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**ABE COHN**, President, Sangamon Paper Grading Company, 1613 West 15th Street, who resides at 7301 Sheridan Road, phone SHeldrake 3-2539, was interviewed and advised as follows:

While all were approximately ten to twelve years of age, COHN resided at 1132 Sacramento Boulevard, JACK RUBENSTEIN at 1127 Sacramento, and LEON R. COOKE at 1132 Sacramento. RUBENSTEIN came from a large fatherless family, and was always hustling work. COHN and COOKE had fathers who made it possible for them to receive additional education, while RUBENSTEIN was always working to support his mother.

After COOKE received his law degree, he organized the Waste Material Handler's Union. COHN advised RUBENSTEIN was an organizer for COOKE and the only other employee of the union known to COHN.

COHN could not recall exact dates, but remembered the union was organized during the mid-thirties after the National Recovery Act was declared unconstitutional. COHN had lost track of RUBENSTEIN after the COHN family had moved from the area while they were still in school.

COHN took over his father's business and was running an open shop. RUBENSTEIN, without COHN'S knowledge, started organizing COHN'S employees into the union.

COHN discovered RUBENSTEIN talking to his employees in front of their place of business, and it was then he became aware that RUBENSTEIN was acting as an organizer for COOKE.

COHN'S business was organized as a union shop and thereafter RUBENSTEIN was in regular contact with COHN while acting as the union representative. This continued for a couple of years until COOKE was killed, probably during the late 1930's. After COOKE'S death, the union movement and the plant became disorganized, but some months later RUBENSTEIN appeared at the plant and advised COHN he was re-organizing the employees, presumably in the same union. RUBENSTEIN was at the plant regularly for a few weeks, but complained to COHN that his "heart was not in it" speaking

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of the new union. He told COHN he was going to quit the union. COHN did not know anyone besides RUBENSTEIN connected with the reorganization of the union.

COHN claimed only hearsay knowledge of RUBENSTEIN thereafter. He said he had not seen or talked with RUBENSTEIN since long before World War II. He had heard from an unrecalled source that after RUBENSTEIN got out of the service, he settled in Dallas. He seemed to recall that RUBENSTEIN had been in Texas while in the service and decided to settle there.

COHN said to his knowledge, RUBENSTEIN was not involved in organized crime or the rackets and pointed out that RUBENSTEIN always was a poor man, never lived expensively or wore good clothing or drove an automobile.

COHN said the only thing he knew RUBENSTEIN to do in addition to union organizing was to sell gadget and premium type objects. COHN observed that RUBENSTEIN always had been emotional and was "soft hearted", but never indicated he could be vicious. COHN considered RUBENSTEIN a true, loyal American, who had never had anything to do with movements such as Communism.

COHN commented that RUBENSTEIN had been fatherless, and the shock of the assassination and knowledge that the KENNEDY children would also be without a father, could have motivated the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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ERWIN HORWITZ, 6922 Jeffery, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his office room 1702, 130 North Wells Street. He advised that he is the building commissioner of Cook County Illinois. He furnished information concerning JACK RUBENSTEIN as follows:

He knows JACK RUBENSTEIN as SPARKY and last saw him and lost touch with him approximately 15 years ago. He was born in 1911, 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 Lawndale area.

He described SPARKY as a likeable and personable but terribly excitable person, 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 likeable self. He said that SPARKY was always a "hustler" 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, etcetera. 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 15, when SPARKY attempted to sneak into the Dempsey - Tunney fight and a police man 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 first hand information about this injury.

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He stated that he considered the RUBENSTEIN family to be persons of good character and the only one that he knew other than SPARKY was his 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.

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MORREY KELLMAN, 6929 North Kenneth Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, Owner and President of Globe Glass Manufacturing Company, 235 East 33rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA GEORGE M. WOODLEY he was acquainted with JACK RUBENSTEIN but has not seen nor heard from him since 1946. He said he first met RUBENSTEIN about 1930 when they were both kids in the same neighborhood (Lawndale Avenue and Roosevelt Road), on the west side of Chicago. KELLMAN said he knew RUBENSTEIN only by this name and indicated the name JACK RUBY was not known to him. He said that during the late 1930's RUBENSTEIN would pick fights with anyone showing a Pro-Nazi attitude and whenever he would hear of a German Bund meeting being held, he would go to the place and attempt to break up the meeting. He would take on all comers and could hold his own against two or three others bigger than he. KELLMAN said he never knew RUBENSTEIN to carry a gun and never heard that he had ever carried a gun. He said RUBENSTEIN was in the novelty business in Chicago with his brother and was known to sell novelty items at various sporting events in Chicago, and was also known to be engaged in the scalping of tickets at various sporting events. He said that RUBENSTEIN spent a period of time in the U. S. Army and advised that he knows of no communist affiliation or connection on the part of RUBENSTEIN and to his knowledge he had no connection with the hoodlum element. KELLMAN said that RUBENSTEIN was a great admirer of former President FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT but knew nothing additional of his political feelings because he last saw RUBENSTEIN about 1946. KELLMAN said he has had no contact with RUBENSTEIN since he left Chicago and further stated that he does not know of any connection RUBENSTEIN may have had with a union in Chicago. He said the only business that he recalls RUBENSTEIN being in was that of the novelty business and the scalping of tickets. Know nothing about any contacts EVE GRANT may have had.

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SEPTAE SHER, 6414 North Claremont, Chicago, Illinois, advised he grew up with the RUBENSTEIN family and knew HYMIE, EARL, and EVA GRANT and another sister, whose name he believes to have been SARAH (LNU). He recalls JACK RUBY as being a good dresser; however, he could not furnish any information as to RUBY's business. He had never heard of any of the RUBENSTEINS, who were well thought of in the community as having been engaged in any criminal activity.

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HAROLD ~~HERSHEY~~ SHER, 8422 Christiana, Skokie, Illinois, advised he and his brother, SEPTAE, run the Flavor-Rite Corned Beef and Provision Company, Inc., Chicago. SHER stated he has known the RUBENSTEIN family for many years, having grown up in the same neighborhood. He is well acquainted with HYMIE RUBENSTEIN, EARL RUBENSTEIN, and EVA GRANT, brothers and sister of JACK RUBY. He does not know JACK RUBY very well, having only met him casually inasmuch as JACK did not associate with the crowd known to SHER. He stated that all of the RUBENSTEIN family were reputable and well thought of in the community. JACK RUBY was always well dressed and a gentleman as far as his contacts with SHER. SHER stated that he had never heard that any of the family, including EVA GRANT, were ever associated in any criminal activity.

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BEN EPSTEIN, was interviewed at his residence, 4420 West Lunt, Lincolnwood, Illinois, and advised as follows:

EPSTEIN advised that he personally was a bookmaker until approximately 1951 and that he is now retired, managing real estate holdings. He has known JACK RUBENSTEIN, better known to him by the nickname Sparky, since his high school days. He believes Sparky may have been in the same high school class. Both lived in the old Roosevelt Road-Lawndale neighborhood, which is now occupied by Negro residents. He first recalled having become acquainted with Sparky at a barber shop and at the Lawndale Pool Room, both utilized as neighborhood hangouts.

Sometime in the early 1930's, he and Sparky were together on a joint business venture wherein they had radio programs printed and sold these programs from a newsstand at Van Buren and State Streets in Chicago. He advised that they did this with a City permit secured by a brother-in-law who was at that time a precinct captain in the old neighborhood. He said that he recalled that Sparky on one other occasion was involved in a minor amount of trouble for selling Christmas wreaths or something of this nature on the sidewalk without a permit.

EPSTEIN said that Sparky did not drink or smoke, but was "sort of a health nut", who spent a lot of time at the Young Men's Christian Association. He said that Sparky was likeable, personable and was the type who knew many many people. He said the most apt description would be the word "gregarious". He said also that Sparky had a quick temper, but was not likely to pick a fight, but on the other hand was quick to accept any challenge regardless of the odds against him. He said that after the war, possibly in 1945 or 1946, he heard that somebody in Chicago loaned Sparky a relatively small amount of money which Sparky planned to use in going into the candy business. He said he never did know any more about Sparky's business or personal affairs and to the best of his knowledge, he last saw Sparky or at least knew something about him in 1941 or 1952 in Chicago. He said that he was definitely aware that Sparky was in Dallas and he had heard that he was successful there and was under the impression that he owned one or more taverns in Dallas. He said that, because Sparky grew up in the old Lawndale neighborhood and because of Spark's gregarious nature, Sparky would undoubtedly know most of the persons of his immediate

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generation, both good and bad, who came from that area. He said, however, that Sparky, though he might become involved in things of a shady nature, was definitely not a hoodlum. He did not carry a gun, he did not become involved in burglaries or robberies and to his knowledge never expressed any particular interest in any political philosophy. He said that Sparky did have a tendency to be quick tempered, intense in his likes and dislikes and a strong affinity for being "where the action was".

EPSTEIN said that he was watching television when the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was portrayed and that he did not at first recognize RUBENSTEIN, but when the name was verified on news broadcasts and the program was replayed, he was able to recognize the person who shot OSWALD as his former acquaintance, RUBENSTEIN. He said that the realization that the perpetrator of this deed was a person within his acquaintance came as a physical blow. He said he knew nothing about EVA GRANT.

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RALPH KAPLAN, 6214 North Washtenaw, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed in the office of the Building Commissioner of Cook County, room 1702, 130 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

## He advised as follows:

He grew up in the old Roosevelt Road-Halstead neighborhood, later moving to Lawndale, 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 likeable, gregarious, physically active, unstable and temperamental, quickly moved to violent acts or words. He said that RUBENSTEIN was never criminally inclined or 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 "hustling" 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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~~SAM~~ GORDON, 755 Crescent Drive, Palm Springs, California, owner of seven restaurants operated under the name, Sam's, in Sacramento and San Francisco, with office address, 1626 "J" Street, Sacramento, advised on November 26, 1963, as follows:

GORDON, in 1931, met JACK RUBENSTEIN, also known as SPARKY, working around the baseball park, Chicago, Illinois, where they were both selling novelties and scalping tickets to the games. SPARKY lived with his parents, names and address not recalled. SPARKY and GORDON double dated and went to dances together. GORDON could not recall the names of any of their associates.

In 1935, GORDON moved to San Francisco, and by chance, again ran into SPARKY, and they renewed their friendship. SPARKY lived in San Francisco with his sister, EVA (LNU), at some cheap apartment house, address not recalled, which apartments had a common dining room for all the tenants. GORDON recalled seeing EVA around the dining room, but did not know her associates or employment. During this period, SPARKY was employed as a door-to-door daily newspaper subscription solicitor, and had five or six boys working for him, who also resided at the same apartment house. GORDON could not recall any of their names. SPARKY returned to Chicago in 1940, and GORDON has not seen or heard from him since.

He did hear, some years ago, from an unrecalled source, that SPARKY had a "spot" called Silver Spur in Dallas, Texas, but GORDON has never been in Dallas, and does not know any of his associates there. SPARKY, during the time GORDON knew him, never exhibited any extremist or radical views, never carried a gun, was not mixed up in any illegal activity, never exhibited any particular interest in political activities, and never started any arguments or fights even though he was quite "good" with the fists. Neither SPARKY nor his sister, EVA, was ever mixed up with AL CAPONE or anyone in that group, and was not forced out of Chicago by the underworld. SPARKY always

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associated with "Jewish" people, but never exhibited any great interest in religion. GORDON recalled SPARKY as a clean cut, honest kid, and said he would stake his life that SPARKY had no connections or contacts with anyone concerning his killing LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

It is GORDON's belief that, because of his being upset emotionally over the death of the President and being in a position, he, without malice or forethought, had, on the spur of the moment, shot OSWALD. Mr. GORDON said he wanted to cooperate in every way possible with the FBI, especially since his brother-in-law, JACK FLEMING, is an FBI Agent in Seattle, Washington.

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DON GLASS, Owner of Daniel Imports, Randolph and State Streets, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information:

Dan Glass

GLASS said he knew a SPARKY RUBENSTEIN or RUBY during the 1930's and part of the 1940's. He said this relationship was casual and developed when RUBENSTEIN used to drop into a novelty store which GLASS operated on State Street. He said RUBY was quick-tempered and would fight if insulted. RUBY was a known ticket scalper and primarily made his living by this means. On occasion, RUBY would peddle cheap costume jewelry. GLASS said that he was extremely surprised when RUBENSTEIN was named as OSWALD's killer.

GLASS described RUBY as a "character" and certainly not the type of person who would ever use firearms. He said RUBY was a "lone wolf" and fancied himself as a "lady's man." GLASS knew of no close associates RUBY might have had in Chicago and knows of no criminal element with whom RUBY might associate. GLASS said RUBY never discussed politics or belonged to any organizations as far as GLASS knew. GLASS said RUBY hated the name SPARKY and would fight if called it.

GLASS said he had no information regarding RUBY's past residence, employments, or family relationships, except for the aforementioned items. He said RUBY lived somewhere on Chicago's West Side and frequented a restaurant called Lawndale, located near Roosevelt and Independence Streets. RUBY was also seen at the Glass Hat Bar in the Hotel Congress.

GLASS said that a good friend of RUBY's during the 1930's was SAM GORDON, Owner of a chain of restaurants in Sacramento and San Francisco, California, called "Sam's Haufbrau." GORDON is reportedly identical with the person who paid \$5,000 for the baseball which ROGER MARIS hit for his 61st home run. GLASS said that GORDON is very wealthy. GLASS said that he recalled GORDON's name when someone remarked that a wealthy Californian was going to get RUBY out on bond. GLASS stated that this particular rumor reportedly originated from a radio newscast made on November 25, 1963. He said if this rumor were true GORDON would be the logical person because of his close relationship with RUBY in the past.

GLASS stated he has no information regarding RUBY's activities after he left Chicago in 1946.

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On November 25, 1963, SOLLIE ZIV, co-owner of ZIV'S Theatre Ticket Sales, 159 North Dearborn, advised SA RICHARD BARRY SMITH and SANFORD A. MOEN that he was a casual acquaintance of RUBY's during the 1930's and early 1940's. ZIV said he became acquainted with RUBY when he (ZIV) had a ticket sales office at 111 North Clark.

ZIV said RUBY ran around with a crowd who never had any money but were always trying to "make a buck" by scalping tickets or peddling cheap watches or jewelry. ZIV described RUBY as a "small timer" who never had anything. He said RUBY was a "lone wolf" and had a quick temper. On one occasion in 1956, he hit ZIV's brother, LEO ZIV, without provocation.

RUBY reportedly lived on Chicago's West Side, near Morgan and Roosevelt in the 1930's and attended Smyth Grammar school, 13th and Blue Island.

He allegedly was a gambler but his primary income was from ticket scalping at football and baseball games. RUBY was never in any difficulty while in Chicago so far as ZIV knew. He said RUBY worried about his dress and tried to be immaculate at all times.

ZIV said he never heard any rumors that RUBY was forced to leave Chicago. He said he doubted whether RUBY was the type that associated with Chicago's underworld. RUBY never discussed politics with ZIV nor did he appear interested in it.

ZIV emphasized that his relationship was most casual and he has no information regarding RUBY's family, close associates or other employment aside from that previously mentioned.

He said he has not seen RUBY since the middle 1940's, but heard he had gone to Dallas to work for his sister in a night club.

ZIV expressed surprise that RUBY was involved in any shooting as he, "is not the type."

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HARRY SOLAVIT, 4754 Clarendon, advised that he has known JACK "SPARKY" RUBENSTEIN and family practically all his life.

He related his most frequent contact with SPARKY occurred while both were employed as newspaper subscription salesmen in the San Francisco, California, area, between the years 1936 and 1939. He recalled that he met SPARKY and his sister EVA GRANT in San Francisco about 1936, at which time SPARKY and his sister were at first employed by the San Francisco Call - Bulletin Newspaper and later by the San Francisco Examiner Newspaper.

He related SPARKY left San Francisco about 1938 and he did not see him again until he saw him in Chicago right after World War II, where SPARKY was engaged in a business known as Earl Products, with his brothers EARL and SAM RUBENSTEIN. He stated Earl Products manufactured and sold miscellaneous items such as salt and pepper shakers, screw driver sets, etc. He said SPARKY subsequently left this business following a family dispute and went to Dallas, Texas, where his sister, EVA GRANT, had opened a night club. He related he is not certain when SPARKY went to Dallas, but believes it may have been in 1947 or 1948.

He recalled that he loaned EVA GRANT \$500 to help her open the Dallas night club and SPARKY was not yet in Dallas when he went there in 1947 to see EVA and the club. He advised he did not see SPARKY again until SPARKY's father died and he saw SPARKY at the funeral in Chicago. He said his last personal contact with SPARKY occurred in Chicago about one year after the funeral.

He stated he has never known SPARKY to have had any hoodlum connections or associates and he related he has never known SPARKY to belong to any subversive or hte group type organization. He said to his knowledge SPARKY RUBENSTEIN never gambled, smoked or drank in excess. He said he heard that SPARKY had had some connection with a union in Chicago before he went to San Francisco, but he does not know what that connection may have been.

SOLAVIT was unable to furnish the identity of any associates of SPARKY not already known and interviewed.

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MAURY CAHN, Twenty East Delaware, Chicago, advised SA ROBERT L. BUCKINGHAM on November 24, 1963, that he is a former associate of RUBY. Both, he and RUBY, used to double date. CAHN could not recall RUBY ever being associated with the union, nor could he recall RUBY being connected in any way with the shooting. CAHN advised that the name of LEON COOKE was unfamiliar to him. CAHN added that of all the people he knew, RUBY was the least likely to be associated with violence.

CAHN recalled that RUBY, at one time, worked for his uncle in approximately 1934 or 1936 in a clothing store located near Halsted Street and Roosevelt Road in Chicago. After this employment, he sold premium items, that is, such things as razor blades, and so forth.

CAHN used to see RUBY regularly as both would attend the fights at Marigold Gardens, Chicago, every Monday night. CAHN advised that HAROLD RYAN, member, Illinois State Boxing Commission, IRA COLITZ, owner of the Clover Bar, and LOUIS SCHNITZ were friends of RUBY. In fact, the last time CAHN saw RUBY was at the Clover Bar about five years ago. RUBY at the time was interested in booking an entertainer and was inquiring of COLITZ and CAHN whom he could contact in New York.

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HARRY M. EPSTEIN, 9141 Kilpatrick, advised that he became acquainted with JACK RUBY in Chicago in the late 1920's, when they were both about 18 years of age. They were close friends until approximately 1940, when they drifted apart.

EPSTEIN stated he has seen RUBY no more than five times in the last 20 years, the last time being about five or six years ago when they had a very brief conversation upon the occasion of RUBY'S visit to Chicago to attend the funeral of RUBY'S father, JOSEPH.

EPSTEIN recalled that RUBY made his living as a young man in Chicago by scalping tickets, later becoming engaged in a business venture in Chicago with his brother, EARL, manufacturing aluminum salt and pepper shakers. This business was reportedly quite successful, but eventually RUBY sold out his interest to his brother EARL and went to Dallas where he went into business with his sister, EVA, who was already established there in the night club business.

EPSTEIN stated that RUBY was not a gambler and was never known by him to be involved in any gambling or other criminal activity or association and that to the best of his knowledge, he left Chicago for Dallas voluntarily. EPSTEIN described RUBY as a fairly even tempered individual and not one who would pick a fight with anyone, but who would rather avoid a fight if he could.

EPSTEIN stated he never visited RUBY in Dallas and has no direct knowledge of any of RUBY'S activities there. He stated the only other person known to him to have been close to RUBY was one MARTIN GIMPLE, who died approximately one and one-half years ago. EPSTEIN recalled that GIMPLE had maintained his friendship and association with RUBY until his death and was understood to have lived off and on with RUBY in Dallas prior to the time of his death.

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HERSHEY COLVIN, Bartender, Vertigo Key Club, Lawrence and Broadway, owned by JOE BOCELINO, small-time Chicago hoodlum, advised he was long-time associate of JACK RUBENSTEIN and served in the U. S. Air Force with RUBENSTEIN while both stationed at Kessler, Mississippi. COLVIN stated, upon return from Air Force, he ran Show Time Lounge at Madison and Hamlin, during which time lounge was frequented by RUBENSTEIN'S sister, EVE GRANT and RUBENSTEIN. COLVIN described RUBENSTEIN as a "hustler", who sold numerous cheap types of merchandise in an attempt to make a profit.

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COLVIN stated RUBENSTEIN is definitely not connected with Chicago outfit and was a person of good moral standards, although he did display a quick temper on occasions. From his knowledge he, RUBENSTEIN, COLVIN stated in his opinion, was loyal to his country without qualification. He volunteered that RUBENSTEIN, who had a sensitive nature, most probably simply "flipped his lid", subsequent to the assassination of the President and in a fit of passion did what he thought was right in taking the life of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. COLVIN concluded by stating that RUBENSTEIN, during the time he had known him was positively not a radical or extremist, but a loyal citizen of the United States.

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LEONARD PATRICK, 2820 West Jarlath, was interviewed regarding any knowledge of JACK RUBENSTEIN. (It is noted that on November 24, 1963, information was received to the effect that PATRICK ran RUBENSTEIN out of Chicago).

PATRICK advised he had known RUBENSTEIN as a neighborhood chum, who was about two years older than PATRICK. Both attended Shepherd Grammar School, located at Fillmore and Francisco Streets, but were not close friends.

PATRICK frequently saw RUBENSTEIN in the neighborhood and always spoke with him, as did everyone else who grew up in the west side.

PATRICK said he actually had little to do with RUBENSTEIN after they got out of grammar school. PATRICK was in prison from 1933 to 1940 and, upon his release, heard that RUBENSTEIN had been involved in the investigation into the murder of LEON COOKE "but had been cleared." He heard that this investigation was the reason RUBENSTEIN left Chicago in about 1939.

PATRICK claimed he knew nothing about RUBENSTEIN until after the war when he was selling premium items, such as salt shakers, with his brother, whose name PATRICK did not know. PATRICK did not know that RUBENSTEIN had been in the service during the war. He did state he was certain RUBENSTEIN had never operated a book or had anything else to do with any racket. PATRICK stated that "no matter how much you investigate, you'll never learn nothing, as he had nothing to do with nothing."

PATRICK denied having anything to do with running RUBENSTEIN out of Chicago after World War II and said RUBENSTEIN just found something better elsewhere. PATRICK said that if RUBENSTEIN had any racket he would never have left Chicago, and said further if RUBENSTEIN had been run out of town he would never have returned periodically as PATRICK said he heard RUBENSTEIN did. PATRICK said he had last seen RUBENSTEIN about ten or twelve years ago and had heard that he had been back to Chicago since that time to visit relatives. PATRICK said their friendship was not such that they would visit each other, but if they met on the street, they would visit.

PATRICK said he had never been in Dallas, Texas, but he had heard RUBENSTEIN had a joint there. He did not know RUBY's sister,

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and did not know whether RUBENSTEIN's sister was involved with him financially. PATRICK did not know the sister was in Dallas until he read it in the papers.

PATRICK has never heard of any connection RUBENSTEIN might have had at the Dallas Police Department.