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JIMMY WHITE, Trade Practice Consultants, Better Business Bureau, BBB, 1505 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, furnished the following information to SA ALTON E. BRAMBLETT:

On December 20, 1963, WHITE stated the BBB had received several inquiries in 1960 regarding the Sovereign Club located at 1312½ Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas. He stated their files reflected that the Sovereign Club was incorporated on December 7, 1959 in Texas. The officers were listed as RALPH PAUL, President; EARLANDBY, Vice President; JOHN CHAMBLESS, Vice President and Manager; and JACK RUBY, Secretary-Treasurer. The Sovereign Club gave a bank reference as the Bank of Service and Trust, Dallas, Texas. He stated the above information regarding the Sovereign Club was furnished to BBB by JOHN CHAMBLESS. He stated their files reflected no derogatory information concerning the Sovereign Club and the files indicated that there were no complaints against the Sovereign Club and therefore, BBB would recommend the club favorably.

Their files contained no further information regarding JACK RUBY.

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HEIDI LEE/BALLOWE, stage name LISA LAND, advised she was employed as a dance instructor at the Holiday Dance Studio, Dallas, Texas during 1959 and she met JACK RUBY at this time at the Vegas Club, which she and other studio employees patronized.

BALLOWE advised she was employed by JACK RUBY as an exotic dancer during February or March, 1961 and was so employed until December, 1961, at which time she resigned. resigned.

BALLOWE advised members of the Dallas Police Department occasionally were guests at the Carousel Club. but she had never received any information which would indicate RUBY was "paying off" to the Dallas Police. She stated Officers GANAWAY and GILMORE of the Dallas Police Department watched the Carousel operation very closely and RUBY always cautioned the dancers to be careful in their acts when these two officers were in the Club. She stated these two officers had never been in the Club as guests and it appeared to aggravate RUBY that he could not be on good terms with these two officers.

BALLOWE advised it was rumored RUBY knew of activities concerning the strip clubs at City Hall and at the Police Department, however, she could not shed light concerning his source of information.

BALLOWE advised she had never heard RUBY discuss politics of any kind with anyone and stated his main interest appeared to be making a success of the Carousel Club.

BALLOWE advised she considered RUBY to have paranoid tendencies in that he frequently made statements to the effect that the Police Department and operators of the other strip clubs in Dallas were after him. She stated RUBY had a violent temper and continually harrassed the employees at the Club, and on many occasions would make remarks without thinking and later apologize. She

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also described RUBY as a very enthusiastic person who was very eager to make a success of his endeavors.

BALLOWE advised she had very little contact with RUBY since December, 1961, and could furnish no information regarding his activities since that time. She was doubtful RUBY would be associated in any way with LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

BALLOWE was of the opinion RUBY shot OSWALD because of his bad temper and possibly because of the publicity angle.

FALLOWE advised she understood JACK RUBY had frequently dated and had possibly lived with MILLIE PERELLE (phonetic) an exotic dancer believed to be in El Paso, Texas at the present time. She further advised RUBY's closest friend was EARLYNORMAN, Master of Ceremonies at the Carousel Club for a considerable length of time. She advised RUBY was fairly well acquainted with JIMMY FEVINE, Skyliner Club, Fort Worth, Texas.

BALLOWE advised RUBY's sister EVE had been in Dallas several years and and at the time RUBY opened the Carousel Club, EVE managed the Vegas Club. She stated RUBY had on occasion struck EVE during arguments about operation of the club.

BALLOWE advised she is currently on the Board of the A.G.V.A. in Dallas and the Board had received several complaints concerning working conditions at the Carousel Club. She stated the complaints were mainly concerning the hours, but two of the complaints had been that RUBY expected the dancers to associate with the customers.

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MARGRY ANNE BENTLEY, 2728 West Davis, Pontalba Apartments former employee of JACK RUBY, furnished the following information:

She was employed by RUBY about five years ago for a perio of one and a half months at the Sovereign Club doing secretarial work. She received this job through the Texas Employment Agency and hardly ever saw JACK RUBY, as the club was never opened during the time she was working. She recalls RUBY was in the offic during some part of every day she was working but does not know of any of the personal activities of RUBY. She had never heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to the shooting of OSWALD by RUBY,

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EDWARD CASTRO, 2814 Douglas Street advised that he was a former employee of JACK RUBY at the Sovereign club; that he was employed by RUBY during 1960 as a bus boy, porter, dishwasher and general handy man. He said that he obtained this employment through answering an ad in the newspaper and later quit as he did not want to work nights. CASTRO advised that he knew little about the private life of JACK RUBY in that he only had an employee-employer relationship with him. He said that RUBY was a good employer, was generally friendly and helpful. According to CASTRO, RUBY was friendly with all law enforcement officers and numerous officers came into the club, however, he did not know the names of any of the police officers with whom RUBY was particularly friendly.

CASTRO said that he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD; that he never saw him at the Sovereign Club and could furnish no information which would connect RUBY and OSWALD.

CASTRO was questioned regarding the whereabouts of DELORES/CASTRO who is reported to have been a former employee of RUBY. He advised that DELORES CASTRO was employed as a waitress at the Sovereign Club approximately two and one-half years ago; that he could furnish no information as to her present whereabouts. He advised that she was of no relation to him and that CASTRO is a very common Spanish name.

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Mrs. DELIACHAMBLESS, 213 Woodbridge Way, Mesquite, Texas, was reported to have been a former employee of JACK RUBY. Mrs. CHAMBLESS furnished the following information:

For six months during 1959 Mrs. CHAMBLESS worked for JACK MUBY in his office at the Sovereign Club. During this period MRS. CHAMBLESS did not know RUBY on a close personal basis, but merely as employer and employee. She stated that RUBY had always treated her fairly, and based on her knowledge of his activities, she felt that he was a loyal, patriotic American, and she had never heard of any subvarsive activities on the part of RUBY.

Mrs. CHAMBLESS was shown a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, at which time she advised that OSWALD was unknown to her and she knew of no connection whatever between OSWALD and RUBY.

Mrs. CHAMBLESS stated that RUBY knew many officers of the Dallas Police Department, but she knew of no officer with whom RUBY was particularly close.

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Mr. DELL CHAMBLESS, 213 Woodbridge Way, Mesquite, Texas, was reported to have been a former employee of JACK RUBY. Mr. CHAMBLESS furnished the following information:

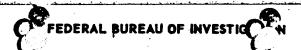
CHAMBLESS sold club memberships to the Sovereign Club for JACK RUBY for about six or eight months during 1959. During this period he became well acquainted with RUBY, but most of his contact with RUBY was in connection with his job and he did not know mim socially, nor did he knew anything concerning his personal life. Mr. CHAMBLESS considers RUBY to be a loyal American, and has never heard of any subversive activities on the part of RUBY.

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

Mr. CHAMBLESS said that RUBY knew many officers of the Dallas Police Department, but he knew of no officer with whom RUBY was particularly close.

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JAMES L. DEDMAN, 3109 Thomas Street, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed as a former employee at one of JACK RUBY's clubs. He advised that during 1956 or 1957 he played saxuphone in a three-piece combo and on several occasions appeared at the Vegas Club operated by RUBY. The othermembers of the combo were FELIX GROSS and A. W. DUPREE. He recalled playing on several different occasions at the Vegas Club but stated he was unable to recall the exact number of times. He stated he knew JACK RUBY as an employer but knew nothing concerning his activities, associates, or business dealings. He did not know whether RUBY had any close associations with the Dallas Police Department and did not know where RUBY was on November 22-24, 1963, in that he has not seen RUBY in over three years. DEDMAN did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and had no information that RUBY and OSWALD were associated in any manner.

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FRANK DEVERA, residing 4907 Parkside, Memphis, Tennessee, on interview advised as follows:

DEVERA is currently the Memphis, Tennessee, representative of Encyclopedia Britanica, Incorporated, ARK. which is owned by WILLIAM BENTON and the University of Chicago. He is in the process of taking over as Memphis area manager of another branch of Britanica known as Great Ideas Program, with offices at 3387 Poplar Avenue, Memphis.

nifs. Figure Vorvera, a native of New York City, and now 49 years of age, was until the late 1950's a professional ballroom dancer and ballroom dance instructor. His wife KITTY DEVERA, a native bi Jedsonia, Arkansas, teamed up with him as his dancing partner. During the 1940's, the DEVERAS operated a dance studio in Washington, D. C. In 1948 they moved to Dallas, Texas, where they opened and operated the Devere Parada Studio 1000 and 10000 operated the Devera Dance Studio, teaching ballroom dancing. In 1949 they had an exhibit at a Dallas Home Show, and put on several ballroom-type dancing demonstrations. There FRANK DEVERA made the acquaintance of JACK LEON RUBY who came to the home show with EDDIE DICKER, a one-time U. S. Representative from the Dallas area, and a prominent builder in Dallas. RUBY, he recalled, was a personable, gregarious and inherently friendly individual.

Later around 1951 or 1952 FRANK and KITTY DEVERA, in an effort to advertise and promote their dance studio, began putting on dancing demonstrations at country clubs, hotel ballrooms and other functions frequented by ballroom dance enthusiasts. During this period, RUBY was operating a dance hall in Dallas, believed to be known as the Silver Spur. The DEVERAS, for about two months, would, once a week, put on dancing exhibitions at Ruby's Club. This would probably have been around 1954 or 1955. DEVERA said actually the name of RUBY's dance hall at that time may have been the Vegas Club on Oaklawn Street, Dallas.

Later around 1956 DEVERA who by then had two dance studios went broke when his landlord broke a lease in the Commerce Bank Building Studio.

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RUBY, on hearing of DEVERA's bad financial plight, loaned him \$200.00. DEVERA claimed he later repaid the \$200.00 loan to RUBY.

About that time KITTY DEVERA went to Jedsonia, Arkansas, to live with her parents. During this period, RUBY, being his usual generous self, offered to allow FRANK DEVERA to share his spartment. DEVERA claimed he declined the offer.

Later DEVERA went to work for Encyclopedia Britanica in the Dallas area and later transferred to the Little Rock, Arkansas, territory.

Around 1959 or 1960, RUBY opened up a private club known as The Carousel. This was open to members who had paid fees and dues. The Club permitted members to leave their whiskey at the Club, permitted dancing and, on occasion, would provide live entertainers in the form of comedians and exotic dancers. FRANK DEVERA was a member of this club for a short time, immediately prior to moving to Arkansas about 1960.

DEVERA said that The Carousel Club has since become a public place of amusement and RUEY has provided live entertainment such as strip-tease type dancers. He claimed not to know the details of RUEY's business operations in recent years.

During the afore-mentioned period, FRANK DEVERA became fairly well acquainted with RUBY.

Both DEVERA and RUBY were members of the Downtown YMCA in Dellas. Both used to engage in physical exercise at the "Y," but not necessarily together. DEVERA recalled that RUBY did not drink, carefully watched his diet in order to not become over weight. He opined that RUBY kept in reasonably good physical condition, but was never a fanatic regarding his physical well being.

RUBY never manifested any unusual sexual or moral tendencies. RUBY was interested in women and, in fact, once told DEVERA he was engaged to a secretary in Dallas, name not recalled.

RUBY read considerably but was never a deep reader. He frequently discussed politics, religion and philosophy with DEVERA. DEVERA, a Catholic, used to discuss his religion with RUBY and sometimes RUBY, a Jew, would discuss Judaism. He gave no indication, however, of being a regular attendee at any synagogue. His interest in politics appeared to be provincial, in that it seemed consistent with the typical Texas viewpoint of being openly extremely pro-American. RUBY always seemed to support the given national administration in power. Nevertheless, DEVERA considered RUBY's political depth and interest to be rather shallow, not unlike that of the typical "man on the street."

RUBY appeared to be a hard worker, attense in his activities and loyal to his friends.

He carried a gun on occasion according to his own statements, although DEVERA never saw him with a gun. RUBY claimed he frequently carried large sums of money in the form of his club's receipts and needed the gun for protection.

RUBY never gave DEVERA any indication that he had any organized vice or gambling-type connections. He never told DEVERA about his activities in Chicago prior to moving to Dallas in the 1940's. He did say that he had been reared in poor surroundings in Chicago.

RUBY never gave any indication of making a lot of money out of his clubs or dance halls. He told DEVERA that he was frequently in arrears in his income tax payments and used to bemoan the fact that he had to go down to the Internal Revenue Office to straighten out his income tax.

RUBY definitely had a quick temper and was prone to argue. He appeared to be highly emotional and somewhat impetuous. In certain areas, he had a very strong sense of moral and legal justice in that he could not tolerate what he felt to be injustices to people or animals. DEVERA could not recall any specific examples of RUBY's so-called sense of justice.

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On occasions RUBY would tell DEVERA that he was having trouble with Dellas authorities concerning his liquor license in that on occasions he would be charged with selling to minors or serving liquor after hours. DEVERA said he did not know any of the details.

RUBY appeared to know many of the Dallas city police officers. He would frequently have them as guests at his clubs. Also on Friday and Saturday nights and on other nights of heavy patronage, RUBY would frequently hire off-duty Dallas police officers to serve as glorified bouncers or guards in his clubs. DEVERA did not know the identities of these officers.

DEVERA said he had not personally seen or talked with RUBY since about 1960 despite the fact that DEVERA has been to Dallas several times in recent years to attend sales meetings of Encyclopedia Britanica, in the latter's divisional office.

DEVERA said that in retrospect he can recall no indications in any of RUBY's utterances or actions to indicate that RUBY has ever had any pro-Communist or pro-Cuban sympathies, associations or affiliations. Similarly, he has never had any reason to believe RUBY to be connected with any extreme type conservative movements. RUBY has never given any indication of holding any extreme views nor has RUBY ever manifested any apparent racial or religious prejudices.

DEVERA was last in Dallas in March or April, 1963, to attend a divisional sales meeting of Britanica. He did not see RUBY during that visit.

DEVERA said he never heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to the appearance of his name in the press following his arrest and being charged with the assassination of the late President, JOHN F. KENNEDY.

Based on reading of OSWALD's background and pro-Communist connections, DEVERA said it was incomprehensible in his mind that RUBY could have previously known OSWALD.

DEVERA theorized and conjectured that RUBY undoubtedly shot OSMAD of his own volition, probably motivated by emotion or the desire for publicity.

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DEVERA said that he was not familiar with the fact that RUBY allegedly "had the run of the Dallas Police Department" as reported by various news media. He said that this was possible in that RUBY was so well known in downtown Dallas and evidently knew so many individual police officers.

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VIRGINIA DITULLIO, 2663 Millmar Drive, telephone number DA 7-0163, was interviewed at Tiny's Lounge, 7525 East Grand Avenue, and voluntarily furnished the following information: MRS. TENHALTO

On November 24, 1963, she sent a telegram to JACK RUBY at the Dallas City Jail. She advised she had been drinking at the time but as she recalls the tebgram said something like "good shooting and glad you did it", with a P.S., "former employee".

She was formerly employed at the Vegas Club in 1960 as a waitress for approximately three months. She had met JACK RUBY, who owned the Vegas Club about three years before she became employed in the Vegas Club. She was introduced to RUBY by her former husband, TINY DITULLIO. Her relationship with RUBY was always of a casual nature and she never had any discussions with RUBY regarding any of his political beliefs.

When she was employed at the Vegas Club RUBY would take her home nearly every night. She made it clear to RUBY that it was just a ride home and nothing further. RUBY respected her wishes and never made any advances toward her. She considered RUBY "high strung" but she never saw him get violent. He would always help anyone if he could and was always a very friendly fellow.

She did not know any girls that RUBY dated but was sure that he went out with quite a number. She did not know any of RUBY's close friends or anything regarding his background except that he was originally from Chicago, Illinois. She was also very friendly with RUBY's sister EVA and on one occasion, she recalled that EVA asked her would she open and run the Vegas Club for her. As she recalled, this was a Jewish holiday and EVA did not want to work that day. She opened the Vegas Club, handled the money and so forth, and closed the club that night. She has the greatest respect for RUBY and EVA and sometimes believes that if RUBY had not shot OSWALD, she might have done it herself. She did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD for of any association between RUBY and OSWALD. She last saw RUBY approximately one and one-half years ago at the Vegas Club. She added that her former husband might be able to furnish additional information.

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BOBBY CHARLES DRIGGERS, 3127 Grayson Drive, bartender, The Nook, Cabana Motor Hotel, advised the following:

He was employed by RUBY for about a month in 1960 during the time RUBY was operating the Sovereign Club. He quit this job because business was slow, and he has not had any connection with RUBY since that time. He considered RUBY to be a hard-driving businessman but does not know of any political affiliations or of any connection RUBY had with the Dallas Police Department. He does not know of any connection between RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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william Malcolm Fitch, who is commonly knowly as Malcolm Fitch, 3509 Delford Circle, was reported to have been a former employee of JACK RUBY. FITCH furnished the following information:

Sometime during 1958 or 1959, FITCH played the piano for three days in the Sovereign Club in Dallas which, at that time, was being operated by JACK RUBY. FITCH does not know JACK RUBY personally and had not heard of him between 1959 and the time he shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD. FITCH knows nothing whatever concerning RUBY's personal life.

FITCH, after viewing a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, advised OSWALD was unknown to him and he knew of no connection between RUBY and OSWALD.

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WINNIE FAYE TLOYD, 847 Peavy Road, who formerly resided at 3359 Delhi, advised that she has known JACK RUBY for fifteen years, when he first operated the Silver Spur on South Ervay Street, Dallas. She further advised that she has been in all of his clubs, the Silver Spur, the Vegas Club and the Carousel. She advised that JOE SLAYTIN started the Sovereign Club in 1960 or 1961 and she was working for him before RUBY became a part owner with SLAYTIN. She said she worked as a hostess and manager for SLAYTIN and also with RUBY.

about an altercation at the Sovereign Club when a group of people came in to the club and asked to join another party already present. She said that RUBY came over to her and told her not to give them a check, that the latter group were friends of his. She said she had already made a check out for the first party at the table and when she tried to give the check to them RUBY caught her by the arm. She said that he started to cuss her out in front of everyone and then he struck her in the face with his hand, splitting her lip. She said she took her shoe off and tried to hit him on the head.

She advised that there were numerous people in the club at the time and the show was going on. She said that she knew of other instances where RUBY had shoved a girl upstairs and had dragged another around in the garage and he was an individual with a terrible temper with customers as well as employees. She said for this reason he never used a bouncer at the club and he took care of most of that type of work when it was demanded. She advised that he never carried a gun as far as she knew and never entered into any political discussions. She said that he never heard of OSWALD until the Presidential assassination. She said she never knew of any connection between the two.

She said that she worked for RUBY about a month in all before the altercation, when she left, and that later the club folded up and then became a public club prior to the present Carousel Club, where they employed strippers. She said she last saw RUBY at the Carousel about six weeks ago and that he had forgotten the incident.

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FLOYD advised that she did not know anything about RUBY's personal life but knew he had dated a girl called ALICE for quite some time back in 1958 when RUBY was living at the Continental House with his sister EVA. She said as far as JOE SLAYTIN was concerned, he was presently operating a drug store at the Mercantile Bank Building and she believed he was living at the Dorchester House on Gaston Avenue.

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JEAN AFLYNN, 2410 Connecticut Lane, Dallas, Texas, advised she worked as a cigarette girl for JACK RUBY at the Carousel Club for about five months beginning in about June, 1962. She terminated her employment because she did not like to work for RUBY. He always behaved as a gentleman and she had no arguments with him; however, he was very nervous, was always running around telling people what to do and she just did not care to work under those conditions. She last saw RUBY briefly at the Dallas State Fair in September.

She advised she never saw RUBY with a gun. She had heard that he was very quick tempered and had thrown people down the stairs at the Carousel Club for getting out of line but she never saw him do this or get involved in any violent arguments with anyone.

She explained that it was a general rumor among the employees that RUBY was sexually interested in both men and women and she assumed he was "bi-sexual." She knew of no men or women who RUBY supposedly dated and could recall the names of no individuals who claimed to actually know anything about RUBY along these lines.

RUBY was an extrovert and wanted to make friends with everybody. Although he was a very friendly type person with everybody he appeared to have very few close friends. She could recall only one person who appeared to be a close friend of RUBY, namely RALPH PAUL. Numerous police officers whose names she could not recall came around the Carousel both in uniform and plain clothes but these calls appeared business in nature. RUBY was friendly with these individuals but no more so than he was friendly with other people. She never saw RUBY give police officers any special favors other than not charging them for coming into the Carousel and possibly giving them a cup of coffee or a coke. She never saw any police officers drinking alcoholic beverages at the Carousel.

RUBY did not appear to be interested in politics. His main interests in life seemed to be several small dogs that he kept and a very strong desire to make the Carousel Club a successful business.

Regarding the Carousel Club, RUBY was very /20/63 Dallas, Dallas 44 Texas JAMES F. GLONEK and - JOHN E. DALLMAN:BL by Special Agent 🚨 Date dictated 159
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conscions that the convention trade was the backbone of his business and went out of his way to encourage trade from individuals visiting in town, particularly those staying in the downtown hotels.

She recalled RUBY mentioning that he originally came from Chicago. He spoke of being raised in a very tough neighborhood and being from a very poor family. FLYNN advised she is aware that there is an organized criminal element in Chicago, Illinois, referred to as the "syndicate" but nothing which RUBY ever said or anything she heard about him indicated that he associated with or was a part of this organization prior to the time he left Chicago for Dallas.

by RUBY surprised her. In thinking over this situation, it is her opinion that RUBY's motivation for the shooting developed out of his fear that OSWALD's assassination of President KENNEDY in Dallas would ruin the convention trade and ultimately ruin his business.

She was not acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, knew of no association between OSWALD and RUBY and knew of no other individuals possibly involved with either of these two men in the shootings.