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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, DALLAS
FROM SAC, CHICAGO /44-645/

JACK LEON RUBY, AKA., LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA DASH VICTIM.

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ERWIN HORWITZ, RESIDENCE, SIX NINE TWO TWO JEFFERY, CHICAGO, ILL

INTERVIEWED AT HIS OFFICE, ROOM ONE SEVEN ZERO TWO, ONE THIRTY NORTH WELLS, ADVISED SA ROBERT L. BAKER THAT HE IS THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. HE FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING JACK RUBENSTEIN ON NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, AS FOLLOWS..

HE KNOWS JACK RUBENSTEIN AS SPARKY AND LAST SAW HIM AND LOST TOUCH WITH HIM APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN YEARS AGO. HE WAS BORN IN NINETEEN ELEVEN, THE SAME YEAR OF BIRTH FOR RUBENSTEIN. BOTH LIVED IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE VICINITY OF PEORIA STREET AND ROOSEVELT ROAD AND LATER IN AN AREA FURTHER WEST NEAR ROOSEVELT ROAD IN WHAT BECAME KNOWN AS THE LAWDALE AREA.

HE DESCRIBED SPARKY AS A LIKABLE AND PERSONABLE BUT TERRIBLY

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EXCITABLE AND NOT STABLE IN TEMPERAMENT. HE SAID THAT SPARKY WAS ACTIVE PHYSICALLY AND WAS PRONE TO ENGAGE IN ARGUMENTS USUALLY ABOUT SPORTING EVENTS AND IF THE ARGUMENT DID NOT GO TO HIS LIKING, HE WAS LIABLE TO USE HIS FISTS OR PICK UP A STICK OR ANY OTHER WEAPON THAT CAME TO HIS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. HE SAID IN SHORT THAT SPARKY WAS QUICKLY MOVED TO VIOLENCE BUT WHEN THE ALTERCATION WAS OVER, HE IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO HIS USUAL LIKABLE SELF. HE SAID THAT SPARKY WAS ALWAYS A QUOTE HUSTLER END QUOTE AND A GOOD SALESMAN. HE SAID THAT HE REMEMBERS SPARKY BEING PRESENT AT ALMOST ALL SPORTING EVENTS AND PARTICULARLY AT THE FIGHTS WHICH YEARS AGO WERE HELD AT MARIGOLD GARDENS IN CHICAGO. HE SAID THAT SPARKY ALWAYS HAD TICKETS TO EVERY SPORTING EVENT AND THAT AS LONG AS HE CAN REMEMBER, SPARKY SCALPED TICKETS TO FIGHTS, BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL GAMES, ETC. HE SAID THAT SPARKY NEVER, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, STOLE ANYTHING, NEVER CARRIED A GUN, NOR DID HE ASSOCIATE WITH ANY OF THE PERSONS FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD WHO LATER BECAME KNOWN IN VARYING DEGREES AS CRIMINALS.

HE RECALLED ONE INSTANCE THAT PROBABLY OCCURRED WHEN SPARKY WAS AGE FIFTEEN WHEN SPARKY ATTEMPTED TO SNEAK INTO THE DEMPSEY TUNNEY

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FIGHT AND A POLICEMAN HIT HIM IN THE HEAD CAUSING A RATHER SEVERE INJURY THAT REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION. HE SAID THAT HIS MEMORY WAS INDISTINCT BUT THAT HE RECALLED THAT SPARKY HAD A METAL PLATE INSTALLED IN HIS HEAD AS A RESULT OF THIS INJURY. HE SAID THAT SPARKY/S OLDER BROTHER, TINY, IS THE ONLY PERSON THAT HE KNOWS THAT MIGHT HAVE FIRSTHAND INFORMATION ABOUT THIS INJURY.

HE STATED HE CONSIDERED THE RUBENSTEIN FAMILY TO BE PERSONS OF GOOD CHARACTER AND THE ONLY ONE THAT HE KNEW OTHER THAN SPARKY WAS AN OLDER BROTHER NAMED TINY, WHOSE ADDRESS IS NOW NOT KNOWN TO HIM. HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THAT RUBENSTEIN WAS EVEN RESIDING IN DALLAS UNTIL HE BECAME AWARE OF THIS THROUGH RECENT NEWS BROADCASTS.

RALPH KAPLAN, RESIDENCE, ^{6 2 1 4} SIX TWO ONE FOUR NORTH WASHTENAW, CHICAGO, ^{ILL.} INTERVIEWED IN THE OFFICE OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER OF COOK COUNTY, ROOM ONE SEVEN ZERO TWO, ONE THIRTY NORTH WELLS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ON NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, ADVISED SA ROBERT L. BAKER THAT HE GREW UP IN THE OLD ROOSEVELT ROAD

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DASH HALSTED NEIGHBORHOOD LATER MOVING TO THE LAWNDALE AREA FURTHER WEST ON ROOSEVELT ROAD. HE ADVISED THAT BECAUSE HE WAS THE SAME AGE AND FROM THE SAME LOCALITY, HE KNEW JACK RUBENSTEIN BY HIS NICKNAME SPARKY. HE CHARACTERIZED RUBENSTEIN AS LIKABLE, GREGARIOUS, PHYSICALLY ACTIVE, UNSTABLE, AND TEMPERAMENTAL QUICKLY MOVED TO VIOLENT ACTION OR WORDS. HE SAID THAT RUBENSTEIN WAS NEVER CRIMINALLY INCLINED NOR INTERESTED IN POLITICS TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. HE SAID THAT HE WAS SIMPLY A SALESMAN OF VARIOUS PRODUCTS SELLING IN A STYLE USUALLY REFERRED TO AS QUOTE HUSTLING END QUOTE IN THE CHICAGO AREA. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD FIND IT INCONCEIVABLE TO BELIEVE THAT RUBENSTEIN HAD ANY CRIMINAL CONNECTIONS AND HE SAID THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF RUBENSTEIN-S ACTIVITIES SINCE HE LEFT THE CHICAGO AREA A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO.

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