

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11-29-63

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ANDREW ORBAN, retired former Inspector Detective Bureau, South Bend, Indiana Police Department, advised that approximately 12 to 14 years ago while he was working in the Detective Bureau as a Detective Sergeant, with Captain FREMONT LEMMLER, former Chief of Detectives, deceased, they interviewed JACK RUBENSTEIN at South Bend Police Department. RUBENSTEIN was suspected of scalping Notre Dame University football tickets. RUBENSTEIN was from Chicago and was working the local hotels apparently trying to sell tickets. Insufficient evidence was obtained to arrest RUBENSTEIN and no report was made relative to this interview.

In either Fall of 1953 or Fall of 1954, ORBAN made a trip to Texas to return an auto thief to South Bend, Indiana, from an unrecalled town located about 80 miles northwest of Dallas. After picking up this individual he stopped at the Dallas Police Department where he left subject overnight on a Friday night. Detectives from Vice Squad, Dallas Police Department, names unrecalled, after taking ORBAN to a hotel, later took him to a "after-hours joint" to get a drink. Detectives did not enter this club. He did not recall the name of the place but was of the opinion it was in the outskirts of Dallas. ORBAN described this as a rough place and crowded with theatrical-type people. Upon entering, JACK RUBENSTEIN saw him and called him by name. He then entered in conversation with RUBENSTEIN for approximately 30 minutes and sat with him at a table. During this conversation, RUBENSTEIN admitted he had scalped Notre Dame tickets at South Bend.

Several showgirls came in and RUBENSTEIN asked them to sit down at their table but did not introduce them to ORBAN. ORBAN described RUBENSTEIN as "fast buck operator."

RUBENSTEIN mentioned nothing which would permit ORBAN to evaluate his loyalty to the U.S.

The following morning when ORBAN picked up his prisoner,

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IP 44-358
 by Special Agent GENE M. NORRIS/sks:md. Date dictated 11-27-63

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the Captain of the lockup at Dallas Police Department advised RUBENSTEIN's place had been raided and his lockup was full of customers. ORBAN did not recall if RUBENSTEIN was arrested and did not see him at the lockup that morning.

ORBAN personally checked all South Bend Police Department records with assistance of Records personnel, but was unable to identify name of individual returned nor determine date of this incident.

ORBAN did not know or recall the name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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The Hot Springs, TEXAS Telephone Directory reflects telephone number 3-6295 is listed to the residence of JOE X. [REDACTED] Highway #7.

The above investigation was conducted by SA CLABURN T. WHITE, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on November 28, 1963.

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JACK PAKIS, Highway #7, Hot Springs, Arkansas, advised as follows:

He received a telephone call from JACK RUBY approximately two months ago, making inquiry about some show girl, whose name he did not recall, who had appeared at the Southern Club in the past, and whom RUBY apparently wanted to book at his club. PAKIS first became acquainted with RUBY when he, PAKIS, was in Dallas approximately six months ago to attend a PGA golf tournament. He and other associates from Hot Springs visited the club of RUBY's and became acquainted with him. Later that same evening, RUBY visited the room of PAKIS and associates to have several drinks. PAKIS advised that he had never had any other contact with RUBY and never observed RUBY in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

PAKIS advised RUBY discussed law enforcement work and his assistance to local officers on occasions, during practically the entire conversation he had with him. PAKIS is of the opinion RUBY was extremely interested in police work and considered him to be a fanatic in this regard. PAKIS recalled RUBY elaborated considerably concerning an alleged incident where he claimed he saved the lives of two Dallas Police Officers on one occasion. PAKIS was unable to recall the specific story as told by RUBY concerning his saving their lives. PAKIS was unable to furnish information of a specific nature but gained the impression that RUBY was the type that preferred to always be present where law enforcement officers were performing their duty. RUBY did not mention any names of specific officers he might have been acquainted with. PAKIS was unable to furnish the identities of other individuals acquainted with RUBY.

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LEONARD ELLIS, former Sheriff, Hot Springs, Arkansas, presently employed as Assistant Manager of Anthony Enterprises, that own and operate several hotels in Hot Springs, advised as follows:

He was in Dallas, Texas during the summer of 1963, attending a PGA golf tournament with JACK PAKIS and others. He stated he and other associates from Hot Springs, Arkansas, visited the club of JACK RUBY and became acquainted with him. Later that same evening, RUBY visited their room to have several drinks.

ELLIS further stated that RUBY continually discussed law enforcement work and his assistance to local officers on occasions during practically the entire conversation he had with RUBY. ELLIS is of the opinion that RUBY was extremely interested in police work and they considered him to be a fanatic in this regard. ELLIS recalled RUBY elaborated considerably concerning an alleged incident where he, RUBY, claimed he saved the lives of two Dallas Police Officers on one occasion. ELLIS was unable to recall the specific story as told by RUBY concerning his saving the police officers' lives. ELLIS was unable to furnish information of a specific nature, but gained the impression that RUBY was the type that preferred to always be present where law enforcement officers were performing their duty. RUBY did not mention any names of specific officers he might have been acquainted with. ELLIS was unable to furnish the identities of other individuals acquainted with RUBY.

ELLIS also advised that he has never observed JACK RUBY in Hot Springs and believes RUBY mentioned at the time he was at his room in Dallas, that he, RUBY, had never been to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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MEYER R. PANITZ, Apartment 21, 140 Albert Street, furnished the following information concerning JACK RUBENSTEIN:

FLA.
PANITZ has been employed in the gambling profession most of his life. He obtained gambling work when he moved to Dallas, Texas, in 1944. PANITZ is presently employed as a box man in the casino at the Thunderbird Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.

PANITZ met JACK RUBY in 1947. He knew RUBY's true name to be JACK RUBENSTEIN. PANITZ considered himself a good friend of RUBY's during the time he knew him, which was from 1947 to the summer of 1958, when he left Dallas.

RUBY was the type of person that wanted people to agree with him and he would get into arguments with persons who disagreed with him. RUBY was not a violent person, however. RUBY always had ideas about discovering a new entertainer. RUBY would promote or back some entertainer but never was successful, to PANITZ's knowledge, of discovering a star.

RUBY made a good living operating the Vegas Club in Dallas. Because of this employment and business, he was acquainted with many people in Dallas. RUBY hired off-duty Dallas policemen on weekends as bouncers at his club. RUBY was acquainted with a good many of the Dallas Police Officers and the Dallas police knew RUBY.

RUBY was an honest business man and had a forward type of personality. RUBY had a bug for attending public events, and he was always trying to meet people.

PANITZ has no knowledge as to the politics of RUBY.

PANITZ has not seen RUBY since 1959 in Miami Beach, Florida. PANITZ talked with RUBY about five or six months ago by phone while passing through Dallas, Texas.

On 11/25/63 at Las Vegas, Nevada File # LV 44-48

by SA WAYNE H. DRAKE WHD:alf 106 Date dictated 11/26/63

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Date December 4, 1963

RICHARD J. POTTER, 4309 University Avenue, Dallas, Texas, advised that on Sunday, November 24, 1963, at approximately 11:30 a.m. he, in company with three companions, were in Athens, Texas, in connection with the opening of a motel in that city.

POTTER and his group were entering the Old Spanish Trace dining room of this motel when a waitress dressed in a red toreador costume (presumably the hostess) informed his group that OSWALD had just been shot. This girl informed POTTER that she used to work for JACK RUBY, and during the time she was working for RUBY she was living with a Detective of the Dallas Police Department who told her that RUBY was a "shady character." She also volunteered the information that RUBY had at one time told her, "You don't know how many Communists there are in the United States."

POTTER described this person as:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	Approximately 35
Build	Slender, tall
Height	Approximately 5'7" or 5'8"
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Dark, upswept

POTTER thought it was unusual that this person would volunteer information of this type, inasmuch as he and his three companions were complete strangers.

on 12/3/63 at Dallas, Texas 107 File # DL 44-1639

by Special Agents JAMES C. KENNEDY and Date dictated 12/3/63
WILL HAYDEN GRIFFIN:bnm

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1Date 12/2/63

The subscriber to telephone number Exbrook 76488 is the Moulin Rouge, DAVE RAPKIN, Owner, 412B Broadway, San Francisco.

DAVE RAPKIN advised he has never met JACK RUBY, nor has he been in contact with him by mail or telephone. He said that his wife, DONNA, made a trip to Texas approximately two years ago to spot talent for the Moulin Rouge, a San Francisco night club featuring strippers.

RAPKIN said that the telephone in his establishment is accessible to many individuals in the evening hours. He pointed out that in past years he has employed girls who worked the circuit through Texas, although none of them is presently appearing at the club. He related that he has had occasional dealings with a booking agent named JACK COLE in Dallas and COLE's partner, PAPPY SHOALS (phonetic), who have offices located in the Interban Building on Jackson Street, Dallas.

on 11/29/63 at San Francisco, California File # SF 44-494
DL 44-1639

by Special Agent S WILLIAM N. KIDWELL & GERARD JAMES Date dictated 12/2/63

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Mrs. DONNA RAPKIN, wife of DAVE RAPKIN, 412B Broadway, San Francisco, advised she visited Dallas, Texas, in 1961 to look for entertainers and talent for her club. She said she was in the Theater Lounge, a Dallas night spot, with JACK COLE and was introduced on this occasion to JACK RUBY. She had not previously seen him nor has she seen or heard from him since that time. She stated that RUBY indicated he was in the process of opening a club in Dallas known as the Carousel Club, and he discussed the availability of talent for this club in the San Francisco area. Mrs. RAPKIN was unable to recall anything further concerning RUBY.

Mrs. RAPKIN could not account for a telephone call from RUBY's place of business in Dallas to the Moulin Rouge, unless it could have been a call by booking agents JACK COLE or PAPPY SHOALS, made on one of the many pay phones at the Carousel Club, to San Francisco. She said there is also a possibility that one of the girls who have appeared at the Moulin Rouge might have some acquaintances in Dallas who could have called at the Moulin Rouge telephone.

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PEGGY RAYMOND was interviewed at the Moulin Rouge, 412B Broadway, San Francisco, and advised that she appeared as an entertainer at the Moulin Rouge and, in the past, at the Theater Lounge, in Dallas. She said she was last employed in Dallas in 1961.

She recalled meeting JACK RUBY, stating this was a casual meeting of little or no consequence. She is aware of the fact that RUBY owns at least one night club in Dallas and that he was involved in the operation of the Carousel Club in 1961. She has not heard from or seen RUBY since that time.

She could not account for a telephone call from RUBY's place of business in Dallas to the Moulin Rouge, unless it could have been a call by JACK COLE or PAPPY SHOALS, booking agents in Dallas, made on one of the many pay station phones at the Carousel Club, to San Francisco. She said there is also a possibility that one of the girls who have appeared at the Moulin Rouge might have some acquaintances in Dallas who could have called at the Moulin Rouge telephone.

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1Date November 30, 1963

CLARENCE A. RECTOR, 422 Connally Street, Sulpher Springs, Texas, advised SA JAMES L. WILLIAMSON he was in Houston temporarily in connection with his automobile transporting business.

He advised he has known JACK RUBY as a club manager in Dallas since about 1950 and has frequented his places of business since then.

He advised he went to Cuba for two days in late 1959 and in early 1960 he was back in Dallas and went to the Vegas Club and saw RUBY. He mentioned he had been to Cuba and RUBY stated he had recently been to Cuba himself, as he and some associates were trying to get some gambling concessions at a casino there but it did not work out.

He stated he was at the Vegas Club on this occasion with CHESTER MYERS (phonetic), a head waiter who resides in an apartment about the 5000 block of Hall Street in Dallas. He said MYERS appeared to be well acquainted with RUBY.

RECTOR stated that he had no other information concerning RUBY, as his knowledge of him is so limited.

On 11-29-63 at Houston, Texas File # HO 44-939

by SA JAMES L. WILLIAMSON:djw 111 Date dictated 11-30-63

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JOSEPE P. ROSSI, Real Estate, 231 Mercantile Continental Building, Dallas, Texas, voluntarily advised as follows at Brownsville, Texas, on November 25, 1963.

ROSSI stated that he and JACK RUBY, whose real name is RUBENSTEIN, were both born 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. ROSSI said that he does not know any of RUBY's family but knows that they are Jews and that JACK RUBY observes Jewish religious customs.

ROSSI knows of no connection between JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

ROSSI described RUBY as having a bad temper and as being highly emotional. ROSSI said that he had heard that RUBY cried when he learned of the death of the late President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT at Warm Springs, Georgia. RUBY was described as being very anti-Communist but not a member of any "right wing hate groups". In politics, ROSSI described RUBY as being "a 24th Ward Chicago JAKE ARVEY Democrat". ROSSI knows of no connections on the part of RUBY with gamblers or organized crime except to know some of these "characters" personally. ROSSI said that he knows of no friendships or relations that RUBY ever had with anyone in the Dallas Police Department.

ROSSI last saw RUBY in Dallas on November 20, 1963, at which time RUBY discussed opening a new club and wanted ROSSI to invest money in the club and perhaps help in the management of the venture. RUBY talked of future plans at that time in a manner to indicate that he did not anticipate getting into any sort of trouble.

ROSSI said that when RUBY was identified over the television as the man who killed OSWALD that ROSSI's first thoughts were that RUBY was the type emotional enough to do that sort of thing. ROSSI believes that RUBY's motive in killing OSWALD was the over simplified solution of a simple and emotional man for obtaining justice in the case.

ROSSI noted that persons who had seen OSWALD killed by RUBY

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by SAS THOMAS W. CRAWFORD and CLAY ZACHRY, JR. Date dictated 11/26/63

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on the television he remarked that just prior to the shooting that CSWAIN looked at RUBY in a manner reflecting recognition. ROSSI said that he thinks that the look was one of curiosity and perhaps suspicion as RUBY among a group of Texas peace officers would "stick out like a sore thumb." ROSSI said that RUBY wore a hat which he described as a "Chicago hoodlum hat" which was perhaps unique in Dallas. ROSSI said that RUBY wore this same type of gray hat all the time, and he thinks that it was somewhat of a badge reflecting RUBY's origin and background. In the past, according to ROSSI, friends of RUBY have "kidded RUBY about his Chicago hoodlum hat."

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MORT SEDER, 30 North Judson Street, advised that he is the authorized user of telephone credit card under phone number Gloversville 4-3087. This number is listed to his father-in-law, LEWIS BROTT.

He stated that he has spent many years in Dallas, Texas, and that approximately eight years ago he was the roommate of GEORGE SENATOR. He has known SENATOR approximately 30 years and believed that SENATOR was originally from the Gloversville, New York area. He stated that he lived with SENATOR approximately four years. Subsequently, SENATOR became JACK RUBY's roommate.

He stated that some time during the Summer of 1963, he visited SENATOR at 223 South Ewing Street, Dallas, Texas, Apartment 206. SENATOR did not have a phone so he let him into RUBY's apartment, #207, at that same location, and he used RUBY's phone to call his wife in Gloversville, New York. He reached her through Gloversville 4-3087.

He stated that he first met RUBY in around July or August, 1962, through SENATOR, and has only had occasions to speak with RUBY twelve to fifteen times since. He stated that he is not closely associated with RUBY and probably never would have been if it had not been for SENATOR.

He stated that he was enroute from Dallas, Texas, to Gloversville, New York, when President KENNEDY was assassinated.

He stated that he saw "live" on television the murder of OSWALD but he did not recognize RUBY until he was named in subsequent rebroadcasts of the scene.

He stated that he was very much surprised to hear of RUBY's role in the affair.

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Dallas 44-1639
by SA GERARD A. PERKINS:pab 114 Date dictated 11/29/63

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GAP:pab

The following investigation was conducted by SA
GERARD A. PERKINS:

AT GLOVERSVILLE, NEW YORK

On November 29, 1963, CARRIE TOCKER, Credit Bureau of Gloversville, New York, advised that LEWIS BROTT, 31 North Judson Street, Gloversville, has been on file since 1930. BROTT, a widower, is between 75 and 80 years old and has retired from the decorating and contracting business. He has a daughter, AUDREY SEDER, wife of MORT SEDER, of Dallas, Texas.

The files reflect that AUDREY and MORT SEDER are known to the Dallas Credit Bureau. They were married March 9, 1963, in Dallas. MORT is the son of Mrs. MOLLY SEDER, Chicago, Illinois.

MORT at one time was self-employed as a manufacturer's representative. His most recent employment was that with GINO PAOLI - not further identified but believed to be in Dallas, Texas.

The SEDERS' Dallas address was listed as 3328 Bowser Street and a recent address was 30 Judson Street, Gloversville, New York.

TOOKER advised that she is acquainted with the SEDERS and stated that NANCY C. BROWN and BRUCE BROWN are children of AUDREY by one of her previous marriages.

In October, 1963, AUDREY SEDER, in opening a charge account at one of the local department stores, stated that her net assets were approximately \$45,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Credit investigation did not substantiate this. The SEDERS and BROTT were rated satisfactory trade-wise.

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On November 29, 1963, Sergeant ALAN FOSSMIRE, Gloversville, New Ycrk, Police Department, advised that they had no record identifiable with LEWIS BROTT, AUDREY or MORT SEDER.

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H. SCOTT SHURIAN, 11717 Darlington Street, West Los Angeles, telephone No. GR 8-1752, telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office on November 29, 1963, and gave the following information:

He is presently a news reporter for radio station KMPC, Los Angeles, California, and in 1958 was a news reporter for radio station WFAA, Dallas, Texas. This station was around the corner from the Carousel, an establishment owned by one JACK RUBY. He was introduced to RUBY by DICK MC GRUDER, who was a news writer at that time for station WFAA. He secured a membership card for the Carousel Club but did not pay any initiation fees. He explained that this was because RUBY liked to surround himself with radio personalities.

He knew of no political connections of RUBY but advised that he read that RUBY could be convinced to assist either right or left wing extremists if this would make him a "big man."

RUBY is a close associate of LOUIS MACWILLY, a gambler in the Dallas area, who is reputed to have "syndicate connections." MACWILLY is also alleged to have gambling interests in Cuba. RUBY was also a close friend of the owner of the University Club in Dallas, whose name he cannot recall. He stated that this was in 1958 and the owner was a small-time gambler in the Dallas area.

He could not envision RUBY having any political notions one way or the other and knew of no connections with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

He knew of no police connections with the Carousel Club and could not recall other associates or girlfriends of RUBY.

His impression of RUBY was that he was not exactly an emotionally stable person but constantly felt inferior. RUBY demanded that his employees respond instantly to any commands.

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by SA JAMES H. MC DANIEL/jm 117 Date dictated 11/29/63

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He was unaware of how RUBY's night club activities were financed in that business was always very poor and people in the news media were always wondering where RUBY got the money to purchase his clubs.

SHURIAN left Dallas in 1959 to come to Los Angeles and has not seen RUBY since that time but has maintained contact with other people in Dallas since leaving the area.

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CECIL SIMMONS, part owner, Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, advised on November 25, 1963, he has not been in Dallas except for two or three visits in four or five years. He recalled he had seen JACK RUBY on no more than ten occasions. The times he had seen RUBY were in the Adolphus and Baker Hotels, and he recalled RUBY went to the barber shop in the Adolphus which was the same one that he, SIMMONS, used. RUBY had a night club across the street from the Adolphus and invited SIMMONS on two or three occasions to visit it, but SIMMONS never did. SIMMONS stated he did not know RUBY other than to "say hello."

On 11/25/63 at Las Vegas, Nevada File # LV 44-48

by SAs RICHARD E. RODERMUND & ROBERT G. CASE ¹¹⁹ dictated 11/26/63

1Date November 27, 1963

JOHN TAYLOR, Assistant Publicity Director, Castaways Hotel, advised that he met JACK LEON RUBY two or three times at parties in Dallas back in 1961, and has not seen him since. He knows nothing about RUBY's personal or business life, nor any of his acquaintances. TAYLOR has never seen RUBY in Las Vegas.

On 11/26/63 at 4033 Audrey Las Vegas, Nevada File # LV 44-48
by SAs ALLAN W. HANSEN & RICHARD E. RODERMUND Date dictated 11/26/63
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