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BENJAMIN J. KANTER, Attorney, 188 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised he had been a friend of ~~TERRE BERKE~~ for many years in Chicago, prior to ~~BERKE's~~ moving to California.

KANTER recalled one occasion in 1945 or 1947 when he and his wife, PEGGY, planned to visit their son at Antioch College in Ohio. BERKE learned of their proposed trip and asked if KANTER could drop BERKE and his wife off at Muncie, Indiana, en route to Ohio. KANTER and his wife visited with the BERKES and some unrecalled relatives at Muncie, Indiana, for approximately one hour on this occasion. KANTER did not recall specifically the names of the relatives in Muncie, but believed they were in-laws of BERKE. He stated this was the only occasion he ever was in Muncie, Indiana, with BERKE or in company with BERKE's relatives.

KANTER was not acquainted with Mrs. BERKE's sisters or other relatives. He stated he had no recollection of ever having known JACK RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN and his first knowledge of this individual came as a result of the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

KANTER advised BERKE was active in the music publishing field in Chicago in the forties. He said BERKE loved to do card tricks and in other ways perform. He knew of no tall blond woman who might have accompanied BERKE to Muncie, Indiana, or anywhere else. To the best of his knowledge, BERKE, his wife, and their acquaintances known to KANTER were not members of any subversive group and were believed by him to be loyal Americans.

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HAROLD S. SUGERMAN, Vice President, H and B American Corporation, 404 North Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills, California, furnished the following information:

He came to California from Chicago about eight years ago. He was acquainted with IRWIN BERKE and wife in Chicago. He and his wife made about three trips to Muncie, Indiana, with the BERKES in the mid-1940's. He has no recollection of any show girls or persons in the military service accompanying them on above trips. He never knew and has never met JACK L. RUBY, also known as JACK RUBENSTEIN, presently of Dallas, Texas.

His wife and CHARLOTTE CEAZIN were good friends. He was only casually acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. SAM JAFFEE, LAWSON JAFFEE, and Mr. and Mrs. MAX PRITZKER. HERBERT and MARTIN PAZOL, PHILLIP JASSER and MORTON STANDT are unknown to him. He has never been given any reason to question the loyalty of the BERKES, their relatives and acquaintances and has no knowledge of any association of these persons with the Communist Party or with groups or individuals sympathetic with the Communist Party.

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Photographs of Mr. and Mrs. SEYMOUR CHAZIN, taken during the 1947-48 period, were shown to GEORGE WILLIAM FEHRENBACH, Jeweler, Medical Center Building, and he identified the photographs as being those of CHARLOTTE JAFFE CHAZIN and SEYMOUR CHAZIN, daughter and son-in-law of SAM JAFFE. FEHRENBACH stated that these two individuals brought JACK RUBENSTEIN to SAM JAFFE's jewelry store in Muncie, Indiana, from Chicago, Illinois. He also stated that he still believes the JACK RUBENSTEIN he met in Muncie, Indiana, is JACK RUBY. I 11 J 12

The photographs shown to FEHRENBACH included one each of Mrs. CHAZIN and of Mr. CHAZIN, and one showing the two together. FEHRENBACH identified the photograph showing the two together and the single photograph of CHARLOTTE CHAZIN (picture with small girl). He could not identify definitely the single picture of SEYMOUR CHAZIN.

On 4/23/64 at Medford, Oregon File # Portland 44-225

by SA JAMES J. MULLANEY/meg Date dictated 4/24/64

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JOHN T. DUDLEY, Night Chief of Police, Duncan Police Department, Duncan, Oklahoma, advised he is a brother-in-law of FRANK WILLIAM BROWN, who resides at Gallup, New Mexico. BROWN is a "pretty good boy, but rather windy," according to DUDLEY. BROWN has told stories which are exaggerated. For example, at one time BROWN was talking about his military experience and what he had done outstanding in the military, but DUDLEY discovered BROWN was in the National Guard for only a short time and had no real military experience. BROWN was on the Police Department at Ardmore, Oklahoma, and Gallup, New Mexico, and appears to enjoy "playing detective."

DUDLEY is of the opinion that BROWN's enthusiasm for "playing detective" could cause him to exaggerate.

There are no SMITTYS he can recall who have been in conflict with the Duncan Police Department. There are two "police characters" in the Duncan area by the name of CHARLES SMIDDY and GENE SMIDDY, but he does not recall the SMIDDYS being connected with any gunrunning. He never did tell BROWN that either CHARLES SMIDDY or GENE SMIDDY was connected with JACK RUBY. As a matter of fact, he does not recall telling BROWN anything from which BROWN could make a connection between either of the SMIDDYS and JACK RUBY. He cannot remember an incident in the Duncan, Oklahoma, area where any men were chased and guns recovered. To his knowledge, there was no such incident. DUDLEY never heard of JACK RUBY being connected with any gunrunning in or around Duncan. He never heard of RUBY being connected with any person in Duncan. He has no knowledge of gunrunning in the Duncan area. He never heard of JACK RUBY until, according to the news, RUBY shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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LEWIS TATE, Assistant Chief of Police, Duncan Police Department, Duncan, Oklahoma, advised there are no SMITTYs in the Duncan, Oklahoma, area, who have been in conflict with the police or who have been connected with gunrunning. He is acquainted with GENE SMIDDY and CHARLES B. SMIDDY, who are both ex-convicts, and live in the Duncan area. However, he has never known of either of the SMIDDYS being connected with gunrunning. He knows of no instance where either SMIDDY was chased in gunrunning activities. He has no information that either of the SMIDDYS were ever connected with JACK RUBY. There has been no gunrunning activity in the Duncan area, to the knowledge of the Duncan Police Department.

He is acquainted with FRANK WILLIAM BROWN and knows BROWN to be a person who will let his imagination run away with him and exaggerate matters.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent CHARLES S. HARDING on April 21, 1964, at Atlanta, Georgia:

The following persons checked the records of their respective agencies and advised that they could locate no record for DONALD EDWARD BROWDER:

[JO PRESSELY]
Atlanta Police Department, Identification Bureau

[JOHN TALLENT]
Atlanta Police Department, Station Captain's Office

[Miss GRACE PATE]
Atlanta Credit Bureau

[DALTON KIRKPATRICK]
Clerk of United States District Court, Atlanta,
Georgia

On April 21, 1964, FLANEY MACK JOHNSON advised that he has not seen DONALD EDWARD BROWDER for almost ten years and believes that he may still be in the Miami, Florida, area.

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BLANEY MACK JOHNSON was shown numerous photographs of individuals, among which was a full-length photograph and a face photograph, both front and profile, of JACK L. RUBY. JOHNSON was asked to pick out photographs of anyone he recognized that he formerly knew in Florida. JOHNSON picked out the photographs of several individuals he thought he had seen before and picked out photographs of JACK L. RUBY as someone he thought he had seen before. He was asked to identify this person but could not do so. It was then pointed out to him that these were photographs of JACK L. RUBY and JOHNSON became very nervous. He stated that he possibly did not recognize the photographs as being identical to the JACK RUBENSTEIN he knew in Florida inasmuch as he always saw RUBENSTEIN dressed in a suit and the pictures of RUBY show him dressed in casual clothing.

JOHNSON stated he did not recall where he first met JACK RUBENSTEIN, but saw him approximately a half-dozen times. He recalls that he saw him twice at the Colonial Inn in Florida and once at the Sunny South Airport, Northwest 7th Avenue and 90th Street, Miami, Florida. He stated he always called him JACK.

Concerning DONALD EDWARD BROWDER, JOHNSON described him as follows:

White male, 33-35 years old (10 to 12 years ago), good looking, height 5'9" - 5'10", weight 155-160, hair black, full head of hair, sometimes wore mustache, did not wear glasses, neat dresser, dressed in conservative suits or conservative sport clothing, carried German Luger pistol, had no known military service. JOHNSON stated BROWDER was called DON, EDDIE and DON EDUARDO. He stated, however, that BROWDER was not believed to be of Latin descent. BROWDER had no known occupation, but was believed by JOHNSON to be a smuggler. JOHNSON stated he saw him approximately a dozen times, several times at

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Eric Johnson Enterprises, a machine shop located at 37 Northwest 32nd Avenue, Miami, Florida. He stated ERIC JOHNSON is now in Nassau, Bahamas, and would definitely know BROWDER, but is not sure if he would know RUBENSTEIN. JOHNSON has no knowledge of the origin of BROWDER. He stated BROWDER was not married but had a blonde girl friend, name unrecalled, who was a dancer in a Miami Beach club. BROWDER lived in a Miami Beach apartment, address unknown.

JOHNSON stated he never saw RUBENSTEIN and BROWDER together but heard both mention the other and believed they were acquainted. He stated that RUBENSTEIN was not married, he was not a pilot, and did his alleged gun running by boat; however, JOHNSON could not state who would have assisted him, from what place in the area he would leave by boat, and whose boat he would use.

JOHNSON admitted that he was overwrought emotionally with the President's death and as a result of this, very easily could be mistaken in identifying JACK L. RUBY as the same person he knew as JACK RUBENSTEIN in Florida. He stated, however, he could not get on the witness stand and testify under oath they were identical but still believes that they could be.

JOHNSON further stated that he has never suffered from emotional or mental illness and has never been treated for same.

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The Miami Office, failing to identify DONALD EDWARD BROWDER, alleged by BLANEY MACK JOHNSON to have been an associate of JACK RUBENSTEIN in gun-running activities, suggested EDWARD J. BROWDER, FBI Number 4 840 823, presently an inmate at the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida, may be identical with the person JOHNSON referred to. The following Identification Record dated April 22, 1964, was furnished by Miami:

Contributor of Fingerprints Name and Number Arrested or Received Charge Disposition

SOS Army	Edward Browder JR #104-PAA	pilot 4-10-42		
SO Detroit Mich	Edward Browder Jr #AA-7212	applicant FP 11-20-42		
CAA Wash DC	Edward Browder #--	applicant FP 2-24-43		
SOS Army	Edward Browder JR #42-LAB	pilot "C" 3-10-43		
British Security Co-Ordination NY NY	Edward Browder Jr #--	civilian pilot trainee 2-25-44		
PD Okla City Okla	Edward Browder Jr #57047	FP 4-24-47 record only		subject in Fed Custody 4-24-47
USM Okla City Okla #16945	Edward Browder #-- SO Okla City Okla	4-24-47	2 chgs theft goft prop	12-2-47 1 yr in Cust of Atty Gen

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<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
USM Miami Fla	Edward Browder Jr #6174-M	2-9-48	export implements of War	rel on \$5000 bond returnable at Augusta Ga 8-21-48 sent to serve 18 mos on each of 2 cts in cust of Atty Gen sent to run concur on chg export implements of war (Neutrality Act) sent -23-49 at Miami Fla prob imposed until 3-21-50
USM Miami Fla	Edward Browder Jr #6197-M	3-12-48	Organize Expedition against Friendly power	
USM, Miami, Fla.	Edward Browder #6196-M	3-12-48	Allegedly 4-29-48, export Military Not Guilty Aircraft	Verdit-

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<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
SO, Miami, Fla.	Earl Browder, Jr., #94020	4-23-48	con- spiracy	5-12-48 rel to USM
Fed. Corr. Inst. Tallahassee, Fla.	Edward Browder Jr., #6473-TF	9-21-48	Consp. to steal Govt. prop. consp. to aid rev. in Foreign Country	18 mos. 9-15-49 paroled
SO Miami Fla	Edward Browder Jr. #CR1878	9-16-49 Criminal Registration		Rel. Inst.
PD Los Angeles Calif	Edward Browder Jr. #166665	5-16-51	susp 476a PC checks (non- sufficient funds)	6-1-51 dism
PD Denver Colo.	Edward Boles Browder #37320	12-16-52	Inv Fug	
PD Tulsa Okla	Edward Boles Browder #29775	4-29-53	held for inv- checks and auto theft	

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<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
PD Tulsa Okla	Edward Boles Browder #29775	4-29-53	fug fr justice	to co 5-1-53
SO Tulsa Okla	Edward Browder Jr. #22547	5-4-53	auto theft	pend
SO Lubbock Texas	Edward Browder Jr #6742	5-13-53	fel theft	
SO Amarillo Texas	Edward Browder #26181	5-29-55	bond forf	
PD Miami Beach Fla	Edward Browder #A-27256	8-7-57	DC-fail give sat (Wanted by Miami PD)	8-7-57 Nolle Prosse & rel to Miami PD
PD Miami Fla	Edward Browder Jr. #61548	8-7-57	inv B&E GL & bad chks	8-10-57 to Co. (Capias)
SO Miami Fla	Edward Browder Jr. #214327- 14879	8-10-57	4 cts w/c under \$50 1 ct obt money under false pretenses	1-3-58 2 cts WC dism 1-7-58 2 cts WC & obt money under false pret nolle prosse

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<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Dept of Pub Safety Miami Fla	Edward Browder Jr. #59-2325-14879	3-2-59	hold for Marshal	3-2-59 rel to Marshal
USM Miami Fla	Edward Browder Jr. #805 M Cr	3-2-59	ITSP	see supplement
Dep of Pub Safety Miami Fla	Edward Browder Jr. #59-2628-14879	3-9-59	hold for marshal	5-15-59 rel to Marshal
Dep of Pub Safety Miami Fla	Edward Browder Jr. #59-5103-14879	5-15-59	obtaining under false pretense	7-19-60 bond estreat
Dept of Pub Safety Miami Fla	Edward Browder Jr. #60-4350-14879	4-8-60	WC under (2 cts)	7-19-60 bond estreat
Dept of Pub Safety Miami Fla	Edward Browder #60-12115-14879	10-18-60	WC under 2 cts	10-19-60 susp sent with prob ea ct
Deputy USM Edinburg Texas	Edward Browder Jr. #15-272	4-17-62	jumping appeal bond fugitive	

Files of the Dallas Office reflect BROWDER was, in 1962, described as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	June 22, 1917, Amarillo, Texas
Height	5'10½"
Weight	175 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Black, wavy, graying; large black mustache on upper lip
Characteristics	Smooth talker, suave demeanor

Photographs of EDWARD J. BROWDER, JR. were furnished by the Miami Office to Atlanta for exhibition to BLANEY MACK JOHNSON. The Jacksonville Office was requested to furnish photographs from Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida, for similar purposes.

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2 **EDWARD J. BROUDER, JR.**, also known as **JOHN SKYTE**, **PIER BENTLEY**, who has FBI Number 484682S, and presently serving a three year sentence at Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida, was interviewed on April 21, 1964. BROUDER was sentenced from Federal Court at Miami, Florida on June 3, 1960 for receiving and concealing stolen Guardian Securities.

At the outset of the interview BROUDER was advised by SA ROBERT W. CLARK that he did not have to make any statement or talk to the interviewing agents and that any statement he did make could be used in court, even against him at a later date. No threats or promises were made and BROUDER advised that he was aware of his right to consult an attorney before saying anything to the interviewing agents.

BROUDER advised that he was not acquainted with **JACK LEON RUBY**, whose picture he has seen in the newspapers many times and that he was never associated with RUBY in the smuggling of arms to Cuba in the early 1950's or any other time. BROUDER advised that he had never used the name **DONALD EDWARD BROUDER** and he did not know any person by that name. BROUDER advised that he was not acquainted with a **EMMETT RICE JOHNSON**, **IRVING LAVIS** or **CLIFTON T. BOWEN, JR.**, but was aware that several years back there was a **MARRS**, possibly **JOE MARRS**, who operated a repair shop for airplanes in Miami, but he, BROUDER, was not acquainted with the man.

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By communication April 27, 1964, the Atlanta Office advised BLANEY NACK JOHNSON had, on that date, identified the photograph of EDWARD J. BROWDER, FBI No. 4 840 823, as being the same individual he knew as DONALD EDWARD BROWDER and believed to have collaborated with RUBY in the smuggling of arms to Cuba.

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 MORRIS G. ADELMAN, 3390 West Hollywood Avenue, advised he has resided at this address since April, 1963, and previously resided for twenty-five years at 4445 North Lawndale Avenue, Chicago. ADELMAN never resided at Los Angeles, Dallas, Fort Worth or San Antonio.

ADELMAN stated he never personally knew JACK RUBY; however, as a youth, he resided in the same general neighborhood where RUBY reportedly resided in Chicago. ADELMAN stated the photograph of RUBY was not familiar as anyone known to him.

ADELMAN denied any Communist Party (CP) activity or association, and stated he is not acquainted with anyone known to be connected with the CP. ADELMAN stated he never knowingly signed the "Stockholm Peace Petition." ADELMAN stated he and his family are loyal Americans and he is vehemently opposed to communism. ADELMAN advised he was born November 11, 1904, at Nikolaev, Russia, but moved to Chicago when five years of age.

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MORRIS ADELMAN, 6442 Rockwell Street, advised that he has no knowledge of JACK RUBY other than what he has read in the newspapers. He stated that he has never resided in Los Angeles, Dallas, Fort Worth or San Antonio, and has resided outside the Chicago, Illinois, area only at Miami, Florida, while in the U. S. Air Force.

ADELMAN further stated he has never been associated with the Communist Party (CP) or any other such organizations, and is, in fact, a loyal American citizen. He stated he could furnish no information as to any individual of the same name who might be associated with the CP in Chicago.

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