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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE

JACK LEON RUBY, aka;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Victim - Deceased
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complaint
HOWARD NELSON, Watertown, Wisconsin area, early a.m. of 11/26/63 telephoned Milwaukee Office to report his conversation the night previous in a Watertown tavern with ADOLPH FRANKEL, manager of Glen Mfg. Co., a dressmaking firm at Watertown, Wis. Wisconsin, wherein NELSON states FRANKEL made the remark he knew RUBY 20 years ago in Chicagp.

NELSON was interviewed at Watertown, Wisconsin the a.m. of 11/26/63. He is a semi-invalid with spinal arthritis and states he has to drink to kill his pain. He admits he was somewhat under the influence when at the tavern talking to FRANKEL and that later after calling the FBI he got good and drunk and then also phoned Wisconsin Congressman KASTENMEIER and Senator PROXMIRE, both of whom expressed annoyance at being called when he had already called the FBI.

ADOLPH J. FRANKEL was interviewed 11/26/63 and he stated he was born January 30, 1892 in Rumania, came to the U.S. when he was 16 years of age, has no living relatives to his knowledge in Russia or Rumania now and that he has worked in the dress manufacturing business since his arrival in this country, specifically for the Glen Mfg. Co. in Milwaukee, 1938-47, for Model Garment Co. in Chicago, 1947-53 and since 1953 at Watertown, Wis. for Glen Mfg. Co.

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FRANKEL stated that he does not know RUBY and that to his knowledge he has never seen RUBY in his life. He recalled a tavern conversation in which comments were being made on newsmedia that RUBY, OSWALD's assassin, reportedly was a hoodlum in Chicago 20 years ago. FRANKEL said that upon hearing this he at the most made the remark that he was probably one of those who hung around the Loundale Smoke Shop at Roosevelt and Loundale, Chicago, Ill. FRANKEL said that his remark was purely presumption because that was a Jewish neighborhood and gamblers then frequented the smoke shop. FRANKEL liked the food at the smoke shop restaurant and ate there during the period 1947-53 when he lived on Washington Blvd. in Chicago.

From the interview with FRANKEL, it appears that the complainant in this matter exaggerated what he heard.

_____ stated that FRANKEL has a favorable reputation at Watertown but that NELSON _____ is a chronic source of complaints to law enforcement agencies.

As it appears NELSON's information is without basis, no further action or reporting will be made on this complaint.

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