JOSEPH G. SHEA ON ELEVEN TWENTYSIX SIXTYTHREE THAT HE HAS BEEN *Associated with the* ~~RESPECTED~~ OPERATION OF STRIP JOINTS IN *Chicago for over* TWENTYFIVE YEARS. HE ADVISED THAT HE KNEW PRACTICALLY EVERY OWNER AND MALE EMPLOYEE IN SUCH BUSINESS OVER THE YEARS. HE ADVISED THAT JACK RUBY WAS NEVER ASSOCIATED IN THE NIGHTCLUB BUSINESS IN ANY WAY IN CHICAGO FOR THE PAST TWENTYFIVE YEARS. LEONARDI ADVISED THAT HE FEELS THAT IT IS LIKELY THAT RUBY MAY BE CONFUSED WITH ONE HARRY RUBENSTEIN WHO WAS A SUCCESSFUL STRIP JOINT OWNER FROM NINETEEN FORTYSIX TO SOMETIME IN THE NINETEEN FIFTIES. HARRY RUBENSTEIN HAD

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REPUTATION FOR VIOLENCE AND WAS INVOLVED IN AT LEAST ONE MURDER FOR WHICH HE WAS LATER ACQUITTED. LEONARDI IS POSITIVE THAT RUBY AND HARRY RUBENSTEIN WERE NEVER ASSOCIATED IN ANY WAY.

SOI WARSHAWSKY, OWNER OF THE PLAYHOUSE CAFE, FIVE FIVE ZERO NORTH CLARK STREET, CHICAGO, ADVISED SAS SHEA AND MEINCKE ON ELEVEN TWENTYSIX SIXTYTHREE THAT HE HAS BEEN IN THE STRIP JOINT BUSINESS IN CHICAGO FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS. HE ADVISED THAT HE KNEW JACK RUBY ABOUT TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO IN CHICAGO AND CHARACTERIZED HIM AS A QUOTE SMALL TIME CHISELLER AND HANGER ON UNQUOTE. WARSHAWSKY SAID THAT RUBY LIKED TO ACT THE QUOTE BIG SHOT UNQUOTE BUT RARELY COULD BACK HIMSELF UP. WARSHAWSKY SAID RUBY NEVER HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH ORGANIZED CRIME OR CRIMINALS IN CHICAGO AND HAD NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY STRIP JOINT OPERATION IN CHICAGO EITHER AS AN OWNER OR EMPLOYEE. WARSHAWSKY ADVISED, HOWEVER, THAT RUBY

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FREQUENTED A GAMBLING PLACE FORMERLY OPERATED BY JOE TUCHMAN, NOW DECEASED, IN THE VICINITY OF DAMEN AND DIVISION STREET IN CHICAGO. RUBY, ACCORDING TO WARSHAWSKY, WAS A SMALL TIME BETTOR AND FREQUENTED THE PLACE MORE FOR THE FREE FOOD WHICH WAS OFFERED IN THOSE DAYS THAN FOR GAMBLING ACTIVITY. WARSHAWSKY SAID THAT RUBY WOULD PUT DOWN A QUOTE FEW BETS UNQUOTE EACH WEEK OF SMALL SIZE. IN THOSE DAYS RUBY WAS CONSIDERED TO BE A QUOTE LONER UNQUOTE AND THAT HE HAD NO CLOSE FRIENDS. WARSHAWSKY KNEW HIM AS A LOUD AND BOISTEROUS INDIVIDUAL WITH A QUICK TEMPER. WARSHAWSKY ADVISED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, RUBY HAS HAD NO CONNECTION WITH ANYONE IN CHICAGO FOR MANY YEARS.

CONF. INFO.
[REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED BY SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER ON ELEVEN TWENTYFIVE SIXTYTHREE BUT AT THAT TIME HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF RUBY. ON ELEVEN TWENTYSIX SIXTYTHREE, [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAD SOLICITED INFORMATION FROM POLITICIANS OF THE TWENTYFOURTH WARD, THE FORMER

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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 QUOTE A PUNK UNQUOTE 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 DASH 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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~~LINE 3 -- JOSEPH G. SHEA ON ELEVEN TWENTYSIX SIXTYTHREE THAT HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION OF STRIP JOINTS IN CHICAGO~~

~~FOR OVER IS THAT WHAT U NEED YES VERY GOOD~~

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