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Date December 2, 1963

Telephone number HA 7-3172 is listed to Mar-Din Company, 404 South Wells Street, Chicago, according to a Public Service Telephone Operator.

On November 29, 1963, HENRY KENTER, President and Treasurer, Mar-Din Company, home address 1428 Madison Street, Evanston, Illinois, was interviewed and stated that he has headed the firm for the last 25 years and the firm was incorporated in 1956. Mr. SIDNEY KOLLER, 1900 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, is the Vice President and Secretary. The firm is engaged in the business of selling promotional items, executives/gifts, dealer loading items, safety awards and incentive gifts. Up until about five years ago, his firm did business with Earl Products Company, which was originally operated by EARL, SAM, and JACK RUBY. A sister was also connected with the firm, but he did not know her name. As he recalled, the first business he had with Earl Products Company was concerning the sale of Aluminum salt and pepper shakers, which was probably about twenty years ago. He recalled meeting JACK RUBY on only one occasion about that time, however, knew nothing concerning his personal life or the personal lives of other members of the RUBY family. As he recalled, JACK RUBY sold his share of the business about 18 years ago and moved to Dallas, Texas, however, he did not know the reason behind his leaving Chicago. He believed that EARL RUBY sold the business about five years ago and he has had no contact with him since that time.

Sometime between November 1, and November 5, 1963, a telephone call was received from JACK RUBY at his place of business, however, he was out to lunch at the time and did not speak with RUBY. On about the fifth of November, he spoke with RUBY over the phone from Dallas, and JACK RUBY advised him that EARL RUBY had told him to call Mar-Din Company as concerns the sale of a twist waist exerciser. RUBY was very enthusiastic about this item and he understood RUBY to be the sales agent for it. When he learned of the price RUBY was asking for the item, he told him that he would not be interested. At a later date, RUBY mailed a twist waist exerciser and promotional material bearing the name Earl Products Company, Post Office Box 5475, Dallas, Texas. Also included was an advertisement from the Sanger Harris Store in Dallas concerning the twist waist exerciser, which was apparently printed in a

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local Dallas paper.

He believed that he called RUBY after RUBY had attempted to call him in Chicago, and this therefore, would have been the first conversation he had had with JACK RUBY in the last 17 or 18 years. Nothing other than the twist waist exerciser was discussed and he has not heard from RUBY personally since that time.

He could furnish no information concerning RUBY's personal life or political beliefs.

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The New York Office has advised as follows:

BARNEY ROSS, former prize fighter, New York City, on November 25, 1963, advised as follows:

He has known RUBY as "SPARKY" RUBENSTEIN since about 1927, as ROSS and RUBY grew up in the same area of the 24th Ward, Chicago, Illinois. RUBY used to hang around Lawndale Restaurant in Chicago, which ROSS frequented. RUBY also was usually present when ROSS boxed as an amateur and later as a professional fighter. RUBY was never on ROSS' payroll and never borrowed money from ROSS. RUBY did not have any employment, but acted as a free-lance salesman selling small items of jewelry. RUBY has telephonically contacted ROSS several times a year over the past ten or twelve years from Dallas, Texas. The purpose of these calls was attempts made by RUBY to secure talent for RUBY's club in Dallas, as ROSS is associated with a talent agency in New York City. ROSS last heard from RUBY telephonically about three months ago. ROSS never did secure any talent for RUBY.

ROSS last met RUBY accidentally about two years ago in Chicago. ROSS described RUBY as well-behaved, quiet, an individual who was never a troublemaker, and who was never involved with any law enforcement agency, and never involved in any subversive activities.

Investigation by the New York Office reflects JACK RUBY, giving address 223 South Ewing, and Carousel Club, Dallas, Texas, checked into the New York Hilton Hotel, 10:59 PM, August 4, 1963, and departed 4:40 PM, August 6, 1963. RUBY told registration clerk he was in New York City to look for "talent" for his club in Dallas. Interview of other hotel employees concerning the purpose of RUBY's visit to New York City was negative.

While at the hotel, RUBY made the following long distance telephone calls:

Los Angeles, Area Code 213, 5230930, 8/4/63;  
Two calls to Area Code 213, 2740043, 8/4/63 & 8/5/63;  
Dallas, two calls to Area Code 214, 7472362, 8/4 & 5/63;  
Call, 8/5/63 to 5284775;  
8/5/63, one call to c. William, Canada, Area Code 807,  
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JACK KEISTER KELLEY, <sup>BORN: MARCH 1909</sup> age 54, operator of the King Kurl Drive-In Restaurant, 2020 Court Street, advised that he was the individual who had been contacted by newspaper reporters yesterday, and had indicated that he had known JACK RUBY several years ago. He stated he knew RUBY primarily in Chicago. He stated that the information he furnished the newspaper reporter was substantially the truth as it appeared in the press.

It was noted that he had indicated to the press that he was a former entertainer and night club master of ceremonies and an ex-comic in Chicago, that he had known RUBY in 1944 and had scoffed at the idea of a patriotic motive being involved by RUBY in the slaying of OSWALD. He reportedly stated that he "could not see RUBY as pushing a thing through like this out of patriotism. That he might do it for publicity or might do it for money."

JACK KEISTER KELLEY advised that he had been a club comic and entertainer and master of ceremonies in night clubs and taverns in Chicago for most of the years of the 1940's and that he has been employed in various night spots, actually throughout the Nation, for short engagements of a week or two, and that he has used the stage name of "M. T. HEAD."

He related that he is actually only a casual acquaintance of RUBY, that RUBY first came to his attention in Chicago about 1943. He stated he first knew JACK RUBY as JACK RUBENSTEIN and that he believed that RUBENSTEIN had legally had his name changed to RUBY, and believed that one or two of his brothers and sisters had done likewise. He recalled that he first knew of RUBY, who was subsequently to be referred to as "SPARKY" RUBY when he was playing as an entertainer in the Famous Door, Broadway and Diversey Streets in Chicago. He stated that "SPARKY" RUBY was employed there as a bouncer. He stated the Chicago Famous Door was owned by PAT MC CLAREN. He stated he heard a year or two ago that Mr. MC CLAREN had suffered a heart attack

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and may now be deceased. He related that Mr. PAT MC CLAREN apparently owns several night spots and could not have them all actually in his own name, under various state or Federal laws, and that he recalled the Famous Door, at the time he was there, was managed by SAMMY HAAS, whom KELLEY now believes to be deceased. During the time he first knew of "SPARKY" RUBY at the Famous Door, KELLEY related that he noticed that at times, RUBY was seen by him to be wearing a hearing aid. At times, he was not wearing the hearing aid, but seemed to hear alright without it. KELLEY stated that at the time he did not know RUBY well, but inquired of persons who apparently had prior knowledge of RUBY, as to RUBY's wearing the hearing aid, and he received replies to the effect that RUBY's hearing was not impaired but that RUBY was evading service in World War II or the draft.

KELLEY related he next knew of RUBY at the Club Aloha, on West Madison in Chicago, beyond Western, in 1944 or 1955. This club was operated by JOHNNY MEROLA. KELLEY was not sure if RUBY was employed there or just hung out there.

KELLEY next recalls seeing RUBY about 1945 or 1946 in the Gaiety Club, on northwest side of Chicago near the elevated tracks, where RUBY was selling combination gambling tickets on a horse race, the race being referred to as the "Stars and Stripes Race" at a local Chicago track. KELLEY could not recall the name of the owner or the manager of the Gaiety Club at that time.

About 1946, KELLEY stated he next knew of RUBY in the Argyle Lounge. He stated that this was a Mr. EPSTIN's place, and was located under the elevated tracks in Chicago, where RUBY was either hanging out or was possibly employed as a bouncer. Mr. KELLEY related that EPSTIN was shot in his place about four or five years ago and he believed that he was shot dead at the time or died as a result of the shooting.

KELLEY related that he next knew of "SPARKY" RUBY about 1948, when he (KELLEY) was engaged to act as master of ceremonies

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by a man from Hammond, Indiana, who had previously owned or did own at the time, the Zig-Zag Tavern in Calumet City, Illinois. KELLEY stated this man, whose name he cannot now recall, bought a small night club in Calumet Heights, Illinois, and engaged KELLEY to act as master of ceremonies. Mr. KELLEY recalled that this club was closed in ten weeks because it was losing money, but that during two weeks of this ten weeks, RUBY was employed there as the bouncer.

KELLEY related that he had not seen or heard of RUBY since 1948, until about 1958 or 1959. KELLEY related that he was seeking employment and was looking up "show people" in Los Angeles, Las Vegas and other points, and happened to run into RUBY in Dallas, Texas.

KELLEY related that he was not only seeking employment by visiting various cities and stopping in at taverns and small night clubs having entertainers, but was also stopping by these places to merely say hello to the "show people" and hoping that he might run into someone he knew. He stated it was by this activity on his part that he accidentally entered the Carousel Club in Dallas, and happened to run into "SPARKY" RUBY again. KELLEY related he did not know that RUBY was in Dallas, Texas, that he visited with him for a few minutes and drew the conclusion at the time that RUBY was either the owner or manager of this club.

KELLEY recalls that "SPARKY" RUBY was a rather quiet man, that he had no particular male associates or friends. He stated, however, that he was always interested in girls and that he almost always had a girlfriend with him but had never went steady with any one girl. He stated these girls were always of the caliber found in small night clubs, acting as entertainers or hostesses in these type places. KELLEY stated that since he had heard of the assault on OSWALD, that this had been the first he had heard of RUBY since he had seen him in Dallas about 1958 or 1959.

KELLEY stated that he would actually know of no person in Chicago or elsewhere who would be considered to be a friend or associate of RUBY and that he certainly has no information

regarding the recent activities or associations of RUBY.

KELLEY related that he certainly could never consider RUBY as being a person overly patriotic and that he would base this opinion on what he had learned about RUBY back in 1943 and 1944 when he drew the conclusion that apparently RUBY was a draft dodger. KELLEY stated that neither could he consider RUBY to possess any un-American sympathies. He stated he did not believe that RUBY was at all interested in politics of any kind and certainly that he had not displayed any un-American sympathies in any way at the times he had known him.

KELLEY related that he does not believe that RUBY would therefore kill OSWALD out of sheer patriotism, but stated that he might do it for publicity or that he might do it for money or might do this due to his temper when overly excited.

KELLEY stated that RUBY was usually a quiet man, that in acting as a floor-walker or bouncer in the night clubs, he was usually quiet and easy to get along with, but that when RUBY lost his temper, he would do things that he might not ordinarily do if he could control his temper. KELLEY related that apparently it is due to his hot temper that he gained the nickname of "SPARKY" RUBY.

Mr. KELLEY stated that he has, himself, spent considerable time in small Chicago night spots, and has been in Peoria, Illinois, on several occasions, working as an entertainer. He stated he had never heard of RUBY in Peoria; however, he recalled on one occasion, and he was not able to recall the exact night club, that while he was entertaining, he believed that he had noted this man, RUBY, to appear in the audience with what appeared to be a show girl, that he noted the man momentarily and thought it was RUBY, and after he had finished his performance, he was seeking out RUBY in the audience but did not locate him. Mr. KELLEY related that apparently, RUBY was merely passing through Peoria, and insofar as he can ascertain, RUBY would not be known to anyone that he could think of in Peoria, as he had never known RUBY to be in Peoria, other than possibly just passing through.

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Mr. KELLEY related that these particular clubs in the Chicago, Illinois, area where he had known of RUBY to either hang out or to be employed occasionally as a bouncer, were, to the best of his knowledge, clubs that were independently owned and were not in any way that he knew of, connected with any of the alleged organized crime outfits or syndicates in Chicago. KELLEY related, therefore, that he would consider that RUBY had no connection with any organized crime in the Chicago area. He stated, of course, he would be unable to relate what his associations have actually been over the years, as he did not know him well, other than as a casual acquaintance and certainly would not know of his associations in Dallas, Texas.



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On November 26, 1963, PHIL UDELL, also known as "PIEFEL", owner of Lakewood Iron and Metal Company, 1305 West Belmont, advised he had known "SPARKY" RUBENSTEIN for approximately thirty-years. UDELL described RUBY as a clean-cut individual who did possess a hot temper and was good with his fists but who was, however, 100 per cent patriotic. UDELL stated RUBY was a ticket scalper and all around "hustler" who was not, however, connected with organized crime or the "syndicate" in Chicago. UDELL recalled RUBY was partner of HARRY EPSTEIN in a punch board business. TEMS

UDELL admits knowing LENNIE PATRICK, West Side hoodlum and stated RUBENSTEIN also knew PATRICK, claimed, however, neither worked for PATRICK. He recalled RUBY obtained a job with Scrap Metal Union from a man who was later killed and replaced by PAUL DORFMAN. UDELL recalled during approximately 1940, he and RUBY and others were en route to a boxing match at White City, Illinois, when they approached a small Nazi bund rally consisting of uniformed bund members. UDELL recalled this irritated the group and they broke up the meeting.

UDELL concluded by describing RUBY as a sports fan, a lady's man, who enjoyed dancing and a clean living individual who neither drank nor smoked. He stated he was shocked over the murder of OSWALD by RUBY and stated it was his opinion that RUBY was simply overwhelmed with sorrow at the President's death and inasmuch as he had easy access to the Dallas Police Department, he committed an act which "a lot of us would have liked to have done".

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by Special Agent JOHN R. BASSETT gj 49 Date dictated 11/30/63

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Date December 2, 1963

Telephone number NE 1-1489 is registered to DEWEY ASTON, 7708 West North Shore, according to a Public Service Telephone Operator. *Ill.*

CHERYL ASTON 7708 West North Shore, advised that between June, 1963 and the end of August, she was a waitress at Henrici's Restaurant, Mannheim and Higgins Roads, Rosemont, Illinois, (near O'Hare International Airport). Late in July or early in August, she served a table of six, including three men and three women, one evening and later in the evening after they had left, she was called to the telephone at the restaurant. The individual on the line was JACK RUBY, who was calling from O'Hare Airport and who stated that he was in the party of six whom she had served and he was struck by her beauty and her resemblance to ELIZABETH TAYLOR. He said that he was the owner of the Carousel and the Vegas Clubs in Dallas, Texas, and did not have time to talk to her at this time, but would call her again. He then hung up.

She stated she thought it was just another "nut" who was trying to date her. The next day at home, however, she received a long distance call from RUBY in Dallas, and on this occasion, he again stated that he thought she resembled ELIZABETH TAYLOR and told her that he had film connections and could get her a screen test if she desired. She declined and stated that she was only working to obtain money to go to college and was not interested in any offer he might make. She told him she is 18 years old, was determined to go to college and told him definitely that she was not interested in coming to Dallas. He explained the nature of his night clubs and told her that she was too nice a girl to work as a waitress and he would certainly not want her to work in one of his clubs, and that he was sincerely interested in helping her out, even to financing her education. She again told him she was not interested and discontinued the conversation.

She stated that subsequently, he called once or twice and on one occasion she was not home and he left a message. She called the Carousel Club in Dallas, obtaining the number through information, talked to RUBY and told him she was not

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interested in anything he had to offer and would appreciate him not bothering her or her family as she was going away to school. She stated she has had no further contact with RUBY since that last phone call, which was probably in the first week of September.

CHERYL ASTON stated that her opinion of RUBY was that he was "giving her a line" and yet he seemed to be interested in a more fatherly way because he was not at all suggestive in his conversations and had he been, she would have immediately hung up on his telephone calls. She also stated that she did not know how he had obtained her last name and home telephone number, but recalled that after getting the call at home the next day, she asked the night manager of Henrici's, Mr. PAUL STRAND, who is a part time manager and part time college student at the University of Illinois, about RUBY. He stated he knew nothing about him and he might have called and obtained her last name and/or telephone number from the switchboard operator. CHERYL believed that might be the case and did not check further.

She stated that during their conversation there was no mention of politics or anything connected with politics, but does recall that he bragged a lot about Dallas and when talking about having film connections, mentioned MIKE TODD in a manner which would lead one to believe that he knew MIKE TODD, although he never said that directly. She stated that this week after learning that OSWALD had been shot by one JACK RUBY, the owner of the Carousel Club, she knew that it was the individual who had called her and thereafter looked at his picture in the paper and vaguely recognized who he was. She stated that her only thought about his personality was that he was very personable and friendly and seemed a happy type individual. CHERYL advised that she is presently attending Clark College in Dubuque, Iowa, and is home for the holidays.

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Mr. IRWIN BERKE, 5807 Alcove, <sup>Date</sup> advised that he is the owner of Irwin Berke's Charcoal Broiler Restaurant, 5338 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, North Hollywood and that his home telephone number is PO 6-2952 and his business telephone number is 769-9280.

Mr. BERKE advised that he is originally from Chicago, Illinois and that in 1936 he began the occupation of song plugger in Chicago. He advised that he worked for Shapiro-Bernstein Music Publishers, 54 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that in this connection he has a vague recollection of some association with an individual by the name of JACK RUBY, whose true name could be JACK RUBINSTEIN.

Mr. BERKE advised that he could not recall what this man looked like, but believes he was possibly associated with JACK HOWARD. Mr. BERKE explained that JACK HOWARD was also a song plugger and also had an office in the 54 West Randolph Street Building. He stated that he does not know where JACK HOWARD would be at the present time, but does know that in about 1945 JACK HOWARD had a music store in the Loop End Building, next to the Chicago Theater Building on State Street. Mr. BERKE stated that this business is no longer in existence. BERKE further stated that HOWARD had a brother, whose name he cannot recall, and who he believes was connected with the hoodlum element in Chicago. This brother was also associated with JACK HOWARD as a song plugger. Mr. BERKE stated that he believes the JACK RUBINSTEIN that he has reference to was connected with the HOWARD brothers.

BERKE advised that he has seen pictures of JACK RUBY from Dallas, Texas on both the television screen and newspapers and does not recall him as anyone whom he knew in Chicago. He advised that possibly if he saw a picture of JACK RUBY taken during the 1930's or 1940's he would be able to state definitely whether he had had any contacts with this man or if he was the JACK RUBINSTEIN whom he connects with the HOWARD brothers.

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North Hollywood, California

Los Angeles 44-895

On SA EUGENE T. TUGGEY, JR.:mjg File # 11/29/63

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Mr. BERKE advised that he married his wife, ROSYLIN, in Chicago, Illinois in 1939. About one year after their marriage, Mrs. BERKE's parents, Mr. and Mrs. SAM JAFFE moved from Chicago, Illinois to Muncie, Indiana. Mr. JAFFE went to work for his nephew, LAWSON JAFFE, who owned a jewelry store in Muncie, Indiana. LAWSON JAFFE owned both the jewelry store and the building in which the jewelry store was located. After World War II, LAWSON JAFFE sold the jewelry store and SAM JAFFE opened up a small jewelry store on the second floor of the same building. He further advised that SAM JAFFE also managed this building and collected the rent for LAWSON JAFFE after LAWSON JAFFE sold the jewelry store business.

Mr. BERKE advised that he and his wife, during the 1940's prior to his entry into military service in about 1944 and for several years after his discharge, during the period approximately 1946 and 1947, did travel on numerous occasions from Chicago, Illinois to Muncie, Indiana to visit Mrs. BERKE's parents. He advised that on none of these occasions was he ever accompanied by a JACK RUBINSTEIN or JACK RUBY. He stated that he has never traveled from Chicago, Illinois to Muncie, Indiana with such a person.

Mr. BERKE did advise that there was some type of hall on the third floor of the building owned by LAWSON JAFFE and that this was a rather "miserable place". He stated that he knows of no meetings held in this hall that he ever attended or that LAWSON or SAM JAFFE attended.

Mr. BERKE advised that the names PHILLIP JASSER, MORTON STANDT and HERBERT and MORTON PAZOL are familiar to him as business associates of SAM and LAWSON JAFFE in Muncie, Indiana. He advised that he is not aware of any Communist Party activities on the part of any of these people or any communist type meetings ever attended by any of these people.

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Mr. BERKE suggested the name of MARTY BRIN, who he believes is presently a salesman for a beer company in Chicago, as a person who knew many of the people in and around Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois during the late 1930's and early 1940's. He advised that BRIN during that period operated a tavern on the main floor of the 54 West Randolph Street Building.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs  
GEORGE H. PERKINS and LENARD A. WOLF:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On November 25, 1963, SPERO PALADINO and ALEX  
MAKAROPOLOS, operators of Club Rouge, advised that it was  
HARRY RUBENSTEIN who had formerly operated this club as well  
as the Brass Rail and Hollywood Clubs. They stated that HARRY  
RUBENSTEIN is not, as far as they have been able to determine,  
related to JACK RUBENSTEIN.

On November 26, 1963,  
/AL MILSTEIN, operator of Stop-Light Lounge, 4759 West  
Roosevelt Road, Cicero, Illinois, advised that he had never  
met JACK RUBENSTEIN but that he had heard of him. He said  
that he believes RUBENSTEIN, around 1948 to 1950, had operated  
the Club Rouge, a strip-tease joint on Madison or Randolph,  
between Dearborn and Clark Streets. He said that this club  
is still in existence. He said that he believed RUBENSTEIN  
had also operated another tavern in Chicago at the same time.  
MILSTEIN was asked if he knew if the RUBENSTEIN who operated  
the Club LaRouge was the same man who had been arrested for  
the shooting of LEE OSWALD. MILSTEIN said that the name was  
the same, and he assumed they were the same individuals.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs  
JAMES A. ABBOTT and CHARLES L. BROWN, Jr.:

MAISHI BAER, operator, H and H Restaurant, LaSalle  
Street ( a known hangout for Chicago bookmakers, gamblers,  
"juice" men, and petty hoodlums), advised that he knew JACK  
RUBY about 17 years ago when they were "hustlers" in the Maxwell  
Street Market area. He stated he has not seen RUBY since that  
time and refused to comment further, stating that he does not  
know anything and does not want to "get involved". BAER  
tried to reach his attorney before talking with Agents, with  
negative results, and became incensed to think that the FBI  
would come to him concerning RUBY.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs  
RICHARD M. KIRBY and LOUIS S. CRAIG:

On November 25, 1963, ROY LOVE, proprietor of the New Lawndale Restaurant, advised that he has only been running the restaurant for about five years and is not acquainted with RUBY. He stated that AL HARRIS was the former owner of the restaurant for a period of about 20-25 years before he, LOVE, bought him out. He stated that to the best of his knowledge HARRIS now resides in Miami, Florida, and that he is retired receiving a pension from Social Security. LOVE stated that he heard from an unrecalled individual that JACK RUBY had stopped by the New Lawndale Restaurant approximately three years ago, but he could furnish no additional information concerning this. He could furnish no information concerning any other members of RUBY's family or any connections he may have had in Dallas.

JACK PHILLIPS, Proprietor of a Standard Oil Station, 3818 Roosevelt Road, advised that he recalled JACK RUBY as living in the neighborhood in the late 1930's or early 1940's and believed that RUBY lived in the 600 block on South Independence Boulevard. He stated that RUBY was known as "Sparky", and his name at that time was RUBENSTEIN. PHILLIPS was also acquainted with RUBY's brother, EARL RUBENSTEIN, who occasionally stopped in at the gas station. He described JACK RUBY as being a "hustler" and a "scalper" and could furnish no additional information concerning the manner in which RUBY made his living. He could furnish no information concerning any other members of RUBY's family or any connections he may have had in Dallas.



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SAM BARBEE, 1830 Palma Vista, Captain of Stardust Hotel Lounge, advised he resided in Dallas, Texas, from 1956 to 1962, and was in charge of the Empire Room, Hilton Hotel, that city. He stated he knew JACK RUBY as the owner of the Vegas Club, Dallas, and remembered RUBY as always promoting this club and persuading BARBEE to direct Hilton Hotel customers to it. BARBEE said that he had only been to the Vegas Club on one occasion and that was because of a Turkish Belly Dancer group appearing there that he wanted to see.

BARBEE advised he knows very little concerning RUBY's personal life, associates or activities, recalling RUBY as a "loner" and did not remember his ever being accompanied by a woman. He could not associate RUBY with any political group and did not believe he had ever heard him mention national or world affairs. He stated that he did recall that RUBY was an admirer of police officers and employed several in his club primarily as "bouncers."

BARBEE stated that he did not believe RUBY had been to Las Vegas since BARBEE's arrival in 1962, or he would have heard about it. He knew of no persons presently in Las Vegas that knew RUBY.

On 11/26/63 at Las Vegas, Nevada File # LV 44-48  
 by SA JAMES E. DOYLE JED:alf Date dictated 11/26/63

Date 11/30/63Mr & Mrs

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ANDY M. BLOOMER, 810 South 10th Street, Monroe, Louisiana, employed as a Monroe City Fireman, advised that approximately November, 1962, he, his wife, GLENN BLOOMER and his cousin, BARBARA MESSINA, visited Dallas, Texas with his cousin, WYLIE ERDWURM and his wife, BARBARA. All of these people went to the Carousel Club in Dallas. It was his understanding that BARBARA MESSINA, WYLIE and BARBARA ERDWURM had been to this Club before and were acquainted with JACK RUBY, owner of the Club. JRS

Mr. BLOOMER advised that his party spent about six hours at the Club and were guests of JACK RUBY. During the course of the evening, RUBY visited at their table two or three times but was primarily occupied in the operation of the Club. When the Club closed RUBY invited Mr. and Mrs. BLOOMER, Mr. and Mrs. ERDWURM and BARBARA MESSINA to be his guests at breakfast. Also accompanying them to breakfast was MICKY last name unknown, an employee of the Club, MICKY's girl, name unknown and an elderly white man, name unknown, who he understood was a close friend of RUBY. They all rode in this elderly man's Cadillac.

Mr. BLOOMER advised that on the following day prior to their return to Monroe, Louisiana, he, his wife, BARBARA MESSINA and BARBARA ERDWURM went by the Carousel Club and visited for a short time with RUBY.

Mr. BLOOMER advised that during the time he was in contact with RUBY, RUBY never mentioned anything about the police department and he did not see any persons in the Club he could identify as police officers.

RUBY impressed him as being a friendly person. Mr. BLOOMER advised he has had no contact with RUBY since that time and knows of no connection between RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

On 11/30/63 at Monroe, Louisiana File # 44-2064

by SA JOHN V. HANLON and/dub 59 Date dictated 11/30/63  
SA EARL COX

Date 11/29/63

Mrs. ANDY BLOOMER, 810 South 10th Street,  
Monroe, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

Mrs. BLOOMER and her husband and his cousin, BARBARA MESSINA made a visit to the home of WYLIE ERDWURM near Dallas, Texas, nearly a year ago. While in Dallas, on that visit, Mr. and Mrs. BLOOMER, BARBARA MESSINA and Mr. and Mrs. ERDWURM went to the Carousel Club, operated by JACK RUBY, who appeared to have a romantic interest in BARBARA MESSINA, who at that time was separated from her husband. BARBARA MESSINA is not known to have had any association or contacts with RUBY except on the occasions of two or three visits to Dallas with relatives. Mrs. BLOOMER knows nothing regarding RUBY's killing of LEE HARVEY OSWALD except what she learned from public news sources. She has had no contact with OSWALD and her only contact with RUBY was on the occasion of her one visit to RUBY's Club when she met him and had breakfast with him, her husband, BARBARA MESSINA and RUBY's friend "MICKEY" and his date, after the Carousel Club closed.

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Mrs. BARBARA MESSINA, 2605 Forsythe Avenue, Monroe, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

*MRS*

Mrs. MESSINA has resided at Monroe, Louisiana all of her adult life, she is married to JOE MA MESSINA, JR., a local man, and has four children by him. In the period from prior to November, 1962 to July, 1963, she was separated from her husband. She was living part of this time at 2213 Diane Street, Monroe, Louisiana, telephone number FA 5-7464.

In November, 1962, BARBARA MESSINA visited a cousin WYLIE ERDWURM and his wife, BARBARA in Richardson, Texas near Dallas. ERDWURM works as a physicist for a company in Dallas, possibly with the name Collins in the name of the company. When visiting ERDWURM about November, 1962, BARBARA MESSINA and Mr. and Mrs. ERDWURM went out one evening and happened to go to the Carousel Club operated by JACK RUBY who prior to that time was unknown to them.

RUBY apparently developed an immediate romantic interest in BARBARA MESSINA, and he treated her and Mr. and Mrs. ERDWURM to an evening of entertainment at the Club free. BARBARA MESSINA and RUBY talked a great deal. She told him about her four children and about her separation from her husband. She also told him she was interested in finding employment, of a clerical nature. She gave him her telephone number FA 5-7464 in Monroe. He introduced her and Mr. and Mrs. ERDWURM, to various persons at the Club, and he urged her to return to the Club and bring her friends. She returned to Monroe without further association with RUBY and he telephoned her and had a long conversation of a general nature, shortly after her return to Monroe in 11/62.

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BARBARA MESSINA and a cousin, ANDY BLOOMER, and his wife, then visited ERDWURM in Richardson, Texas for a weekend around the last of November, 1962. BLOOMER is a fireman of the Monroe, Louisiana Fire Department. Mr. and Mrs. BLOOMER, Mr. and Mrs. ERDWURM and BARBARA MESSINA visited the Carousel Club and everything was provided free by RUBY who took them to breakfast at Ramoda's Pancake House, after the Club closed. A man about 60 or 70 years of age, with a white Cadillac, driven by RUBY and also "MICKEY".

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