

December 20, 1963

Mrs. GERALD (MYRA) CONNERS, nee MELSAP, 4630 Munger, Apartment 105, who was believed to be a charter member, member or temporary member of one of JACK RUBY's clubs, furnished the following information:

DALLAS, TEX.

On a date unrecalled, believed to be at least four years ago, a young fellow came to her apartment, which was then located at 3709 Travis, Dallas, selling memberships to the Sovereign Club.

She said that she recalls that membership to the Sovereign Club was \$120 and that she paid \$60 towards the membership but the club changed over before the fee was paid in full.

Mrs. CONNERS advised she never went to the Sovereign Club or the Carousel Club and never met JACK RUBY.

Mrs. CONNERS advised she does not recall ever having seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to observing him on television after the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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by Special Agents JAMES J. WARD & ROBERT E. BASHAM/jn Date dictated 12/19/63

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BARBARA (Mrs. CHARLES L. HEMBY, 7947 Claremont, DALLAS, TX) related the following with regard to her name, Mrs. HEMBY, telephone RI 2-6293. This telephone number is that of her employer, National Life and Accident Insurance Company, First National Bank Building, Dallas. She has known JACK RUBY for about three years. She first went into the Carousel Club about three years ago and been there on two occasions; on both occasions being there with her husband. Her regular employment is as a receptionist in the National Life and Accident Insurance Company, but she occasionally work as a waitress for JACK RUBY on one or two nights a week, this being in the latter part of September, 1963, and continued until sometime about the first of October, 1963. She later saw RUBY on or about that day.

She does not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and knew nothing about any possible association between RUBY and OSWALD. She knew of no conspiracy on the part of RUBY with anyone to kill OSWALD and did not know how RUBY got into the basement of the Police Department. She knew of no close associates of RUBY who were members of the Dallas Police Department. She said her husband CHARLES L. HEMBY was a former member of the Dallas Police Department and it was through her husband that she originally met RUBY.

7947 CLAREMONT, DALLAS, TX

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JOE HICKMAN, 4516 Cedar Springs, Dallas, Texas, was advised the name of JOE HICKMAN, not further identified, was found in a book which was the property of JACK RUBY. HICKMAN stated this is probably his name since he joined RUBY's Sovereign Club (now Carousel Club) in Dallas, about four years ago, and he subsequently visited the club on two occasions. He said he met RUBY on one of his visits to the Sovereign Club, but that is the extent of his association with RUBY. He knows nothing about RUBY's personal life or his business operations. Furthermore, he knows none of RUBY's friends or acquaintances.

HICKMAN stated he does not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and he knew of no association between RUBY and OSWALD.

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THOMAS W. HILL, 1607 East Redbird Lane, Dallas, Texas, was contacted concerning his name appearing on a list indicating he was a member of one of RUBY's clubs.

HILL advised that he recalled several years ago he had in his possession a membership card to the Sovereign Club in Dallas, but does not recall how this card came into his possession. Mr. HILL was never in the Sovereign Club and never heard of JACK RUBY prior to the time he shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

HILL was shown a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, at which time he stated that OSWALD was unknown to him. He knew of no connection between RUBY and OSWALD.

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JAMES S. KEY, First National Bank Building,
Odessa, Texas, who is Chairman of the Board of Directors
of the Key Investment Company, advised that he does not know
JACK L. RUBY, has never met him, and has no knowledge
of any background information regarding RUBY. He said he
doesn't know of any connection between JACK L. RUBY and
LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Mr. KEY said that as he recalls, his name was
submitted by a business acquaintance for a membership
in the Sovereign Club in Dallas and this club sent him
a complimentary membership. He said to the best of his
recollection he was in the club one time only, and had
no knowledge that RUBY even owned the club or was
connected with it.

On 12/17/63 at Odessa, Texas File # EP 44-274
by SA ROY C. DAHL/mad Date dictated 12/17/63

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TED (NO MIDDLE NAME) MARKS, Apartment Number 2, Fireside Motel, advised he was employed by the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA), Chicago, Illinois, in 1958, and in January, 1959, was transferred by the AGVA to Dallas, Texas, to reorganize the AGVA office. He said that as a representative of AGVA he contacted the night clubs in Dallas and through these contacts met JACK RUBY in the Spring of 1959 at RUBY's Vegas Night Club in Dallas.

MILL VALLEY, CALIF.

MARKS stated RUBY also owned the Soverign Night Club located on Commerce Street in Dallas (now the Carosel Club) and that he (MARKS) stayed to work for RUBY some time in September or October, 1960, selling memberships for the Soverign.

MARKS said he found it hard to sell memberships to the Soverign Club primarily because of the number of other clubs in Dallas who were doing the same thing, so after about two months stopped working for RUBY. MARKS said he later obtained employment at the Jazz Limited Night Club and that RUBY often visited this club to review the acts MARKS had working for him in this club.

MARKS said he was never close to RUBY as a friend and had no social contacts with RUBY. He said he did not know if RUBY was married and believed RUBY lived at the Soverign Club. He said he once heard RUBY say that he had once lived in Chicago.

MARKS advised he never discussed politics with RUBY and did not know RUBY's business contacts. He said he heard RUBY on several occasions refer to BARNEY and ABE WEINSTEIN, owners of two successful night clubs in Dallas, and say that he was going to get entertainers for his club in spite of the WEINSTEINS. He said he never heard the WEINSTEINS mention RUBY. TEX

MARKS described RUBY as a "rough character", good, but one who could get mad easily and if he got mad at a customer; for example, would physically throw the person he was mad at out of the club.

On 12/19/63 at Mill Valley, California File # SF 44-404
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MARKS said he had no information as to any close contacts RUBY might have had at the Dallas Police Department and was surprised when he read in the newspapers that RUBY was a "hanger on" at the police department. MARKS said RUBY was a "name dropper" and recalled that when he had coffee on occasions at the Eatwell Restaurant, a restaurant which stayed open after midnight in Dallas, that he often heard RUBY talk with policeman who came in for coffee and call them by their first names.

MARKS advised he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and did not know if RUBY was acquainted with OSWALD.

MARKS stated he left Dallas in August, 1962, for California and has had no contact with RUBY since.

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WILLIAM C. ~~MUELLER~~, 3534 Flaxey, Dallas, Texas, was advised that the name "WILLIAM C. MUELLER," was found in a book which was the property of JACK RUBY.

MUELLER advised the above name could possibly be his and explained as follows:

He has visited JACK RUBY's Carousel Club and Vegas Club a few times in the past, dates unrecalled. He stated he does not recall ever receiving a membership card to either of RUBY's clubs. He stated, however, that a friend of his, BOBBY DARRELL MARTIN, who resides in Irving, Texas, address unknown, but who is employed at Samuel Bingham's Manufacturing Company in Dallas, may have given MUELLER's name to RUBY's club as a potential member. He added that MARTIN has patronized RUBY's clubs frequently in the past.

MUELLER advised he has never met JACK RUBY and knows nothing about him. He also advised he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and could furnish no information concerning him.

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1Date December 20, 1963MIDLOTHIAN, TEX

GLORIA NITZSCHE of 611 South 3rd Street, was advised that she did not have to make a statement, that any statement she did make could be used against her in a court of law, and that she had the right to consult with an attorney prior to making any statements. She advised as follows:

NITZSCHE, after being advised that the name GLORIA NITZSCHE appeared in a book of JACK RUBY's, advised that she had never heard of JACK RUBY prior to the events of past month and stated that she has no idea as to how RUBY could have obtained her name. She did state that some years ago, she did receive a circular soliciting her membership in the Sovereign Club. She did not join this club and she had no idea that JACK RUBY was connected with this club or organization.

She knew of no relation that existed between RUBY, and OSWALD or any of the organizations to which RUBY may have belonged or any close connection that RUBY had with the Dallas Police Department or anything of RUBY's travels. She knew of no conspiracy between RUBY and any other individual to kill OSWALD.

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Date 12/20/631DALLAS, TEXAS

KENNETH J. RICH, 2601 Hudnall, was advised that his name appeared on a list of members of one of JACK RUBY's clubs and he was asked for available information concerning Mr. RUBY. Mr. RICH advised that he formerly operated the Kenneth Rich Investments at 211 North Ervay in Dallas. He recalls having met JACK RUBY only on one occasion. At that time he was handing out cards to his club, which Mr. RICH believed was called the Sovereign Club. He has had no opportunity to observe RUBY's activities or associates. He has never known LEE HARVEY OSWALD and has no information to indicate a connection between OSWALD and RUBY.

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Date 12/23/631

HOWARD E. ROBERTS, 6127 Gaston Street, Sales
Manager for Parko Mat Manufacturing Company, 2000 South
 Akard, telephone HA. 1-7657, advised he was an honorary
 member of the Sovereign Club operated by JACK RUBY.

He stated that Mr. HOUSTON NICHOLS, President
of Parko Mat Manufacturing Company, owned the building on
 Commerce Street in Dallas that housed RUBY's club. As a
 result, RUBY visited NICHOLS' office and gave out honorary
 memberships. He believes he may have visited the Sovereign
 Club on several occasions, however, was not personally ac-
 quainted with RUBY. He last visited this club two or three
 years ago and understands it is now out of business.

Mr. ROBERTS stated he can furnish no information
 as to JACK RUBY's current activities, having not seen him
 in several years. He does not personally know LEE HARVEY
 OSWALD and does not know if RUBY was acquainted with him.
 He could offer no information as to any connection or con-
 spiracy between RUBY and the Dallas Police Department and
 has no personal knowledge of the shooting of OSWALD by RUBY.

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ERNEST F. ~~St.~~ CHARLES, Statler-Hilton Pharmacy, 221 St. Paul, Dallas, Texas, whose name was listed in a book of JACK RUBY's, advised that a few years ago he paid JACK RUBY \$15 for membership in the Sovereign Club. He actually did this just to assist RUBY in getting organized. He never used the membership card and was never in the Sovereign Club or the Carousel Club.

RUBY would occasionally come by the Statler-Hilton Pharmacy for a cup of coffee and would talk to him briefly. He did not get well enough acquainted with RUBY to furnish pertinent information concerning his activities or associates.

Mr. ST. CHARLES advised he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and had no information to indicate a connection between RUBY and OSWALD.

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JOHN SAZAMA, JR., M.D. (Radiologist), home address 1051 Waterford Drive, office 915 St. Joseph, was interviewed in connection with his membership in one of JACK RUBY's club. He related the following:

DALLAS, TEX.

Two or three years ago, someone sold a membership in the Sovereign Club for \$450. He could not recall who the individual was, but was certain it was not JACK RUBY, because he has never made the acquaintance of JACK RUBY. After purchasing the membership, he went to the Sovereign Club on one or two occasions. JACK RUBY has never been a patient of his.

Dr. SAZAMA had never seen RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD until he saw both on TV subsequent to the assassination of President KENNEDY.

He knew of no connection between OSWALD and RUBY and had no idea as to why RUBY killed OSWALD. He knew of no friends or associates of RUBY who were Dallas Policemen.

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1Date December 21, 1963DALLAS, TEX.

JERRY B. STEPHENS, 6417 Oriole Drive, whose name appeared in a book which was the property of JACK RUBY, advised that he was solicited by an individual whose name he is unable to recall about three years ago to join the Sovereign Club. STEPHENS stated he joined but only made two visits to the club and was not acquainted with JACK RUBY and did not know of any connection between RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD and does not recall ever seeing OSWALD prior to his murder.

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Date December 19, 19631

LAUREL VON FELDT, 7521 Westover, Houston, Texas,
advised that during 1961, she was employed as a hostess for
Braniff Airways and resided in Dallas, Texas. She stated
that at that time, she had a membership in the Sovereign
Club located in Dallas, Texas and owned by JACK RUBY.

Miss VON FELDT stated that she went to the club
on only three or four occasions and although she had seen
RUBY several times, did not know him personally and never
had occasion to socialize with him. A photograph of LEE
HARVEY OSWALD was displayed to her, but she advised that she
could not recall ever seeing this man at the Sovereign Club
and cannot recall his name ever being mentioned there or by
JACK RUBY.

On 12-18-63 at Houston, Texas File # HO 44-939
by SA TERENCE D. DINAN:gn Date dictated 12-19-63

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1DICK
WALKER

Date December 20, 1963

RICHARD EDWIN WALKER, 137 Las Flores Avenue, Goodyear, Arizona, advised that he was not personally acquainted with JACK L. RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD; and therefore, knew absolutely nothing about them. He advised that he knew nothing about RUBY's affiliations, associates, or his character. TEV

He advised he had patronized the Carousel Club in Dallas several times, saw JACK RUBY at the club, and therefore knew him by sight. He advised he had never met JACK RUBY. He advised he went to the Carousel Club with his cousin, JAMES R. TINSLEY, JR. and his cousin's friend, name unknown. He advised that he did not believe that his cousin or his cousin's friend knew RUBY.

He advised that he has no idea why his name, DICK WALKER, would be found in RUBY's property, unless it was through applying for a job. He advised that while he was in Dallas, he had applied for several jobs with quite a number of business establishments, and possibly RUBY owned one of them. He advised he did not believe he had applied for a job at the Carousel Club. WALKER stated he believed that if it was not through applying for a job, the name DICK WALKER found in RUBY's property must be another DICK WALKER. TEV

WALKER advised that he left Dallas in late December, 1962 or early January, 1963. He advised he last visited the Carousel Club in December, 1962.

WALKER reiterated that he did not know JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and had no information whatsoever concerning them.

12/18/63 at Goodyear, Arizona File # PX 44-21
SA SANFORD A. TURNER DL 44-1639
by SA FRANCIS N. VITA/btg Date dictated 12/20/63

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
RALPH E. RAWLINGS:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

The name JACK WATERS, with no further identifying
data, appears in a list of members of the Sovereign Club,
formerly operated by JACK RUBY.

~~WATERS:~~ ^{TEX} The following investigation failed to identify JACK
DALLAS, TEX

^{TEX} On December 20, 1963, JACK C. ~~WATERS~~, JR., 4338
Rawlings advised he did not know RUBY and was never a member
of the Sovereign Club. He advised that his father, JACK C.
~~WATERS~~, SR., was a bus driver, presently out of town, but he knows
his father never frequented night clubs and was never a
member of the Sovereign Club. DALLAS, TEX.

On December 21, 1963, JACKIE L. ~~WATERS~~, 3314 Shelby,
advised he did not know RUBY and was never a member of the
Sovereign Club. Telephone and City Directories, Dallas,
reflected no other JACK WATERS.

BIRDIE SUE BELCHER, Retail Merchants Association;
J. H. KITCHING, Sheriff's Office and PATRICIA SIWIEC,
Dallas Police Department, Records Bureau, on December 20,
1963, unable to furnish any information of assistance in
identifying JACK WATERS.

Date 12/23/631LEE ~~WEAVER~~ JAMS

MARIE WEAVER, whose married name is now Mrs. GUY H. JAMS, 334 Ewing Street, Dallas, Texas, furnished the following information:

Mrs. JAMS is employed by Maher Bros., Inc., 301 Ewing, as a bookkeeper. She recalled that she had been at the Carousel Club on two occasions, but had never been a member of the Carousel Club. To the best of her recollection, she was at the Carousel Club in mid 1962, at which time she was in the company of girl friends. She recalled that she had signed a guest register before entering the Carousel Club. Subsequently, she received mail from the Carousel Club offering her membership in the club. However, she never did join the club.

She does not know JACK RUBY and never did know LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and has no knowledge of any acquaintance between OSWALD and RUBY.

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DALLAS, TEX.

NORMAN A. ZABLE, Attorney, 3945 Travis, whose name appeared in a book which was the property of **JACK RUBY**, after being advised that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement, furnished the following information:

He stated that he was a former member of the Sovereign Club, joining some three years ago. He did not personally know **JACK RUBY**, although he knew of him due to the fact that he resides in the close proximity of the Vegas Club. He has no idea as to the last time he saw **JACK RUBY**. He did not know **LEE HARVEY OSWALD** and had never observed **RUBY** and **OSWALD** together. He did not know anything of **RUBY's** travels or of any organizations that **RUBY** may have been associated with. He knew of no connection between **JACK RUBY** and the Dallas Police Department or of any conspiracy between **JACK RUBY** and any other individual(s) to kill **OSWALD**.

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EJM/jn

The following investigation was conducted by SA
EDWARD J. MABEY at Dallas, Texas on December 20, 1963:

DAVID H. STEPHENS, 4500 Cedar Springs Road, whose name was found in a book which was the property of JACK RUBY, advised that he visited the Sovereign Club on one occasion in about 1960 on the recommendation of a friend. He recalls he was given a membership application for the club but does not recall if he completed this application. He stated he does not know JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD and does not know of any connection between these two individuals.

DALLAS, TEXAS

LARRY READ, 4141 Glenwick, Apartment 4, was advised that a license number ND 7348, secured from a note pad which was the property of JACK RUBY had been identified as being listed in his name on a 1953 Cadillac four door. He advised that he visited the Vegas Club about one year ago but has never met JACK RUBY or made any other visits to any of RUBY's clubs and does not know how RUBY obtained his license number. He advised he did not know of any connection between JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

DALLAS, TEXAS

ETHEL CUNNINGHAM, 1082 Fair Meadow Circle, Dunkenville, Texas, was advised that license number ND 7348 was secured from a note pad which was the property of JACK RUBY and that this number had been identified as being listed in her name to a 1956 Ford four door. Mrs. CUNNINGHAM advised she has never had any connection or association with JACK RUBY; does not know how he obtained her license number and does not know of any connection between JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

The following numbers, which were secured from a note pad belonging to JACK RUBY were found not to be license numbers for the State of Texas:

MU 8-9428
MU 4-4800

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