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ROBERT FRANKLIN, also known as Bobbie O'Dowd, 429 Wrightwood Avenue, advised that he was on a business trip in the State of Texas approximately four weeks ago selling stamp machines. He stated that on approximately October 25, 1963, while in Dallas, he had lunch with a former heavy weight prize fighter known as ~~J. D. TURNER~~. He advised that as they walked from the Baker Hotel to FRANKLIN's car, ~~TURNER~~ stopped an individual near the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas and introduced FRANKLIN to a person whom he identified as JACK RUBY. FRANKLIN stated they talked for approximately two minutes and it was apparent that ~~TURNER~~ and RUBY were well acquainted. As they departed RUBY's company, ~~TURNER~~ described RUBY as a good guy and the owner of a strip joint located across the street from the Adolphus Hotel.

FRANKLIN stated he has no personal knowledge of RUBY, but advised that ~~TURNER~~ resides on Prairie Street in Dallas, Texas, and is listed in the local telephone directory as ~~J. D. TURNER~~, Prairie Street.

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Mr. L. M. TURNER, 2015 Prairie Street, Dallas, Texas,  
furnished the following information:

TURNER first became acquainted with JACK RUBY approximately eight or ten years ago when RUBY started operating clubs in the Dallas area. TURNER has known RUBY only casually during that period and the only times that he has seen him are when he has visited RUBY's clubs in Dallas. TURNER has seen RUBY on several occasions during the past two years at the Carousel Club. TURNER is a former fighter; however, he stated that he has never accompanied RUBY to purchase a gun at any time.

According to TURNER, RUBY had a close associate who was a boxer by the name of BUDDY TURMAN, who is presently fighting out of Los Angeles, California. TURMAN can be located at the American Legion Gymnasium which is located somewhere in the vicinity of Los Angeles. TURMAN is presently managed by WILLIE KETCHUM.

TURNER last saw RUBY sometime around the end of October, 1963. He recalls this meeting very specifically because on this occasion he bumped into RUBY on the street and introduced RUBY to a companion by the name of BOBBY O'DOWD who was visiting in Dallas at that time. TURNER recalls telling O'DOWD that RUBY operated a strip joint by the name of Carousel, and believes that he pointed out RUBY's club to O'DOWD.

TURNER could furnish no information concerning RUBY's associates or personal life, nor could he furnish any information concerning RUBY's political beliefs.

TURNER was shown a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, after which he stated that he had never seen OSWALD.

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JOHN C. JACKSON, 201 Delphine, Lafayette, Louisiana, TEXAS  
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MEXICO  
 who is employed as Vice President of the National Research Corporation, advised that he became acquainted with JACK L. RUBY in November, 1956 in Dallas. JACKSON stated he had gone to Dallas to attempt to obtain financial backing for some experiments that he was conducting on degenerative diseases. He stated that his connections in Dallas had fallen through and that the man he had contacted had turned out to be a promoter who had no money and he was in Dallas then broke, and not knowing which way to turn. At about 3:00 AM, he was in Phil's Delicatessen when RUBY came into the delicatessen. RUBY spoke to practically everyone in the place, both individuals with whom he was acquainted and strangers and as a result, he and RUBY became engaged in conversation. JACKSON stated that he told RUBY his problems and RUBY insisted that JACKSON go to his apartment and gave him the key to his apartment, which was located at about 310 Hawthorne in Dallas. JACKSON said he accepted the key and went to the apartment and ended up living in RUBY's apartment until the end of 1957. During this period, JACKSON stated that he was engaged in trying to raise capital to continue his experiments and his acquaintance and association with RUBY at the Vegas Club provided him with contacts in this regard. JACKSON stated that he worked some at the Vegas Club, usually on weekends, but spent most of his time trying to raise money for his experiments. He stated that he spent quite a lot of time with RUBY during this period, but had had no contact with RUBY since May, 1958. He described RUBY as a "very complex person". He stated that RUBY was a proud person, proud of his Jewish background and became very angry if anyone made any uncomplimentary remarks about Jews. He was a neat dresser, but his apartment and his club were both messy and not well maintained. RUBY sometimes would take two or three showers a day, but his automobile, a 1951 Buick was a dirty "rattletrap" and RUBY would drive this car anywhere.

RUBY did not like violence and could not stand to see people suffer, but engaged in many fights, some that he was responsible for starting. RUBY liked to be recognized

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and liked to appear in a good light and seemed to have a need to be before people. He would often go on the stage at the club to introduce star performers, lead the applause or introduce prominent guests or customers. RUBY seemed to like people and talked to almost everyone. JACKSON related that RUBY seemed to have trouble reaching a decision and related that on one occasion he was with RUBY when RUBY went to buy some toothpaste, at a drug store. RUBY solicited the opinions of all the employees in the drug store and of the customers also before purchasing the toothpaste. On another occasion, JACKSON accompanied RUBY to purchase flashlight batteries and RUBY again went through the same procedure of soliciting opinions before purchasing the batteries.

When RUBY went to downtown Dallas, he would usually walk through the lobby of the Hilton Hotel, which was usually out of his way, just to see people and to be seen.

RUBY had what JACKSON described as a "defender complex" RUBY seemed to like to picture himself as a protector of good from evil and in the operation of his club would let some of the customers go too far in getting drunk, rowdy and creating a scene. After letting things go too far, RUBY would then become abusive with the customers and force the customer to either "crawl" or fight. RUBY was very strong and agile and a very good fighter and usually the customer would have to crawl. RUBY apparently pictured himself as protecting his customers from the rowdy individuals.

RUBY always carried a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson snub nose revolver when at the club and had this pistol in a bank bag when he went to the bank.

RUBY told JACKSON that he was from Chicago and had been raised on Maxwell Street, a tough area in Chicago; had grown up with and had been a lifelong friend of DANNY THOMAS, the television star. RUBY still maintained contact with O.S.A.

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THOMAS and they occasionally talked to each other on the telephone. RUBY had a brother in Chicago whose name was not known to JACKSON, but who, from comments of RUBY, apparently had a lot of money.

While in Chicago RUBY advised that he had been instrumental in organizing the Junk Handlers Union and in this venture, had taken as a partner a "huge" man, whose name JACKSON did not recall. RUBY and his partner were contacted by "The Syndicate" and informed that the organizing of the union would proceed much more smoothly if they would permit the syndicate to furnish the secretary. They agreed to this and as a result were forced out. RUBY and his partner fought back and as a result the partner was killed by a machine gun and RUBY apparently got out of the picture for fear of receiving the same treatment. JACKSON advised that RUBY always seemed to be apprehensive when Sicilians would come to his club or would hang around. JACKSON stated that he felt that RUBY was fearful of harm or trouble from Sicilians either in Chicago or in Dallas, but that he did not know why RUBY had this apparent fear.

JACKSON advised that RUBY was, in his opinion, a poor night club operator who had an income of about \$150.00 to \$200.00 a week during the time that he was in Dallas. JACKSON stated that RUBY gave away a lot of money, and drinks which prevented him from making more money at the club. He stated that he did not believe that anyone who knew RUBY would finance him in a night club venture. There was a question in his mind as to the source of the money and the financing of the Carousel Night Club which RUBY was reported to own. He advised that if the financing of the Carousel Night Club could be satisfactorily explained, then it would be his opinion that RUBY had murdered OSWALD in an effort to put himself in a good light in the eyes of the public as an avenger and defender of good from evil. He stated that as RUBY seemed to be quite fond of policemen, it seemed entirely possible to him that RUBY shot OSWALD because OSWALD had shot a policeman and not because he was alleged to have murdered President KENNEDY.

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JACKSON advised that RUBY did not, to his knowledge, have any underworld connections. He related that RUBY's friends were very few, though he had lots of acquaintances in all walks of life. In addition to DANNY THOMAS, he mentioned that RALPH PAUL, who worked at the Vegas Club was a friend of RUBY as was GEORGE SENATOR, who hung around the Artists Club and (FNU) MC WILLY, who resided in the Maple Terrace Apartments.

JACKSON stated that he did not recall RUBY ever exhibiting any interest in or discussing politics, communism or the racial situation. He related that RUBY did not have any homosexual tendencies to his knowledge, though he did have some slightly effeminate characteristics, bathing several times a day and being immaculate in his dress. He stated that RUBY had girl friends, but was peculiar in that after he had gone to bed with a woman, he was scornful of her and would not go out with her again.

JACKSON advised that Miniron was composed of mineral water with enzymes added. He stated that this product had been created by him and that he and RUBY were going to try to market it, but that they were unsuccessful in doing so, as Miniron was not a marketable product.

JACKSON advised that he was not acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD and had never heard of him before his name appeared in the news in connection with the assassination of President KENNEDY. He stated that he knew of no connection or association between RUBY and OSWALD.

JACKSON advised that RUBY had been in the Army Air Corps during World War II and seemed to take a great deal of pride in this fact. He said that RUBY had said that he was glad that his family had decided to come to the United States when they immigrated to this country.

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JACKSON advised that in 1958, he had been arrested in New Mexico and incarcerated in the County Jail at Aztec, New Mexico in connection with the rental of an automobile which he had kept for a period of time considerably in excess of the rental agreement. While incarcerated in Aztec, New Mexico, JACKSON stated that he had been interviewed by an Agent of the FBI in connection with the matter.

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Mr. TRAVIS KIRK was interviewed on the street at 400 California Street, San Francisco, California. He was questioned regarding his knowledge of the activities and acquaintances in Dallas, Texas. Mr. KIRK said that he had practiced law for 23 years in Dallas, Texas, and was very well acquainted with the District Attorney's Office, the Police Department, and the Sheriff's Office. He said that he had worked in the District Attorney's Office for about six years, and then went into private practice as a defense attorney.

His clients included a great many prostitutes and other unsavory characters in the area. In conjunction with many of his cases, he had had occasion to go into the night club owned by JACK RUBY, and he was personally acquainted with JACK RUBY only as a night club owner. He did not recall ever having actually met RUBY, but felt that RUBY would probably know him by name because of his reputation as a defense attorney.

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He remarked that in his years of practice he had developed quite an animosity toward the Police Department, particularly toward Mr. FRITZ who was the Head of the Homicide Detail of the Dallas Police Department. He advised that FRITZ was the type of character who would stop at nothing to make his point. He remarked that he believed that it is entirely possible and probable that FRITZ had deliberately arranged to have OSWALD shot in order to close the case. Mr. KIRK based this on the fact that FRITZ and JACK RUBY were very close friends, and that JACK RUBY, in spite of his reputation of being a "hood," was allowed a complete run of the Police Station and particularly the Homicide and Inspectors Bureau.

Mr. KIRK said that he had not heard anything from any of his acquaintances in Dallas regarding this particular incident, and based his opinions solely on his knowledge of methods used by Mr. FRITZ.

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Mr. KIRK said that he was also personally acquainted with the deceased Officer TIPPIT, and that at one time he had a lady asking his advice about a proceeding against TIPPIT, in that he had apparently raped her during one of his investigations. KIRK said that he did not believe TIPPIT was necessarily involved in this situation, but he did question the motive for shooting.

Mr. KIRK related that he would not like to testify in Dallas. He also said that he had left Dallas because he "liked California atmosphere much better."

He stated that he had been politically involved with all of the persons connected with this case, including Defense Attorney HOWARD, who is representing JACK RUBY. He said that at one time HOWARD had several prostitutes working for him and, as far as he, KIRK, was concerned, HOWARD is still a hoodlum himself. He stated HOWARD had been prosecuted in Federal Court for the Mann Act several years ago, but that the matter had been hushed up and attempted action against him by the Texas Bar Association had been dismissed.

Mr. KIRK reiterated his statement that he had no direct knowledge of the incidents in Texas, but based all of these assumptions on his past experience in Dallas and on information obtained from news items.

1Date November 29, 1963

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HERBERT B. KRAVITZ, 4039 Cole Avenue, advised he is a salesman for Supada Cravats Neck Wear Company; that he has lived in Dallas, Texas, for one and a half years.

KRAVITZ advised that he first met JACK RUBY when he and a friend, EARL BARKER, a musician, were at a Chinese restaurant in Dallas called Yee's. He said RUBY introduced himself to them as RUBY had seen BARKER playing at a club earlier in the evening. RUBY invited them to come to his club (Carousel Club), which they did the following evening. RUBY "picked up the tab" for all of their expenses at the Carousel Club during that evening. After the club closed, they went to a restaurant where they talked until about 4:00 or 5:00 a.m. KRAVITZ said RUBY told them his life's story, which story was the same as recently set forth in the newspapers.

KRAVITZ advised he went back to the Carousel Club on two later occasions, the last of which was on November 20, 1963. He was with a date, ELAINE ROGERS, and recalled that he won a stuffed cat at the drawing for the door prize at the club. He said he did not particularly want to go to the club on that date as RUBY had earlier asked him to attend Jewish church services with him, and he had declined. However, he went to the club as Miss ROGERS wanted to see a friend of hers who was dancing at the club.

KRAVITZ advised he never discussed any political beliefs with RUBY and had no real close association with him. He advised that from his knowledge of RUBY he did not believe RUBY to be a "homosexual."

KRAVITZ advised he has never been arrested; that he is 25 years of age; that he has never been married.

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BOBBY GENE MOORE, 865 43rd Street, Oakland, California, was interviewed at his home. He stated that he desired to furnish information regarding JACK RUBY, who he had known in Dallas, Texas. He stated that he had observed an interview on television with an associate of RUBY in which the associate said that RUBY had no gangster connections. MOORE furnished the following information:

He was raised in Dallas, Texas, having been born in that city on December 12, 1927. About 1951 or 1952, he was living at a rooming house at 1214 Boll Street, Dallas. This house was at the rear of Hill's Liquor Store at the corner of Ross Avenue and Boll Street. This liquor store was a front for a bookie-type operation where bets were taken on all types of athletic events and horse races. It was operated by a man named HILL, first name unknown, and his son. This gambling place was patronized by most of the gambling element in Dallas and RUBY was a frequent visitor. MOORE did not know whether or not RUBY was actually connected with the operation of the gambling place or was merely a participant.

During that time MOORE was employed by Cirello and LaMonte Italian Importing Company, 3400 Ross Avenue. MOORE suspected that his employers, JOSEPH CIRELLO and FRANK LA MONTE, were engaged in racket activities because on occasion they would not allow him to open certain cartons containing cheese imported from Italy, although that was his alleged job. It was his opinion, based on this, that they might be importing narcotics. He had no additional information to substantiate this. RUBY was also a frequent visitor and associate of CIRELLO and LA MONTE.

Two officers, CHARLIE SANSONE (PH), white, male, American, about 40, a detective in the Dallas Police Department, and MARVIN BLUNT, a Texas State Policeman, were regular patrons at Hill's Liquor Store and MOORE felt that they were obviously either aware of the gambling action if they were not actually involved.

Judge O'BRIEN, a Municipal Judge in Dallas, was a friend of CIRELLO and LA MONTE and MOORE frequently put hams and other food stuffs in O'BRIEN's car at their request.

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RUBY was also friendly with ~~PHIL BOSCO~~, <sup>TEXAS</sup> owner of the Gulf Service Station which was across the street from Hill's Liquor Store, and MOORE felt that BOSCO was also engaged in criminal activities in Dallas, although he had no specific information to substantiate this.

In about 1952, RUBY hired MOORE as a part-time piano player and he played periodically after hours at the Vegas Club from 1952 until 1956, when MOORE left Dallas and moved to California. While at the Vegas Club, he saw RUBY on numerous occasions with a revolver. RUBY was friendly for awhile with CANDY BARR, a well-known Dallas stripper. He is also well known to JIM JOHNSON, leader of a quartet who played at the Vegas Club regularly from 1956 until January, 1963, when MOORE last visited Dallas.

MOORE felt that from RUBY's association with (FNU) HILL, CIRELLO, LA MONTE, and PHIL BOSCO that he was connected with the underworld in Dallas.

MOORE had no information regarding any connection between RUBY and Dallas Police Officers. MOORE did not know OSWALD, and knew of no connection between RUBY and OSWALD. He knew of no radical extremist views by RUBY or any racial extremist views. He had no information concerning RUBY being in California. He knew RUBY between approximately 1952 until 1956, when MOORE left Dallas and went to California. He saw RUBY again previously on a visit to Dallas in January, 1963. He had no additional factual information.

1Date Dec. 1, 1963

ELIZABETH ANN MATTHEWS, residing 7204 South Lakeshore, Shreveport, Louisiana, ME 1-3753, advised she has had this telephone number since January, 1963, and such is listed in her name.

ELIZABETH MATTHEWS advised she is divorced from R. D. MATTHEWS of Dallas and makes her residence in Shreveport, Louisiana; however, she is in Dallas frequently and stays with Mrs. VIRGIL ETCHISON, 3506 Durango, Fleetwood 2-6628. She said in Shreveport she attends Watson's Sunset Beauty School and is seeking to prepare herself as the owner and operator of a beauty school in Shreveport.

Mrs. MATTHEWS claimed she does not know JACK RUBY, has never met the man, has never been in any of his clubs, and is not acquainted with any persons working for him.

She claimed she cannot recall having received a long distance telephone call from Dallas on or about October 3, 1963, advising that she receives many long distance calls, and has no independent recollection of having taken a long distance call from anyone in Dallas on or about October 3, 1963. She stated it could have possibly been a call from some "character" or some businessman with whom she is acquainted at Dallas.

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DOTTIE MAUPIN, 3000 Grand, Kansas City, Missouri, waitress at the Majestic Steak House, 700 East 31st, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed and she stated the following:

From January, 1962 until June, 1962, exact dates unknown, she worked at the Cattleman's Restaurant, address unknown, in Dallas, Texas, as a hostess and waitress. During the spring of 1962, date unknown, a steady customer by the name of FLORENCE HAWKINS, nickname "Sis", pointed out JACK LEON RUBY, also known as JACK RUBENSTEIN, to her. She mentioned that she knew him and that he would come out to the Guthries (phonetic) Nightclub, where she worked as a waitress, and ask her to pass out passes to his Las Vegas Club in Dallas.

MAUPIN further stated that HAWKINS indicated that the circle considered RUBY a "gay boy". This she inferred to be a homo-sexual.

MAUPIN described HAWKINS as follows:

Age	Approximately 45
Height	5' to 5'2"
Weight	Approximately 100 pounds
Hair	(1962) black hair bleached, blond hair bleached
Eyes	Hazel or blue
Employment	Waitress at Guthries Nightclub Dallas, Texas (phonetic)
Marital status	Single-divorced
Children	Has 7 children or more and mentioned at one time she may put them in the Buckners Home for Children
Remarks	May be married at present time
Scars, marks or tattoos	None observed
Characteristics	Talkative and very nervous

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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 two years ago in Club Dallas, 206½ Browder, supper club in Dallas owned by MORGAN. He met RUBY at grand opening of club. MORGAN and RUBY had business and social acquaintances, but were not intimate friends. MORGAN never visited RUBY's home nor was RUBY ever 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 does not know 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 no associates of RUBY in Oklahoma City.

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