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ALFRED DAVIDSON, JR., was personally contacted by the writer at his temporary residence, Hollywood Parkway Motel, 11034 Ventura Boulevard, North Hollywood, California, Room 7 (telephone 763-8803) at which time he furnished substantially the following information:

During late September-early October, he was in Dallas, Texas, on business promoting a radio show, "The World of Fashion." He represented OLEG CASSINI, Women's Fashions, New York City. He was first introduced by phone to JACK RUBY by the Credit Manager of the Neiman-Marcus Department Store in Dallas. He thereafter went over to see RUBY at his Carousel Night Club, and for approximately the next six weeks (until November 15 or thereabouts) was befriended by RUBY. He saw him many times both during the day and at night at his night club.

Although he never met RUBY before, RUBY extended every hospitality to DAVIDSON, and RUBY refused to allow him to pick up any checks. DAVIDSON was toured about the city in RUBY's car from time to time. DAVIDSON stated that RUBY was apparently known by everyone in Dallas, was a friend of anyone who needed any help, knew everyone on the police force, treated them to free drinks, had a press pass on his car, had a police pass, and carried a revolver in the glove compartment of his car at all times although he did not have a permit. He claimed that he needed this revolver for protection inasmuch as he carried large sums of money with him from time to time, paying off his employees in cash, and not believing in the use of checking accounts. RUBY also indicated that he had friends and financial interests in Las Vegas, no details, and also had friends in Los Angeles, no details. As to the club itself, DAVIDSON always observed it as well run and proper. He considers RUBY as well fixed financially.

DAVIDSON characterizes RUBY as a glad-hander and a crusader for anyone who was wronged. As to the killing of OSWALD, he, DAVIDSON, was not surprised when RUBY was identified as the killer, and in fact had stated to a motel acquaintance when he had only been indicated on television as a night club owner, "I'll bet that was JACK RUBY."

It is DAVIDSON's opinion that RUBY, being of the nature that he is, and an admirer of President KENNEDY, took it upon

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himself to avenge what he considered to be a personal wrong. DAVIDSON stated that RUBY does not have the intelligence, education, or foresight to look ahead to the consequences of his act. DAVIDSON is certain, however, that RUBY cannot be considered insane.

Contrary to published reports, during his acquaintance with RUBY, he never saw any acts of violence or violent temper or any other abusive conduct on the part of RUBY.

DAVIDSON is not aware whether RUBY was acquainted with OSWALD.

RUBY telephonically contacted DAVIDSON at his current residence about four days ago merely for a social call.

DAVIDSON will soon move into his own business to be known as Alfred Davidson and Associates, Suite 107, in a building next to the KLAC Building, 5800 block, Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. In about two weeks, he will also move to another residence address on Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills, specific address not at hand immediately. He can always be reached through the law firm of his ex-father-in-law, J. ARTHUR WARNER, New York Financier, which in Los Angeles is Bautzer, Irwin, Schutzbank, and Schwab, 190 North Cannon Drive, Beverly Hills, California, telephone number CR 5-1212.

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RICHARD S. (DICK) HITT, 11339 Rupley Lane, Dallas, TEXAS
 Columnist for the Dallas Times Herald, who covers all night
 clubs and entertainment acts in the Dallas area, advised he
 met JACK RUBY about two years ago. He did not know that RUBY
 had used any other names. HITT recalls meeting RUBY at two
 parties and had been in the Carousel Lounge, which is a strip
 club, on one occasion.

RUBY has appeared at the office of HITT at the
 Dallas Times Herald on numerous occasions and has also contacted
 the president of the Dallas Times Herald complaining that both
 Dallas newspapers did not give him the proper write-ups on his
 Carousel and Vegas Clubs. HITT advised that his opinion of
 RUBY is he is very "pushing" and is very obnoxious.

HITT could furnish no additional information as he
 advised he did not care to carry anything in his column about
 RUBY and did not care to be around him.

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WILLIAM F. WILSON, Assistant Supervisor Texas Liquor Control Board, (TLCB), El Paso, Texas, residence 1304 Avalon Street, Apartment 8, advised on November 25, 1963, that he worked in Dallas ^{Texas} for seven or eight months as an "open" inspector in 1957. He advised that he knew RUBY casually through contacts in the performance of his duties. He advised that he knew nothing of RUBY's friends, associates, law enforcement or political contacts, subversive connections or other background. He advised that RUBY tried to give the impression that he could be "tough" if he had to be. He stated he did not know OSWALD and had never seen him.

WILSON suggested that the following individuals might know RUBY or have information regarding his associates, background and friends:

The CAMPESTI (phonetic) brothers who operate the Egyptian lounge in Dallas.

L. L. NEWMAN, former Dallas District Director for TLCB no longer employed by them, residing in Dallas.

"RUB" SCUTER, Dallas Police Department ^{Texas} Intelligence Division, and JOE RUSSELL WYATT, Farmerville, Texas, Dallas Police Department character who knows many Dallas characters. WILSON advised he has never met or seen OSWALD.

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On November 26, 1963, Mr. JACK KELLY GRIMES, Salesman, Wayne Reader Realty, 220 South Chester Avenue, telephone 831-4242, advised he resides at 2610 - 19th Street, Bakersfield, home telephone FA 3-5729. Mr. GRIMES related he knew JACK RUBY for a period of three months during the summer of 1959. GRIMES reported that during this period he was Vice President of the International Life Insurance Company, Austin, Texas. He said JAMES E. DUNN, II was then the President of this company. GRIMES said that JACK RUBY, JAMES E. DUNN, and JOE SLAYTON were during the summer of 1959, in partnership in the Sovereign Room, a club in an upstairs location on Commerce Street, across the street from the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas. GRIMES said during the summer of 1959, he had been in Dallas for the purpose of soliciting members for the Sovereign Room by contacting persons who were known to him because of having previously been contacted as life insurance clients. GRIMES said during the three month period he had daily contact with RUBY. He said these contacts were had exclusively at the Sovereign Room and that he could not recall ever having seen RUBY outside of this location. GRIMES said he has had no contact whatsoever with RUBY since the summer of 1959 and, therefore, would have no knowledge of his present activities, contacts, associates, or his current attitude. With reference to his activities before 1959, GRIMES said RUBY told him he previously resides in Chicago, Illinois. GRIMES said he knew nothing else concerning RUBY's activities before 1959.

GRIMES said he had never discussed national or international politics with RUBY and, therefore, had no idea as to the political thinking of RUBY. He said he knows of no connection that RUBY may have had with the Committee For Fair Play For Cuba, any possible acquaintanceship he may have had with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, or any radical or extremist views or activities RUBY may have had.

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GRIMES said he knows of no relative of RUBY with the exception of a sister, whose name he never knew, who RUBY had mentioned.

GRIMES said during his association with RUBY he had observed many uniformed officers and persons in plain clothes, who had been identified to him as being Dallas detectives, come into the Soverign Room where they were cordially greeted by RUBY who seemed to be well acquainted with them. He said he could not identify any of these officers by name. He said he assumed these officers came to the Soverign Room in line with their official duties as police officers.

Mr. GRIMES said that during the period of time he knew RUBY he found him to be a perfect gentleman at all times. He said he did not smoke, drink, or use foul language. He said RUBY had shown him a revolver which he said he thought was a colt cobra and that RUBY told him he carried the gun as a regular habit inasmuch as he had made enemies over the years because of the business he was in.

Mr. GRIMES said JOE SLAYTON and JAMES E. DUNN had withdrawn their interest in the Soverign Room and that it was their understanding an elderly man by the name of RALPH from Fort Worth, Texas, and RUBY had operated the Soverign Room after DUNN and SLAYTON withdrew their interest. Mr. GRIMES said that RALPH's complete identity would be known to JOE SLAYTON.

Mr. GRIMES said JAMES E. DUNN and JOE SLAYTON knew RUBY far better than he and said he felt quite certain that they would be able to furnish considerable background information concerning RUBY.

GRIMES said JAMES E. DUNN presently operates the Dunn Press at Louisville, Kentucky, where he said DUNN publicizes an insurance reporting service. Mr. GRIMES said JOE SLAYTON resides in Dallas, Texas, where

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he said he understands he now operates a drugstore. Mr. GRIMES said SLAYTON would be well known to practically all the business establishments on Commerce Street in Dallas.

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Mr. ART McGEE, 322 Westheimer, Houston, Texas, Promotional Representative and Song Writer for the "Impellas" stated that he wrote a letter in the Spring of 1963 to JACK RUBY at the Vegas Club in an effort to arrange an appearance for the band. He advised RUBY did not answer this letter. McGEE explained that he had first met RUBY in 1953 when McGEE was employed as a sports caster for radio station KLIF in Dallas. McGEE stated he was an occasional visitor of the Vegas Club, Dallas, and was casually acquainted with JACK RUBY. He stated he last visited the Vegas Club in the winter of 1960. McGEE said that in 1953 he believed RUBY had a partner named JOE BONDS who was convicted of sodomy and received an eight to ten year sentence. McGEE stated that BONDS jumped his bond and he does not know if he has ever been apprehended for this crime.

McGEE stated that he has no positive information concerning RUBY. He, however, advised that RUBY was a very business-like night club manager who he did not believe had any gambling connections but indicated he did place occasional small bets. He stated that RUBY did not appear to be deeply involved politically, although RUBY had indicated he was a "middle of the road Democrat".

McGEE stated that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was completely unknown to him prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY.

No connection was known between RUBY and OSWALD.

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Mrs. GENEVA FOSTER, 5955 Chandler Drive, San Diego, California, advised that when she heard the news that LEE OSWALD had been shot by JACK RUBY in Dallas, Texas, she contacted a friend of hers who is employed by a San Diego newspaper and told him she had known RUBY. FOSTER stated she was subsequently interviewed by newsmen and also appeared on television.

FOSTER stated that she was born and raised in Dallas, Texas, and left Dallas in 1957. She stated that in about 1955 and 1956, she went on several occasions to night clubs owned by RUBY where she danced with a friend of hers named BUDLY DE HAVEN. FOSTER stated she was never employed by RUBY, that she knew RUBY only casually, and had few encounters with him. FOSTER advised she knew RUBY by reputation as an arrogant, vulgar, obscene, and quick-tempered person, and added that everyone in Dallas knew RUBY.

FOSTER advised she did not know LEE OSWALD, nor did she know of any association between OSWALD and RUBY. FOSTER stated that on one occasion when she was a patron at a night club owned by RUBY, she saw RUBY with a money bag in his possession. Someone asked RUBY if he was not afraid to carry money with him, and he indicated that he had protection with him. However, FOSTER stated she never actually observed RUBY with a gun in his possession.

FOSTER stated that Mrs. BETTY JEAN SIMMS, 11361 Hermosa Drive, Fullerton, California, was formerly employed by JACK RUBY in Dallas and could possibly furnish specific information concerning RUBY.

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ROBERT KIRKWOOD, 1277 Bryden Road, Columbus, Ohio, was interviewed at his request. KIRKWOOD, a patient at Grant's Hospital, Columbus, furnished information to the Columbus Police Department that he formerly knew JACK RUBY. KIRKWOOD explained he left home, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1959, hitchhiked to Venice, Texas, to visit a girl. KIRKWOOD arrived in Dallas several days later without funds and stayed at the YMCA where he met JACK RUBY in the weight-lifting room. RUBY learned KIRKWOOD was without funds and gave him a job as cleaning man at the Vegas Club, Dallas, and furnished him a room at his residence. KIRKWOOD stated there were three bedrooms at this residence, the location not recalled, with RUBY sleeping in one bedroom, KIRKWOOD another and an unidentified man in the third room. KIRKWOOD stated he never met the third individual and could not recall his name.

KIRKWOOD did not know any associates of RUBY, other than employees whose names he could not recall who worked at the Vegas Club. He described RUBY as a nice person with a very hot temper. He never heard RUBY engage in political discussions and described him as a loyal American. KIRKWOOD stated he did not know OSWALD or any of RUBY's associates.

KIRKWOOD advised he cannot read or write and stated on November 24, 1963, he was interviewed by a Columbus, Ohio television station concerning his acquaintance with RUBY.

KIRKWOOD is a white male, born February 7, 1943, Rochester, Pennsylvania, occupation - electric motor mechanic, and married with two children. He claims no arrests except for drunk and petty theft while a youth.

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Mrs. Paxton Harold Gray
 Mrs. NONA GRAY, 211 Argo, San Antonio, Texas, who is *Ind*
 employed as a waitress at the Chuck Wagon Restaurant at
 Joske's of Texas Department Store, San Antonio, furnished
 the following information:

Mrs. GRAY said that in about 1955 *Ind* she married a
 man by the name of PAXTON HAROLD GRAY and that sometime *Texas*
 before they were married she learned that PAXTON HAROLD GRAY
 was acquainted with a man known to her as BEN RUBY, whom
 she understood was connected with a private bottle club in
 Dallas, Texas, which was known as the University Club.

Mrs. GRAY stated that she had seen on television
 pictures of JACK RUBY, also known as JACK RUBENSTEIN, the
 alleged killer of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Mrs. GRAY said that *Ind* PAXTON HAROLD GRAY got a divorce
 from her in the State of Indiana in 1958 or 1959, and she
 believes that he is at this time living in Dallas, Texas,
 where he is an independent oil operator and she also believes
 that he has remarried his former wife, EUNICE *Gray*

Mrs. GRAY said she had no further information
 as to the extent of association by PAXTON HAROLD GRAY and
 the individual known to her as BEN RUBY nor was she
 certain that the individual known to her as BEN RUBY is
 identical with JACK RUBY, the alleged killer of LEE HARVEY
 OSWALD but that she thought that they resembled each
 other.

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Mrs. IRVING KATZ, 6139 West San Vicente, Los Angeles, advised the following:

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She and her husband knew JACK RUBY for about four years, from 1956 to 1959, in Dallas, Texas. RUBY operated a night club and Mr. and Mrs. KATZ owned a record recording and distributor business and were in contact with RUBY primarily in a business way. I

She described RUBY as being anti-communist and anti-Russian, and proud to be an American; however, he was quick tempered and may have had connections with hoodlums because of his business activities. He came from a poor neighborhood in Chicago; was single and lived in Dallas with an older sister. He did not smoke or drink and claimed to be very religious. On occasion she has seen RUBY at the synagogue.

She understood that he was very well acquainted with officers in the Dallas Police Department and has heard him brag how close he was with the police. For that reason she described him as a braggart and ego-maniac and was not surprised because of his quick temper at what he did in shooting OSWALD.

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Mr. IRVING KATZ, 6139 West San Vicente, Los Angeles, and employed at Audio Magnetics Corp., 2100 West Washington, advised the following:

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He knew JACK RUBY from about 1955 to 1959 in Dallas, Texas when RUBY operated the Club Vegas. He had contact with RUBY because he was in the record recording and distributing business and RUBY would contact him on occasion to record a promising singer appearing at RUBY's club.
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KATZ described RUBY as a lonely man and an extrovert who had come from a poor family from Chicago's south side and that RUBY bought friendship.

He knew RUBY to be friendly with many officers of the Dallas Police Department and was a name dropper who would mentioned their names and others at any opportunity.

He knew RUBY carried a pistol, either .22 or .38, like many people in Dallas and assumed it was because RUBY carried money from the club to the bank.

If RUBY liked a person he would do anything for them and often acted on impulse. He did not consider RUBY to have a killer instinct. RUBY disliked hoodlums and as far as he knew, had no connections with them. RUBY did associate with persons of poor reputation, but also was friends with legitimate people.

RUBY often spoke of his despising the communists or any anti-Americans. He also disliked super-Americans of the type of the American Legion in Dallas.

He occasionally saw RUBY at the synagogue and from conversations believed that RUBY had reembraced Judaism. He believed RUBY to be sincere, honest and and outspoken American who ran a pretty clean operation at his club, but could become violent and on occasion when customers were out of line was known to have thrown them out of the club bodily.

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PAT H. MORGAN, Route 2, Box 191, Edmond, Oklahoma, advised he is presently employed with Exline-Lowden Company, 1818 South Ervay, Dallas, as Oklahoma Sales Representative. MORGAN met RUBY about 2 years ago in Club Dallas, 206 1/2 Browder, Supper club in Dallas, Texas, owned by MORGAN. He met RUBY at the grand opening of the club. MORGAN and RUBY had business and social acquaintances, but were not intimate friends. MORGAN never visited RUBY's home nor was RUBY in MORGAN's home. MORGAN last saw RUBY about four months ago in RUBY's club when MORGAN stopped in to say hello.

MORGAN considers RUBY a gregarious, generous, and kind person whose only close friend was GEORGE SENATOR, his roommate. To MORGAN's knowledge, RUBY was never a member of any radical political group and in fact appeared to be very patriotic, though he never talked politics.

MORGAN recalls RUBY advising MORGAN, since MORGAN new to night club business, to run a straight and clean club and treat any "punks" as "poison" and not to tolerate any of hoodlum element, but to call Police Department if they appeared in club and made trouble. MORGAN knew RUBY had high regard for Dallas Police Department and RUBY took pride in knowing many officers. MORGAN knew of no association by RUBY with criminal element.

MORGAN advised he does not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and never saw OSWALD in company of RUBY. He never saw RUBY carry a gun or show any violence out of the ordinary. MORGAN feels RUBY shot OSWALD because of love for country and President. MORGAN knows of no associates of RUBY in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

HUBERT DANE HARRIS, Principal Owner of Vapors Club, a night club and gambling establishment, Hot Springs, Arkansas, advised RUBENSTEIN is unknown to him. He stated JERRY ROSENBERG, a gambler from Dallas, Texas, was formerly employed in the casino at the Vapors Club and is possibly acquainted with RUBENSTEIN. He stated if RUBENSTEIN has ever frequented Hot Springs, ROSENBERG would have knowledge of his activity in that area and possibly in Dallas. AYK.

ROSENBERG presently resides and is employed in Dallas. He normally frequents the Variety Club at the Holiday Inn in Dallas each afternoon where he plays gin rummy with other individuals.

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Mr. JERRY ROSENBERG, 5220 Boca Raton, telephone EM 8-6930, advised he has made his living by gambling and has been to Hot Springs, Arkansas. He stated he is familiar with the name of JACK RUBY and believes he is a member of his church; however, he has not associated with RUBY at any time and has no information concerning his activities of whom his friends might be.

Mr. ROSENBERG said he is a very close friend of ABE WEINSTEIN who operates a night club in competition with JACK RUBY, and on this basis alone he would not have anything to do with JACK RUBY.

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JAMES STROBERG, age 22, 2608 North 17th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma, advised as follows:

He is employed in the mornings at the Stardust Club, 602 South 23rd Street, Lawton, to clean up the place. His mother, HELEN GLOWEINKI, works there at night as bartender.

On November 22, 1963, a Friday, he had just about completed his work and it was right around noon, as he recalls he had just heard a news flash over television channel 7 that President Kennedy had been shot in Dallas, Texas. Shortly after he heard this flash, a telephone call came in on the pay telephone in the Club, and he answered the ring. The caller was a woman, and he believes she stated her name and said she was calling from Texas; however, he cannot recall what name she stated or if she named a city in Texas. She asked for BENNYE BURNSIDE, whom STROBERG knew to be the piano player in the band at the Club. He told the woman calling that BENNYE was not there at the time and she then asked if he had had the television turned on. He replied that he had, and she said that President Kennedy had been shot.

The woman calling asked that he give the message to BENNYE when he saw him, that President KENNEDY had been shot. STROBERG said he definitely got the impression the woman asked that he tell BENNYE the President had been shot, and not that her message was just to tell BENNYE she had called.

He said the woman stated she would call back later that day to try and talk with BENNYE. She left no number or other message, and he could recall nothing further of this conversation.

At the time of this call, he said he did not know that BENNYE no longer worked at the Stardust Club so this information was not given to the woman caller. He does not know if she called back again later that day or not, as he left the Club soon after.

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Billy Burnside

BENNYE Y. BURNSIDE, 6508 South Peoria Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, stated JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD are unknown to him and had no information concerning their associates. BURNSIDE was employed as a pianist for SAMMY INCARDONA, Dallas, Texas from December 15, 1962 through February, 1963. He was employed by DALE McBRIDE, Lampasas, Texas from March 19, 1963 until July 6, 1963. During employment with INCARDONA and McBRIDE, BURNSIDE traveled to different night spots in Texas and only had one engagement in Dallas at Lu Ann's Club sometime during 1963; exact date unknown. BURNSIDE employed as a pianist at Stardust Club, Lawton, Oklahoma, November 12 through 19, 1963. He terminated his employment as he did not like location and gave excuse when leaving that his mother was ill in Mississippi. BURNSIDE's mother was in the hospital in Mississippi and he planned to travel to Mississippi but first went to Tulsa. B. Sept 4, 1963 After his arrival in Tulsa, he learned his mother was not extremely ill so he postponed his trip. He plans to travel to Ellisville, Mississippi on November 27, 1963, to visit with mother and later plans to enter Mississippi Southern College in December.

BURNSIDE was in the United States Air Force during 1961 and stationed at Wichita Falls, Texas, where he met Mrs. ANGIE NELSON, widow of deceased Doctor R. L. NELSON, 2204 Avondale Drive, Wichita Falls. ~~Connally~~ the only person known who would have knowledge of his recent employment at Stardust Club. She frequently telephonically contacts BURNSIDE at clubs where he is performing and often leave messages for him if he is not available. BURNSIDE described Mrs. NELSON as a heavy drinker, is emotionally unstable but is socially prominent in Wichita Falls. Governor JOHN CONNALLY reportedly attended party given by Mrs. NELSON on October 24, 1963.

BURNSIDE stated Mrs. NELSON called him three or four times on the last day he was in Lawton, Oklahoma, but conversation was general in nature and nothing was mentioned of instant matter. He could offer no explanation as to why Mrs. NELSON called the Stardust Club and left a message saying it was important he be told of the President's death, other than her emotional instability. BURNSIDE stated that Mrs. NELSON has not called him since he left Lawton, Oklahoma, nor has he received any other long distance calls since he has been in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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BURNSIDE stated he knew of no other person who would have contacted Stardust Club and asked for BILLY, other than Mrs. NELSON. He used names BILL and BILLY BURNSIDE while employed by DALE McBRDIE, but McBRIDE did not know BURNSIDE was in Lawton.

BURNSIDE described as a white male, American, born September 4, 1938 at Laurel, Mississippi, 5'9", 145 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes, occupation given as pianist and student, served in United States Air Force August 17, 1961 through November 5, 1962, received medical discharge, serial number AF 14760916. Mother is MAUDIE LEE BURNSIDE, Ellisville, Mississippi. Father is deceased.

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JACK D. LAGOW, Route 2, Box 87H, Louisville, Texas, telephone KE. 9-2290, self-employed builder and lumber dealer, voluntarily appeared at the Dallas FBI Office, accompanied by ALBERT J. BERGERON, 6256 Turner Way, Dallas, and provided information concerning JACK RUBY.

He first met JACK RUBY in 1958 when about a thousand lots, lake property, were auctioned off, JACK RUBY purchasing several of these lots, allegedly for speculative purposes, intending to resell them. He said RUBY made a down payment of \$200 or \$300 and said he would have to get the balance of the amount out of Chicago. He does not remember who RUBY intended to obtain the money from, but presumed it was from a friend or a relative, the amount involved only \$1,000 or \$2,000. Within a short time after he made the down payment, he completed paying the purchase price and LAGOW signed the deeds pertaining to that property. He does not remember if all of the lots were deeded to RUBY. The deeds were recorded in Tarrant County, Texas. In connection with that transaction, he was in contact with JACK RUBY "half a dozen times" in 1958.

When he first met him, RUBY was accompanied by an unidentified man and woman. He recalled a dog was with them. LAGOW at that time was Vice President of Casa Linda Lumber Company, Zacha and Fuller Drive, Dallas.

The next time he had any contact with JACK RUBY was in 1959 at Club Vegas, Dallas. LAGOW then had become self-employed in the building business and was hiring a carpenter named BILL, last name not remembered. That carpenter got in jail following a fight at Brand's Tavern, Samuels Boulevard, Dallas, and was arrested by the Dallas Police Department. BILL called LAGOW to get him out of jail that night, which was at about 3:00 AM. In trying to locate a place to cash a check to obtain enough money to pay BILL's fine, or make his bond, he stopped at JACK RUBY's Club Vegas merely because it was about the only place still open. RUBY cashed the check for him. He has had no further contact with RUBY and never saw him again until he saw him on live television on the morning he shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

LAGOW has no knowledge RUBY is affiliated with any subversive organizations and has no knowledge of any association between RUBY and OSWALD. LAGOW does not know OSWALD.

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