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TO- DIRECTOR AND SAC, DALLAS /44-1639/

FROM- SAC, BOSTON /44-337/

JACK L. RUBY, AKA, ET AL CR. OO- DALLAS.

REDTEL INSTANT.

NORMAN SMITH, GARDNERS RD. , SWANSEA, MASS. INTERVIEWED BY SA JOHN E. KEARY INSTANT DATE AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFO RE SUBJECT RUBY WHOM HE KNEW AS CASUAL SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE FROM NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN TO NINETEEN SIXTY BASED ON THEIR ALLIED TYPES OF BUSINESS. HE OCCASSIONALLY PLAYED POKER WITH RUBY AT ARTIST/S CLUB IN DALLAS. ONCE WHEN RUBY WAS KICKING AN ADVERSARY IN A DRUNKEN BRAWL AT THE CLUB SMITH PUNCHED RUBY TO STOP THE MELEE. SMITH PURCHASED CHAIRS FROM RUBY FOR ONE OF HIS COFFEE HOUSE VENTURES IN DALLAS DURING THIS PERIOD. HE HEARD RUBY ATTEMPTED TO GET A WAITERS UNION STARTED IN THE MID NINETEEN FIFTIES AND WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN SOME PIZZA MAKING MACHINE. RUBY WAS ALSO ALLEGED TO HAVE HAD A FINGER BITTEN OFF BY AN IRATE CUSTOMER AT A HILLSILLY JOINT IN SOUTH DALLAS. RUBY, LIKE OTHER CLUB OWNERS, CARRIED A GUN IN HIS MONEY BAG, BUT HE NEVER SAW IT ON HIS PERSON. RUBY WAS VERY FRIENDLY AND EXTROVERT AND WELL LIKED. HE WAS A PUBLICITY HOUND IN CONNECTION WITH HIS BUSINESS. SMITH WOULD NOT SUSPECT RUBY OF BEING A HOMOSEXUAL. HE IS CONFIDENT RUBY HAD NO CONNECTION WITH ANY SUBVERSIVE OR CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION BECAUSE

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RUBY WAS AN IRRESPONSIBLE MORON. HE HAD AN UNPREDICTABLE TEMPER AND WOULD CONSEQUENTLY BE UNTRUSTWORTHY. RUBY WAS NOT OVERLY PATRIOTIC, BUT SEEMED TO HAVE AN INORDINATE RESPECT FOR PEOPLE IN HIGH PLACES. HE HAS NO EXPLANATION TO OFFER AS TO WHY RUBY SHOT OSWALD.

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