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MIKE NEMZIN, 6332 North Mozart, Chicago, sole proprietor, Weiner's Department Store, 1548 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, advised that he knew JACK RUBENSTEIN, also known as Sparky, through RUBENSTEIN'S brother, EARL. NEMZIN stated JACK RUBENSTEIN frequented the New Lawndale Pool Room on Chicago's West Side and also frequented Marcy Center, Sixteenth and Avers and Sixteenth and Springfield Streets, where the West Side Jewish crowd gather.

NEMZIN stated that while he knew JACK RUBENSTEIN, JACK never was steadily employed, but was a ticket scalper and sold pennants and other peddler's items at sporting events. This was during a period from the late 1930's to early 1940's. The following people were in the New Lawndale Pool Room crowd: BARNEY ROSS, MARTY ERRIT, a used car dealer now known as the "Sultan of Swap" on a Chicago television station, and IRA COLITZ. NEMZIN could not further identify COLITZ.

NEMZIN knew of no hoodlum connection of JACK RUBENSTEIN and of no hoodlum activities on the part of JACK RUBENSTEIN. NEMZIN stated that he, JACK RUBENSTEIN and others in the New Lawndale Pool Room crowd had broken up Bundist meetings on the West Side during the late 1930's, but other than those activities, knew of no violence on the part of JACK RUBENSTEIN and stated that he never knew JACK RUBENSTEIN to carry a gun during this period. NEMZIN stated EVE RUBENSTEIN was in Dallas, Texas, at the time JACK RUBENSTEIN went to Dallas to be with his sister. NEMZIN knows no associate of EVE RUBENSTEIN past or present.

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~~DONALD MEDLVEINE~~, Manager, New Chez Paree Corporation, 4000 North Wabash Avenue, residence, Apartment 520, 2801 North Sheridan, Chicago, advised he grew up with JACK RUBENSTEIN in the Maxwell Street area of Chicago and that he last saw RUBENSTEIN in 1948. He said he recalls RUBENSTEIN as an individual who was selling novelties on the streets in this area. He said RUBENSTEIN'S father was known as "Poppa Joe" and was a neighborhood carpenter and drunk.

~~Donald~~ Medlevine

MEDLVEINE stated that he had heard that RUBENSTEIN had been a fanatic in regard to the late President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, however, was not aware of his feelings toward the late President KENNEDY.

MEDLVEINE states that RUBENSTEIN'S reason for leaving Chicago was that he was very close to his sister who resided in Dallas, and decided to go to Dallas to live with her.

MEDLVEINE had no knowledge of RUBENSTEIN'S political activities or any connection with a labor union in Chicago. MEDLVEINE was of the opinion that RUBENSTEIN was not the type of individual who could have perpetrated such an act as killing OSWALD and it was quite a shock to him to learn of this act. To his knowledge, the only individuals who might have some background on RUBENSTEIN would be JAY SCHATZ who is now the General Manager for radio station WYMR, Chicago, Illinois, and DAVE HALPER, who is working in some capacity at the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.

~~David Dingle~~ Halper3478 Paradise Road

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SOL WARSHAWSKY, Owner of the Playhouse Cafe, 550 North Clark Street, advised that he has been in the strip joint business in Chicago for over thirty years. He advised that he knew JACK RUBY about twenty-five years ago in Chicago and characterized him as a "small-time chiseler and hanger on."

WARSHAWSKY said that RUBY liked to act the "big shot" 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 frequented a gambling place formerly operated by JOE TUCHMAN, now deceased, in the vicinity of Damen and Division Streets 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 "few bets" each week of small size. In those days, RUBY was considered to be a "loner" 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.

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 JERRY FEINGOLD, 2904 West Greenleaf, co-owner  
 of Shoppers Corner, 150 North State Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 furnished the following information:

FEINGOLD advised that he was a casual acquaintance of JACK RUBENSTEIN, also known to him as RUBY and SPARKY, from 1933 to 1941 and in 1946. He stressed that his acquaintanceship was only casual and consisted in seeing RUBY at various hangouts and in attendance at Chicago sporting events. FEINGOLD could not recall any hangout in particular, but recalled that these were restaurants, pool rooms and the like. FEINGOLD said RUBY was a reputed ticket scalper and this was his only source of income so far as he knew. He said RUBY used to frequent the Glass Hat, located in the Congress Hotel, 520 South Michigan, Chicago, but he does not know anyone there who would be acquainted with RUBY. RUBY also frequented the Lawndale Restaurant, located near Roosevelt and Independence Streets. Occasionally RUBY could be observed in attendance at the fights held in the Marigold Gardens. FEINGOLD stated RUBY fancied himself a "lady's man". He was also a reputed gate crasher at baseball and football games. FEINGOLD said that RUBY was always broke and never had any substantial funds. RUBY was described as a "nice fellow" who did not associate with any of the known hoodlums in Chicago's West Side where he lived nor was RUBY ever active in any political affairs. FEINGOLD knew of no organization or groups to which RUBY belonged.

FEINGOLD expressed surprise that RUBY was involved in any shooting incident as he had "too much common sense for that". FEINGOLD stated he knows of no one in Chicago who may know RUBY aside from FEINGOLD's former business partner, DAN GLASS, owner of Daniel's Imports near Randolph and State Streets. FEINGOLD also said he has no knowledge as to RUBY's past residence, employments, close associates, or family relationships.

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THEODORE H. SHULMAN, President, Sanatex Corporation, 2321 North Wolcott, and Executive Director of the Waste Trade Industries, Chicago, advised that he became acquainted with JACK RUBENSTEIN approximately thirty years ago, at which time RUBENSTEIN was employed as an organizer with the Waste Material Handlers Federal Labor Union. RUBENSTEIN always exhibited a "highly emotional attitude", and seemed to get "overly excited about things that did not go his way". Specifically he recalled RUBENSTEIN advocated the union strike at the smallest provocation.

RUBENSTEIN, in late 1930's or early 1940's, left the union, after it was taken over by PAUL DORFMAN, and spent three or four years around Chicago, "scratching for a living". He recalled RUBENSTEIN, after leaving the union, sold tickets for sporting events and was known to him as a scalper. RUBENSTEIN had no connections with the organized criminal or hoodlum element, and was "very little" in his ticket selling operations. RUBENSTEIN once spoke of a sister in Dallas and indicated he had a brother in Chicago, names unknown.

He has seen RUBENSTEIN only on about two occasions in the last twenty years and on each occasion he ran into RUBENSTEIN in the Chicago Loop area. SHULMAN stated he has not seen or heard from RUBENSTEIN in the past five to ten years.

RUBENSTEIN had to leave the union because "of his temperament" in that he, RUBENSTEIN, would get so excited when he handled a complaint from a union member he would threaten to call a strike and shut down a company before the grievance could be discussed. SHULMAN said he could not furnish any further specific information regarding RUBENSTEIN, but commented RUBENSTEIN "had a good heart and seemed to do as much as he possibly could to help his family".

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**BEN KAY**, a former Chicago Policeman and president of the Rogers Park Ford Agency, was contacted and KAY advised that he knew JACK (SPARKY) RUBY casually in the late 1930's as a person in his neighborhood. RUBY was known by KAY to frequent the Lawndale Pool Room and other neighborhood hang-outs in the vicinity of Roosevelt Road and Lawndale Avenue.

*Ben Kaye*  
KAY has not seen RUBY nor had any person contact with him since RUBY left Chicago in approximately 1947, but he has had contact with the Chicago members of the RUBENSTEIN family.

HAROLD KAMINSKY, a brother-in-law of JACK RUBY, is employed by KAY as an auditor on a one-day-a-month basis. Other members of the RUBENSTEIN family have been introduced as automobile purchasers.

In the late 1930's, RUBY was known to KAY as a scalper and a hustler who was always looking to "make a buck". KAY did not know RUBY to be a member of any "hate" group, subversive organization or a member of the Chicago hoodlum element. KAY stated that to the best of his knowledge, RUBY was "not connected".

Prior to departing the Chicago area, JACK RUBY was in business with EARL RUBENSTEIN, his brother. JACK and EARL had a falling out over business matters resulting in JACK'S divorcing himself from the business and leaving the Chicago area. JACK RUBY presumably traveled to the West Coast and remained there. KAY has not had any personal contact with JACK RUBY since his departure, but has been advised concerning him by members of the family.

According to KAY, EARL RUBENSTEIN was confined to the Hines Veterans Hospital, Chicago, for a one week period approximately a year ago. He was hospitalized due to a suicide threat. JACK RUBY'S sister, Mrs. KAMINSKY, made a trip to Dallas, Texas, and on returning to Chicago, remarked to KAY about the preferential treatment afforded her by the Dallas Police Department. She mentioned that due to her relationship with JACK RUBY, she was met at the place by the Dallas Police and given the "VIP treatment"

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by them throughout her stay in Dallas. III.

KAY stated that LOU GRAVERMAN, a former Chicago car dealer and tire dealer, was a close associate of JACK RUBY. GRAVERMAN, according to KAY, had hoodlum ties and can furnish details of JACK RUBY'S connection with the scrap iron and junk handlers union with which RUBY was associated in the Chicago area. GRAVERMAN is now in the Miami, Florida area and is in the automobile business. KAY could not state whether this was a new or used car automobile business.

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MR. ART PETACQUE, reporter, Chicago Sun Times, advised relative to his article appearing on page 4 of November 25, 1963, issue of the Chicago Sun Times, captioned "Ruby a Misguided Patriot, Kin Say Here", he interviewed RUBY's brothers HYMAN and EARL RUBENSTEIN November 24, 1963. They told him their brother killed LEE OSWALD for only one reason, "He's a good patriotic American, and he got carried away". They said that they telephoned their sister, MRS. EVA GRAM, in Dallas immediately after hearing that RUBY had slain OSWALD and she related RUBY came to her home immediately after President KENNEDY was assassinated. He broke down and cried at MRS. KENNEDY's anguish. They said he had no doubt that OSWALD killed the President and he believed OSWALD would be put in a mental institution. He felt this was not enough and he wanted to avenge MRS. KENNEDY. They related that RUBY had contributed to President KENNEDY's campaign fund and he believed President KENNEDY was the Nation's greatest leader. HYMAN told PETACQUE that RUBY would not kill OSWALD to become a hero, he did it to set an example of how a person like OSWALD should be punished. RUBY's brothers and other people acquainted with him related that RUBY was an ardent admirer of President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT and would fight with anyone who made a slurring remark about ROOSEVELT.

PETACQUE said he knew RUBY around 20 years and that about 17 years ago, he went to Dallas to manage a tavern for his sister and later became owner of this tavern. He believed RUBY changed his name because of anti-semitism in Dallas and not because of anything he had done in Chicago. He recalls that RUBY grew up in the Roosevelt Avenue area of Chicago where hoodlums lived and operated and that like anyone living in that area, he was acquainted with most of the hoodlums. He believes RUBY never closely associated with any hoodlums and recalls that he never got himself involved in any serious trouble; at most, he was involved in a punch board operation but never was arrested in this regard. He had the reputation of a street brawler. He never had a steady job but occupied himself as ticket scalper, salesman of assorted goods, small-time promoter, program hawker at sports events, etc.

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PETACQUE recalls RUBY belonged to a Chicago south side "DAVE MILLER Gang" during early 1940's and his gang would gangfight Nazi band groups in Chicago.

From his personal knowledge and information from RUBY's acquaintances, he believes RUBY has always been a loyal patriotic American. He has no knowledge that RUBY or his sister, EVA GRANT, had any connections with the Dallas Police Department or with any hoodlums in Dallas. He had no personal knowledge concerning RUBY's union activities, however HYMAN RUBENSTEIN told him that RUBY was a labor organizer of the waste handlers union during the 1930's for a few months.

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TONY LEONARDI, Manager of the Playhouse Cafe, 550 North Clark Street, advised that he has been associated with the operation of strip joints in Chicago for over twenty-five 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 night club business in any way in Chicago for the past twenty-five years. Ill.

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 1946 to sometime in the 1950's. HARRY RUBENSTEIN had a 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.

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*Mr + Mrs* MRS. GLADYS KERNES, owner, Klein's Restaurant, 4161 West Madison, residence 5732 North Christiana, both Chicago, advised that immediately subsequent to the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD by JACK RUBENSTEIN, this was publicized on television broadcasts, and her husband LOUIS KERNES, while working at the cash register in this restaurant, exclaimed in a loud tone of voice, "I know that man". She said that apparently some customer called the newspapers and that since that offhand statement, she and her husband have been besieged by press inquiries.

She advised that her husband greatly overstated his knowledge in that he would in all probability not recognize JACK RUBENSTEIN if he met him. She advised that in the 1930's, she resided at 3626 West Lexington, Chicago, and the RUBENSTEIN family lived three or four houses from her residence. The family consisted of four boys and four girls, and the elder MR. RUBENSTEIN was a retired carpenter. She said that she played cards three or four times with the sister whose first name was EVA and knew her to be a divorcee.

She said she last knew of the RUBENSTEIN family eight or nine years ago and was aware that JACK RUBENSTEIN resided in Dallas, because she had been told that his sister EVA had moved there and was associated with him in business in that city. She stated that she considered the RUBENSTEIN family to be normal, decent people, and that she has never heard anything that would indicate that JACK RUBENSTEIN has ever been associated with hoodlum elements. She stated she had no knowledge of connections that he may have had with the Dallas Police Department.

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JAMES ALLEGRETTI, reputed to be top local organized crime figure in Chicago, was contacted at Wesley Memorial Hospital by SA's AUGUST C. KEMPF and JOHN W. ROBERTS, JR. ALLEGRETTI, a patient at this hospital, stated that he had no knowledge of JACK RUBY and does not recall anyone by that name being in the Chicago area. ALLEGRETTI said that if RUBY was active in the Chicago area, he may have seen him but does not remember the name. ALLEGRETTI made a point of stating if RUBY had been "connected", he would have known him. ALLEGRETTI was then asked whether RUBY could have been active in the Capone organization and ALLEGRETTI replied by stating, "I just told you he was not connected". In a further discussion concerning JACK RUBY on the murder of OSWALD, ALLEGRETTI was asked whether he had any knowledge of an association between RUBY and the Dallas Police Department. ALLEGRETTI stated that he had no knowledge of such associations and did not know anything concerning RUBY except what he had read in the newspapers and seen on television.

During this interview of JIMMY ALLEGRETTI, it is noted that there were four other visitors present, one of whom was identified as BILL VASSILE, a known associate of ALLEGRETTI and gambling payoff man. The others were unidentified, however, none of these persons admitted to knowing of JACK RUBY or having any information whatsoever concerning him.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

LEO DENET, Manager, Club Nineteen, advised SAs WILLIAM A. MEINCKE and JOSEPH G. SHEA on November 25, 1963, that he has been in the strip show business since 1939. He stated he does not know the subject. DENET said he is well acquainted with HARRY RUBENSTEIN, who formerly owned the Olympic Hotel on Chicago's near north side. HARRY RUBENSTEIN shot and killed a man in 1946 and has owned several bars in the Chicago Loop area. DENET stated, when he first heard of the shooting of OSWALD, he thought perhaps the JACK RUBY involved in the slaying was related to HARRY RUBENSTEIN. Since Sunday, November 24, 1963, he has compared notes with other mutual friends of HARRY RUBENSTEIN and now knows that HARRY is not related to the subject. HARRY RUBENSTEIN is from the Seattle, Washington, area originally.

HYMAN GODFREY, 903 New Castle, Westchester, Illinois, advised SAs JAMES D. DEWHIRST and THOMAS B. LANDESS on November 25, 1963, that he had never known the subject RUBY. He stated that he was well acquainted with the KEDZIE ROOSEVELT area in Chicago, where RUBY purportedly had frequented during his years in Chicago. GODFREY admitted knowing BARNEY ROSS, a former champion prize fighter, who, according to previously received information, was acquainted with RUBY.

MITCH WOLCOFF, 3552 North Pine Grove, Chicago, a former restaurateur in the Chicago area, advised SAs ROBERT L. MALONE and JERRY H. BREIDENFELD on November 25, 1963, that he has known JACK "SPARKY" RUBENSTEIN since about 1928, when they were both single and living in the Division and Western neighborhood. He stated that he was well acquainted with "SPARKY" RUBENSTEIN on a social basis and worked with him selling penants at ball games. WOLCOFF stated he has stayed with him in WOLCOFF's home on many occasions. WOLCOFF stated that he moved to Florida in 1934 and since that time has seen him on a very infrequent basis. He stated that in 1939, "SPARKY" RUBENSTEIN told him that he was working with LEO COOK in the Wastehandlers Union and when LEO COOK was killed, he wanted very badly to take over that union. WOLCOFF stated that was the last time he had ever seen RUBENSTEIN. He stated he has never known RUBENSTEIN to use the name RUBY.

WOLCOFF stated that he considered RUBENSTEIN to be a true patriot who would defend America at any time and that he loved America very strongly. He stated that his acquaintanceship with RUBENSTEIN was such that he could not believe that RUBENSTEIN could kill anyone and that he never knew him to be armed.

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SAs WILLIAM R. BRODERICK and ROBERT A. COOK interviewed the following individuals on November 25, 1963:

~~LOUIS ARGER~~, operator of numerous strip shows in the Chicago Loop area;  
~~IRVING DAVIES~~, Manager, Showboat Lounge, Chicago;  
~~ROBERT TORNEBENE~~, Manager, Eddie Foys, Chicago;  
~~TOM BAKER~~, Manager, Chez Dot, Chicago.

None of the above individuals were <sup>FI's</sup>acquainted with the subject.

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FRANK "BUTCH" LOVERDE advised that he does not know JACK RUBY. LOVERDE said that had RUBY been connected in any way with the organized criminal element of Chicago, he would have some knowledge of RUBY. LOVERDE advised that many people in Chicago have confused RUBY with HARRY RUBENSTEIN, an individual who formerly operated the Olympic Hotel and killed a man in 1946. He stated that HARRY RUBENSTEIN had gotten mixed up with wrong people and had been run out of Chicago. He believed that HARRY RUBENSTEIN had gone somewhere in Texas. LOVERDE declined to elaborate on the above remarks and did not furnish the date or other particulars concerning HARRY RUBENSTEIN's troubles.

LOVERDE indicated that he believed the agents were questioning him in the mistaken belief that the OSWALD killing had some organized crime overtones. He said, "Look at it our way. It's not logical to send a guy in to hit a guy who's stood up for 25 hours. You know you can trust a guy who can stand up for 25 hours, but how do you know you can trust the guy you send in to hit him. He might break in a half hour."

LOVERDE is active in the management of strip shows on Chicago's north side.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On November 25, 1963, DON SULLIVAN, reporter for the Chicago American, telephonically advised that he had received information that JOE STEIN of the First National Mortgage Company of Chicago and an associate of hoodlums in Chicago, had traveled to Dallas, Texas, on November 19, 1963, and on the following Wednesday to Houston, Texas.

On November 26, 1963, JOSEPH STEIN, Owner, of the First National Mortgage Company, Chicago, Illinois, and close associate of prominent Chicago hoodlum, FELIX ALDERISIO, advised SAs JOHN W. ROBERTS, JR., and AUGUST C. KEMPF that he had no acquaintance with JACK RUBY and knew nothing concerning RUBY except that which he read in newspapers and saw on television. STEIN admitted he traveled to Dallas, Texas, on November 19, 1963, and from there to Houston on November 20, 1963. He stated that these trips were purely on National Mortgage business and RUBY was in no way involved.

Don Sullivan

Reporter For The Chicago American

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*Bernadine Rubenstein*

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Mrs. ~~BERNAZINE~~ COLEMAN, Maple Manor Hotel, 65 West Maple, advised an Agent of the Chicago Office, on November 26, 1963, she was married to HARRY RUBENSTEIN from 1942 - 1960 and lived at the above address. She described HARRY RUBENSTEIN as a white male, age 68, 5'11", 180 lbs., dark hair, brown eyes, Catholic religion. He came to Chicago from Seattle, Washington, in 1927 and managed the Olympic Hotel, Chicago, 1927 - 1945.

HARRY RUBENSTEIN got into trouble in 1945 when he killed a bartender in his club, but was later exonerated. He next owned the Hollywood Show Lounge, Randolph Street, Chicago, from 1946 to 1960. He also owned the Randcraft Hotel, which has been demolished.

She stated positively HARRY RUBENSTEIN is no relation to JACK RUBY. She had never heard the name JACK RUBY before. She advised the names JACK RUBY and JACK RUBENSTEIN were never mentioned by anyone to them when they were in the business of operating night clubs. She recalls she once bought some tickets to the play "Oklahoma" through a ticket scalper named "SPARKY" approximately right after World War II, but never saw the man.

She denied HARRY was a close friend of the hoodlum element in Chicago, although she stated anyone in this business would have to associate with some. She would furnish no further details in this regard.

She stated HARRY's present address is unknown to her and he is believed to be clerking in some cheap hotel, Chicago, and broke. They no longer associate together. She stated she is attempting to contact HARRY RUBENSTEIN through mutual friends to set up interview.

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The following investigation was conducted in Chicago, Illinois, November 24, 1963:

NATE ZUCKERMAN, bartender at the "Front Page", a Chicago tavern owned by JAMES ALLEGRETTI, advised SA AUGUST C. KEMFF that he has known numerous members of the Chicago criminal element for the past twenty years but does not recall JACK RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN. ZUCKERMAN stated that the only RUBENSTEIN he knew was HARRY RUBENSTEIN, the former owner of the Olympic Hotel.

IRVING "BUZZY" RIFKIN, Manager, "Le Bistro", a near northside Chicago night club, advised SA JOHN R. BASSETT that he was a good friend of JACK "SPARKY" RUBENSTEIN. He stated that RUBENSTEIN had attended Marshall High School in Chicago many years ago at which time RIFKIN first made his acquaintance. According to RIFKIN, RUBENSTEIN was not connected with the criminal element in Chicago and made his living while in this city by the purchase and sale of low cost merchandise.

RIFKIN advised that RUBENSTEIN was a good friend of ART WAYNE, a singer whom he believed might reside in Hollywood, California. Another close friend of RUBENSTEIN was one YUDIE (phonetic) JACOBS, a small-time entertainer whose whereabouts is unknown to RIFKIN. *U.S.A.*

RIFKIN advised that a few years ago RUBENSTEIN came to Chicago accompanied by a young Negro boy seven or eight years old for whom RUBENSTEIN was acting as a manager. RIFKIN stated that the young Negro boy made a television appearance on some show, the identity of which he could not recall.

RIFKIN indicated that he had not seen RUBENSTEIN for the past two or three years, but frequently hears from him. He stated that he has frequently referred female friends, who are visiting Dallas, to RUBENSTEIN, and RUBENSTEIN occasionally refers girls to RIFKIN when they visit Chicago from the Dallas area.

Lt. HARRY SMITH, Chicago Police Department, advised SA JOHN R. BASSETT that he recalled "SPARKY" RUBENSTEIN as having preceded him by a few years at Marshall High School. He stated that as long as he had known RUBENSTEIN, the latter was completely "legitimate" and had no known criminal connections.

FRANK KIERNAN, Special Assistant, United States Attorney, Chicago, advised the Chicago Office of the following information:

He had received on that date from JACK WILNER, a crime reporter on the Chicago Daily News, information that WILNER indicated he had received from his "syndicate sources" information reflecting that JACK RUBY in the mid 1930's, was associated with JOE KRASNOW and JOE STONE, the latter being presently in Las Vegas, Nevada. WILNER

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had been given to understand that RUBY, KRASNOW and SIMON had been involved in a "bookmaking" arrest in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, between 1933 and 1935. Following this arrest, RUBY returned to Chicago and according to WILNER's source was arrested with one SAMMY MENOSH on charges of "confidence games".

Mr. KIERNAN also furnished the following information received from JACK WILNER, above:

WILNER stated his "syndicate sources" reflect RUBY was reportedly involved in 1947 with NICK ST. JOHN, PAUL LABRIOLA, MARCUS LIPSKY and PAUL RONALD JONES, in effort to take over gambling in the Dallas, Texas area. Also involved allegedly were STEVE GUTHRIE, Sheriff of the county, and one GEORGE BUTLER. WILNER advised information on this situation appeared in the KEFAUVER hearings in 1950 and that several individuals were convicted in Dallas in the above connection. (In connection with the above, one GEORGE BUTLER, Dallas Police Department, is known to have been an investigator for the late Senator KEFAUVER in connection with his investigation of criminal activities a number of years ago.)

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The Chicago Office has advised that DAVID BYRON, General Manager, Automotive Products Division, Federated Industries, Antioch, Illinois, appeared on a television program of ALEX DRIER on the afternoon of November 24, 1963, indicating knowledge of RUBY. U.S.A.

BYRON on interview by Special Agents of the FBI stated he met RUBY as JACK RUBENSTEIN as a neighborhood acquaintance in the Humboldt Park area of Chicago and knew him casually from about 1928 to 1931. He did not know his family or employment. He stated after his, BYRON's, absence from the neighborhood and state he returned to Chicago and sometime during the period 1939 to 1942 recalled reading in Chicago newspapers which had accompanying photographs of RUBENSTEIN, known also to BYRON as "SPARKY", that RUBENSTEIN had been president of some "junk dealers' union" in Chicago and outsiders were trying to "muscle him out" of the union. A shooting occurred, and RUBENSTEIN was charged with killing a man. He was arrested, convicted and sentenced in Chicago on this charge and served in prison on a location unknown for "a little over a year".

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BYRON did not see RUBENSTEIN during this period in Chicago and understood he left Chicago about 1943 or 1944. In about 1946 when he intended a business trip to Dallas someone in Chicago suggested he look up JACK RUBENSTEIN who was said to be at the "Silver Spur" or "Golden Spur", South Ervay Street in Dallas. He did so and between 1946 and 1950 stopped in the "Silver Spur" on perhaps ten occasions.

In 1946, RUBENSTEIN told BYRON he had changed his name to JACK RUBY and asked BYRON not to tell anyone in Chicago of his whereabouts as he was "trying to live down" his Chicago background. He said RUBY mentioned that his sister, unnamed, owned the "Silver Spur". He said he never met relatives or business associates of RUBY in Dallas. He said he had no information that RUBY was involved with hoodlums in either Chicago or Dallas, that he had any form of subversive sympathies and that RUBY had no homosexual tendencies to his knowledge.

A check of records of the Chicago Police Department reflected one HARRY RUBENSTEIN, hotel owner, Chicago, was convicted of manslaughter in 1946, sentenced to one year probation.

Indices of the Chicago Office contains no information identifiable with LOU SIMON, JOSEPH KRASNOW, YUDIE JACOBS, ART WAYNE or SAMMY MENOSH.

JOHN ERMINO CAPONE, brother of ALFONSE CAPONE, (deceased), advised SA JOHN R. BASSETT on November 25, 1963, that he did not know JACK RUBY, also known as Jack Rubenstein, although he was generally acquainted with many of the "so called criminal element" in the Chicago area. CAPONE volunteered he was highly incensed over the killing of LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to his trial for the assassination of President KENNEDY. He said he felt RUBY must have been insane or motivated by subversive groups. He added that if such was not the case and that if this killing had any criminal overtones, he would attempt to elicit this information from associates and advise SA BASSETT should such be the case.