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Mr. WILLIAM GEORGE NIKOLIS advised he was born on November 26, 1944, at Vernon, Texas. His permanent address is with his parents, GEORGE and HELEN NIKOLIS, 243-37 72nd Avenue, Douglaston, New York. He is presently a sophomore at Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas, and resides at an apartment at 1926 South Belmont, Tyler, Texas, Telephone LYric 2-6763.

In November, 1963, he was a student at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, and lived at McElvaney Hall on the campus.

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About 8:30 to 9:00 PM, November 22, 1963, he was at Phil's Delicatessen located Oak Lawn Avenue, Dallas, Texas, and was having a sandwich with his friends, DENNIS PATRICK MARTIN, BOB SINDLAR, MARGUERITE VEA RIGLER and RITA SILBERMAN. All of the above were students at Southern Methodist University with the exception of RITA who was a high school student. He had purchased a DALLAS TIMES HERALD and while sitting at the table, he and his friends were scanning the paper. The front page carried a story concerning the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY that day.

A man, whom he now believes was JACK RUBY, who was wearing horn-rimmed glasses and sitting at another table a short distance from them, walked up and took a section of the newspaper from his hands and at the same time said something to the effect, "Let me borrow your paper". RUBY then walked away with the paper and he is not sure if RUBY sat down at his own table or not, however, a minute or two later the man brought the paper back.

NIKOLIS is unable to recall if RUBY said anything at the time he returned the paper.

A few minutes later this man walked up again and asked to borrow the paper for the second time. NIKOLIS and the others made remarks such as why didn't they give the man a nickel so he could buy his own paper and other similar remarks. RUBY then told them he owned the Carcusel and Vegas Clubs in Dallas, asked if they had ever heard of the clubs and said something about giving them passes. RUBY said something to the effect he was looking for the club advertising in the paper, however, NIKOLIS stated it was possible RUBY said he was looking for

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closing notices concerning the clubs. RUBY then walked to a telephone and talked to someone on the telephone, but NIKOLIS and his party were unable to hear any of the conversation. RUBY then brought the paper back to the table. NIKOLIS asked RUBY what effect he thought the assassination of President KENNEDY would have on the city of Dallas and RUBY replied to the effect it would hurt business and that Dallas would get no more conventions.

DENNIS MARTIN asked RUBY several times about the passes to the Carousel Club, but RUBY commented that they were too young and never did give them any of the passes. To the best of his recollection this ended the conversation with RUBY and although he is not certain, he believes that he and his party left the delicatessen while RUBY was still there. They drove around town for a short time that evening, then went home. NIKOLIS continued that he was watching television and saw JACK RUBY shoot and kill LEE HARVEY OSWALD and from the many photographs he has seen of RUBY since then, he is almost positive in his own mind that the man in the delicatessen was JACK RUBY. The others of his group who were present at the delicatessen that night were of the same opinion and he was told by BOB SINDLAR that RITA SILBERMAN had called the Dallas Police Department after OSWALD was killed and told them of their encounter with JACK RUBY at the delicatessen. To his knowledge, none of their group were ever interviewed by members of the Dallas Police Department. He continued that to his knowledge, none of his group had ever seen JACK RUBY before, did not know him, and further, none of them knew or had ever seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

NIKOLIS continued that he expects to leave Tyler, Texas at the end of May, 1964, and during the summer months of 1964 can be contacted in care of his uncle, NICK ZELIOUS, Besco Company, Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas.