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MANNY ~~SADER~~, Manager of the 806 Club, a strip show in Chicago, advised SAs ROBERT A. COOK and WILLIAM R. BRODERICK on November 25, 1963, that he had never heard of Subject JACK RUBY until he read of him in the newspapers in connection with instant case. He did not believe this individual was connected with any criminal element in Chicago.

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JAMES HARRIS, Night Club Operator, New Port, Kentucky, advised that he knew subject twenty years ago in Chicago when subject was connected with various night clubs, names unrecalled, on State Street, Chicago. HARRIS considered RUBY "Nutty", who liked to play the big shot with club operators and police. According to HARRIS, RUBY's job at that time was to keep the club girls in line and to protect them and that he eventually got in trouble with club operators because of his "stealing" girls from other clubs.

HARRIS had no knowledge that RUBY knew or was connected with LEE OSWALD. Also RUBY is not connected as far as HARRIS knows, with big time racketeers in Chicago. Also no known association of RUBY with subversive element. HARRIS' opinion of the shooting of OSWALD was some sort of "grand stand play" by RUBY. HARRIS has no recent information regarding RUBY and no inkling as to what may have motivated alleged action on his part.

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Mr. HARRY THOMAS, 705 Arizona Street, El Paso, Texas, advised he was associated with The Associated Press in Chicago, Illinois, in the early 1930's and resided for a time at The Olympic Hotel, 1060 North Clark Street, Chicago. The hotel was operated by a man named RUBENSTEIN, who used various first names, namely, HARRY, JACK and ABE. *Texas*

Mr. THOMAS advised RUBENSTEIN had a violent temper and was seen beating up an unidentified individual on one occasion. RUBENSTEIN reportedly was part-owner of a number of night clubs up and down Clark Street, including McGovern's Liberty Inn, and was reportedly tied in tightly with the rackets in Chicago.

Mr. THOMAS said he did not know if the above-mentioned RUBENSTEIN was identical with the man who shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Dallas, Texas.

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BILL POKOIK, Gotham Hotel, 335 Turk Street, San Francisco, advises he resides in San Francisco at the above address, is employed at the Fun Center Arcade, 723 Market Street, San Francisco.

Calif. Chicago Ill.
 He states he was born and attended school in Chicago, Illinois, residing in the vicinity of Peoria and Maxwell Streets. He stated he recently has seen the photograph of the man known as JACK RUBY in San Francisco newspapers and national television. He stated he immediately recognized this person as a man whom he knew for many years and who was known in Chicago as JACK RUBENSTEIN. He stated JACK was also known as "SPARKY". He stated RUBENSTEIN was four years younger than he and resided within a block or two of him in Chicago. He remembers meeting RUBY's father, JOSEPH RUBENSTEIN, who was a carpenter in Chicago. He stated he had not seen RUBY or RUBENSTEIN for many years until 1961 in Dallas. He advised he was traveling from Chicago to Miami, Florida and stopped at the Loma Alta Hotel, Dallas, and was recognized by RUBY on a Dallas street. He advised he visited with RUBY and told RUBY he was residing in San Francisco at that time. He advised he has never seen RUBY in San Francisco and does not know if RUBY has ever resided in San Francisco.

POKOIK stated he is aware RUBY was the owner or operator of the Vegas and Carousel Clubs, Dallas, and stated he would have no reason to think RUBY was connected with any subversive activities or activity contrary to the best interests of the United States.

POKOIK described RUBY as an outgoing, extroverted person who seemed to be quite nervous. He stated he was astonished to read RUBY was charged with the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and recalls nothing in connection with RUBY's background that would contribute to RUBY's actions in this matter.

POKOIK has met RUBY's sister, EVE or EVA, but he stated he cannot recall further information concerning RUBY's family. He stated he vaguely recalls hearing the possibility that RUBY and his sister did reside in Los Angeles, California, date and place of residence not known to POKOIK.

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JOE KELLMAN, 2733 West Jarlath Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised he was in Durham, North Carolina, on November 27, 1963, undergoing tests at Duke Hospital. He furnished the following information:

About 1943 he met JACK RUBENSTEIN through his brother, MORRIE KELLMAN, and a cousin, ARTY WEINER, also known as ARTY WAYNE, in Chicago, Illinois. All together he saw RUBENSTEIN 5 or 6 times socially. He remembered RUBENSTEIN as a health fadist and KELLMAN exercised with him once at Postl's Gym in downtown Chicago. KELLMAN was not certain but said he thought RUBENSTEIN worked as a jeweler as a place KELLMAN could not remember.

KELLMAN stated he never knew him to be connected with a night club profession and remembered him as such a mild mannered person that the idea of his connection at that time with any Chicago mobster or Capone group appeared preposterous.

KELLMAN said he never knew RUBENSTEIN's sister, EVA GRANT, or other relatives nor had he heard anything at all from RUBENSTEIN or other sources. KELLMAN said he was not aware that RUBENSTEIN had left Chicago until he recognized a full view photograph of RUBENSTEIN when he was identified as OSWALD's assailant. He never heard anything to indicate RUBENSTEIN had possibly been connected with hoodlum elements. KELLMAN knew of no groups, organizations, or associates of RUBENSTEIN's and said he never heard of OSWALD until the President's assassination.

KELLMAN advised that RUBENSTEIN had appeared to him to be a quiet, well mannered, almost effeminate type of man who lisped. The idea that he could become a strong armed bouncer and an affiliate of gangsters was totally at odds with the impression KELLMAN said he formed of RUBENSTEIN 20 years ago.

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HARRY JACK GOLDBAUM, 4642 North 8th Drive, *Phoenix, Ariz.* telephone 279-3932, who is a real estate developer for self, advised he has known JACK RUBY for about 30 years. He said he and RUBY grew up in the same neighborhood on West Side of Chicago, and RUBY attended John Marshall High School at same time as GOLDBAUM'S wife.

GOLDBAUM said RUBY is known in Chicago as "Sparky" because of his volatile disposition, and inclination to fight at least provocation, although RUBY was usually friendly and well-liked in neighborhood.

GOLDBAUM said he soon moved from the neighborhood, but heard from now unrecalled sources that RUBY became active in 24th Ward Democratic politics. He knew of no actual employment of RUBY in Chicago, but said RUBY seemed to be always well off financially, and former friends often wondered where he obtained his income.

GOLDBAUM said he further recalls having heard from unrecalled source that RUBY and other unknown persons formerly engaged in approaching couples parked in cars at Stickney, Illinois, and shining flashlights in cars. They would then reportedly "shank down" the male occupant, leaving the implication that RUBY and friends might be police officers.

GOLDBAUM advised RUBY'S main hangout in Chicago was Lawndale Pool Room on Roosevelt Road east of Independence Boulevard, and believed RUBY would be well-known at this location.

GOLDBAUM stated he lost track of RUBY after moving to Phoenix in 1945, but later heard from a mutual acquaintance that RUBY had moved to Dallas. He said that when he and his family were en route from Memphis to Dallas in December, 1957, he recalled this information, and telephoned RUBY, who visited him and family at a Dallas motel. RUBY indicated he had moved to Dallas to make money, and told GOLDBAUM he was doing well operating a night club. He claimed he had some difficulty with hoodlums who frequent his type of establishment, but was able to take care of them.

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GOLDBAUM said he last saw RUBY about three months ago, when in Dallas on business. He went to the Carousel during the afternoon, and walked upstairs to RUBY'S office, at which time he heard RUBY shouting in extremely vile and filthy language at a Negro carpenter. RUBY quietened down when he entered the office, and GOLDBAUM remained there talking with RUBY for about one hour. During this time, RUBY was taking care of three small dogs for an unknown doctor, and had dogs in the office. (The female dog was in heat, and RUBY told GOLDBAUM he would show him something interesting. RUBY then proceeded to sexually excite one of the male dogs by masturbation. GOLDBAUM objected, and told RUBY to cease as it was making him sick.)

GOLDBAUM said he has not seen or heard from RUBY since last visit to Dallas.

GOLDBAUM said he knows of no Un-American sympathies or activities on part of RUBY, and advised RUBY always expressed himself as ardent supporter of late Presidents ROOSEVELT and KENNEDY. He knew of no hoodlum associates of RUBY, but believed it possible he may have been associated with hoodlums in Chicago.

GOLDBAUM said he does not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and knows of no association between OSWALD and RUBY.

He further knew of no close associates or friends of RUBY in Phoenix area, and does not know of RUBY ever having even visited this area.

GOLDBAUM advised that ~~CHILE PANITZ~~, a "box man" at Thunderbird Hotel, Las Vegas, formerly worked in Dallas, and is believed to be a close acquaintance of RUBY.

GOLDBAUM is of the opinion that shooting of OSWALD was motivated by anger of RUBY because of assassination of late President, and of the opinion that RUBY probably mentally unbalanced at times, [as exhibited during dog incident in RUBY'S office.]

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JOSEPH P. ROSSI advised that he and JACK RUBY, whose real name is RUBENSTEIN, were both born and reared in the 24th Ward in Chicago. However, they did not know each other until about eleven years ago when they met in Dallas. RUBY had the Silver Spur Club and later the Vegas Club. Mr. ROSSI does not know any of RUBY's family but said they are Jews and that JACK RUBY observes Jewish religious customs. ROSSI knows of no connection between OSWALD and RUBY. He stated that RUBY is highly emotional and has a high temper. He has heard that RUBY cried when President ROOSEVELT died.

ROSSI described RUBY as being very anti-Communist but not a member of any hate group. He describes RUBY as a "24th Ward Chicago Jake Arvey Democrat". ROSSI knows of no connections RUBY has with gamblers or organized crime; however, he stated that RUBY knows some of these people personally. ROSSI knows of no close relations RUBY had with any police in Dallas. ROSSI last saw RUBY in Dallas November 20, 1963, at which time RUBY discussed opening a new club and wanted ROSSI to invest money in the club and perhaps help to manage it. RUBY talked of future plans in a manner leading ROSSI to believe that RUBY had not thought about getting into trouble. ROSSI stated that when RUBY was identified over television as the killer of OSWALD, that his first thought was that RUBY was the type to be emotional enough to do that sort of thing. ROSSI believes that RUBY's motive in killing OSWALD was an ever simplified solution of a simple and emotional man for obtaining justice in this case.

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Mr. MAURICE MEDLEVINE, also known as French Medlevine, advised he has residence telephone GR 77310. He furnished the following information concerning JACK LEON RUBY.

He was acquainted with RUBY in Chicago, Illinois, when both were children together and attended public schools in that city in the 1930's. He believes RUBY may have attended Smith School at the same time that MEDLEVINE attended Garfield High School in Chicago. As a youngster, RUBY was well liked, particularly by the female set in Chicago. MEDLEVINE has not seen or heard from RUBY for possibly the last six to eight years. *TEXAS.*

On the last occasion MEDLEVINE saw RUBY was at the Chez Paree Night Club in Chicago which was then owned by MEDLEVINE's brother, DON MEDLEVINE. At that time, RUBY was accompanied by a young male Negro boy who was entertaining as a singer and dancer. *Calif.*

MEDLEVINE knows of no gambling connections, business connections or associates of RUBY, or of any subversive interests on the part of RUBY. He has never known him to possess or espouse any radical or extremist views.

RUBY's older sister was believed by MEDLEVINE to own a salon in Dallas, Texas, and RUBY worked for her. MEDLEVINE was acquainted with RUBY's father who was a carpenter in Chicago but did not know his mother.

MEDLEVINE left Chicago in 1960 and although he has been to Dallas he has never seen RUBY in that community.

MEDLEVINE expressed the personal opinion that RUBY may have been "a little shell shocked" following military service. He has never known him, RUBY, to have a temper or engage in fist fights as a youngster.

When he heard about RUBY being charged with the killing of LEE HARVEY OSWALD following the assassination of President KENNEDY in Dallas, Texas, MEDLEVINE could not believe it because in his opinion conduct of this type was entirely foreign to RUBY's nature, as he knew him as a youngster.

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MEDLEVINE denied that he has ever engaged in a fight with RUBY and he reiterated that he has never had any personal knowledge of RUBY ever having been in trouble. He repeated that RUBY was popular with the girls as a youngster. He has had no contact with RUBY in his adult years and could furnish no information concerning criminal activities, hoodlum or gambling activities of RUBY, if any exist.

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JOE MEDILL, 3263 Castle Heights Avenue, advised that he has not seen SPARKY RUBENSTEIN for the past 20 years, however, he knew SPARKY in Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he, JOE MEDILL, was formerly the third-ranking light weight contender in the world, and that SPARKY used to like to hang around the boxing crowd. He stated that when he terminated his boxing career, that SPARKY contacted him and wanted him to go into the tailoring business, since MEDILL had numerous contacts in Chicago.

He stated that SPARKY assisted him to some extent in referring customers to his shop. In regard to SPARKY's political beliefs, he stated that he is not familiar with them. He knows of no contacts that he had with the underworld. He stated that he realized he has not seen SPARKY since 1942, but does not believe that he is the type of individual to have committed such an act unless he was temporarily insane. He stated that he has no information indicating that SPARKY in any way has contacts with the police department in Dallas or in Chicago.

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JOE MEDILL, 3263 Castle Heights Avenue, advised SAA JOSEPH ARWINE that he last saw JACK RUBENSTEIN in 1942 in Chicago. He does not know his political beliefs, has no information that RUBENSTEIN was ever connected with hoodlums, and has no information regarding RUBENSTEIN's possible association with the Dallas Police officials.

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Alex Gruber

ALEXANDER P. GRUBER, 5222 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, on November 25, 1963, advised he has known JACK RUBY for approximately 40 years. He stated they lived in the 20th Ward of Chicago and attended the same grammar school. He advised that when they were approximately 20 years of age, they shared an apartment for about one year which was on the corner of Wilson Avenue and Claredon in Chicago. He stated that he always know RUBY as JAKE RUBENSTEIN.

He advised that after living in the apartment with RUBY that he, GRUBER, moved to New York and had no contact whatsoever with RUBY for many years. He stated about ten years ago, while he was passing through Dallas, Texas, he again met with RUBY, at which time RUBY owned a bar called the Silver Spur. GRUBER recalled on that occasion that he observed RUBY in a fight in the Silver Spur when RUBY ejected two men who he did not want on the premises. He recalled that RUBY told him he always stayed in shape.

GRUBER stated he last saw RUBY about two weeks ago when he was returning from the East and passed through Dallas. He again met with RUBY at his night club. He recalled that RUBY told him that the police liked him because he stays out of trouble and runs a good place. On the occasion of this last visit, RUBY told GRUBER that a number of years ago, a former prize fighter had a "beef" with RUBY and said he was going to get RUBY. RUBY stated he purchased a gun to protect himself and then notified friends on the Dallas Police Department that he had been threatened and that he had purchased a gun. The police officers told him to let them have the gun, that he did not need it because he could take care of himself and it would only get him into trouble. RUBY stated he gave the gun to the officers. Later the prize fighter appeared at RUBY's bar when Dallas police officers were present. RUBY and the fighter started to fight and Dallas police officers told observers to leave them alone and to let them settle it themselves. RUBY told GRUBER that he gave the prize fighter a good beating and after it was all over, Dallas police officers gave RUBY's gun back to him.

GRUBER stated that RUBY told him on the occasion of his last visit that he was having business trouble with his sister, EVE GRANT.

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GRUBER stated he stayed in Dallas one night and part of the following day and returned directly to Los Angeles. He stated he had no further contact with RUBY until the day the President was shot. He stated that about twenty minutes after the news of the shooting was on television, he received a long distance telephone call from Dallas from JACK RUBY. He stated RUBY was very upset and talked "like a guy who had blown his top." GRUBER stated the conversation was as follows:

RUBY: "Did you hear what happened?"
GRUBER: "You mean the shooting of the President?"
RUBY: "Yes, ain't that a terrible thing. I'm all upset and my sister is hysterical. You don't know this AL, but I started all of my programs with a patriotic number."

GRUBER stated that at that point, RUBY began to cry and he told GRUBER, "I'm crying and I can't talk to you any more" whereupon he hung up the telephone.

GRUBER referred interviewing agents to Mr. AL DUNN as a person who was acquainted with RUBY.

GRUBER stated that at 12:45 a.m. on November 25, 1963, an anonymous telephone call was received at his residence asking for AL GRUBER. When advised that Mr. GRUBER was not home, the anonymous caller stated, "Ask him if he likes livin" then hung up. GRUBER stated he assumed this was an anonymous threat because his name had appeared in the newspapers as an acquaintance of JACK RUBY.

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MORRIS BLOCK, 5510 Edgewood Place, Los Angeles, CALIFORNIA stated that during the mid 1930s he operated a bar on the west side of Chicago, and intermittently worked in horse race bookmaking at Chicago before moving to Los Angeles some 20 years ago. He provided information as follows:

The moment he viewed RUBY's photo and saw his name in the newspapers, he recalled RUBY vaguely as a bar operator during the 1930s in the vicinity of Madison at Sacramento, Madison at Kelsey, or Madison at Crawford in Chicago. At that period, according to BLOCK, any bar operator was required to handle the Capone mob's "Canadian Ace" beer, and to pay tribute to the police captain commanding the area precinct. He cannot recall the name of the police captain with whom he personally dealt, but believes it would be the same official with jurisdiction over Madison Avenue at the above intersections. So long as the mob's beer was handled, the Capone mob furnished protection against assaults.

He has been away from Chicago for so long that the names of former friends there have slipped from his mind, except for one man who continued to operate a bar on the west side until recently. This man has remained as a personal friend, and visited BLOCK just last summer. His name is CY SCHWARTZ, 3858 North Kilpatrick Avenue, Chicago 47, Ill. He is now in the wholesale Christmas tree and watermelon business, and his brother is RUBY SCHWARTZ, some sort of official in the Democratic Party at Chicago. CY SCHWARTZ has an unusually wide acquaintanceship with bar operators there over a period of many years, and he has an excellent memory.

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AT WEST LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA :

On November 25, 1963, LOUIS SCHNITZ, 10484 Wyton Drive, advised he does not know JACK RUBY or IRA COLITZ. RUBY's true name and aliases are unfamiliar to him.

SCHNITZ said he, SCHNITZ, left Chicago in 1942, and was in the shoe business there. He knew of no other LOUIS SCHNITZ in addition to his cousin at Evanston.

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~~JOE EPSTEIN~~, St. Clair Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed November 25, 1963, and advised SA ROBERT L. BAKER that the name RUBENSTEIN was known to him, but that he had absolutely no first hand knowledge of this man. He said that his brother, ~~BEN EPSTEIN~~, 4450 West Lunt, Lincolnwood, Illinois, recalled having known RUBENSTEIN more than casually for a period of more than twenty years.

~~ROBERT E. EPSTEIN~~, 2801 West Morse Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, nephew of BEN EPSTEIN, noted above advised SA ROBERT L. BAKER that he has no knowledge, first hand or through any other source concerning JACK RUBY.

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WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN, also known as BILL GOLD, well known gambling figure on Chicago's north side, on November 25, 1963, advised SA JAMES D. DEWHIRST that he did not know the subject. GOLDSTEIN resides at 2737 West Fargo Street, Chicago, Ill.

On November 25, 1963, SA's ROBERT J. TOMPKINS, JR. and MICHAEL G. SIMON interviewed the following individuals who advised they did not know the subject:

NICK PESCE, also known as Spooks, Manager, Backstage Lounge, 935 West Wilson, Chicago

JULIUS ZIMBEROFF, employee of Apex Vending Co., owned by EDWARD VOGEL

NATHAN (BUTCH) LADON, chauffeur and bodyguard for EDWARD VOGEL and GUS ALEX.

EDWARD VOGEL and GUS ALEX, both advised that they had no comment to make to the FBI.

On November 25, 1963, LEE RUGENDORF advised SA LENARD A. WOLF he did not know RUBY. RUGENDORF is a close associate of Chicago hoodlum FELIX ALDERISIO.

SAM MINKUS, 1132 West Lunt, Chicago, advised SA's FRANCIS M. HENWOOD and LOGAN C. PICKERL on November 25, 1963, that he did not know the subject. MINKUS formerly operated National Publications, Inc., a sports handicapping service and is generally acquainted with gambling people in the Chicago area.

IRVING GORDON, 7410 Keystone, Skokie, Illinois, on November 25, 1963, advised SA's JAMES A. ABBOTT and CHARLES L. BROWN, JR. he was not acquainted with JACK RUBENSTEIN, also known as JACK RUBY. GORDON claimed he had never heard of RUBENSTEIN until the publicity concerning the murder of LEE HARVEY OLWALD. GORDON is an associate of many ranking Chicago hoodlums.

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Chicago columnist TONY WEITZEL advised on November 25, 1963, that RUBY may be an associate of DAVE "DINGY" HALPER, night club operator, Las Vegas, Nevada.

DAVID "DINGY" HALPER, 3478 Paradise Road, Apartment 139, Las Vegas, Nevada, temporarily domiciled at the Spa Hotel, Palm Springs, California, advised SA J. CLAYTON TAYLOR on November 25, 1963, he is assistant to the president, Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. He continued that he does not know JACK LEON RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD and cannot furnish any information concerning either of them.

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AT SKOKIE, ILLINOIS

BERNARD ROSENFELD, 4324 Enfield, Skokie, Illinois, Owner, Minor Music Company, age 36, advised SA EUGENE I. SATHER on November 27, 1963, that he had never heard of JACK RUBY by that name or any of his aliases and knew of no one that could possibly furnish any background information concerning him. ROSENFELD pointed out that he had read the newspapers concerning the assassination of the President and also noted that RUBY had left Chicago in approximately 1947 or 1948. He said that RUBY's departure would have been when he had just turned 20 years of age and was not associating with any individuals who would be acquainted with RUBY.