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IRVING ZAKARIN was interviewed at the offices of Lee Vic Belt and Novelty Company, 9th Floor, 153 West 27th Street, Manhattan, New York, where he is employed as a foreman by this firm. He furnished the following information:

He resides at 14 Spector Lane, Plainview, Long Island, New York, with his wife and children.

He was in the United States Army Air Force during World War II, and in 1944, he was stationed at Bluethenthal Field, North Carolina. He was transferred about June, 1944, from this Field to another Army Air Force Unit, at Chatham Field, Georgia. He could not recall the name or number of this unit with which he was stationed at Chatham Field. Also transferred with him from Bluethenthal Field to Chatham Field was JACK RUBY.

He served at Chatham Field with JACK RUBY for about one year, and then ZAKARIN was transferred to another Field and had no further contact with RUBY after leaving Chatham Field.

At Chatham Field, ZAKARIN served as an airplane mechanic with about 15 other men, including JACK RUBY. These men were also transferred to Chatham Field about the same time. They serviced P-47s which were classified as "transit aircraft", and there were usually about six of these planes handled by their service group.

While at Chatham Field, ZAKARIN was probably RUBY's closest friend. They frequently went on liberty to nearby Savannah, Georgia, usually to meet some girls.

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One of the places they frequented was known as "Bo Peep", a bar owned by a man named GULLY. They also frequented the De Soto Hotel, the Oglethorpe Hotel, and the USO (United Service Organization) Club, both in Savannah and Savannah Beach, Georgia.

RUBY did not smoke or drink, but was the type of person who liked to go out and have a good time and be with other people. RUBY was friendly, good natured, and readily loaned money to his close associates. RUBY appeared to him to be a normal male insofar as his sexual behavior and interests were concerned. There was never any indication that RUBY was homosexual.

ZAKARIN felt that RUBY was very emotional. He recalled that when President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT died in April, 1945, RUBY had cried and expressed great admiration for President ROOSEVELT. Although he was the type who would do anything for his friends, he could on occasion become violent when aroused. On one occasion, when he was working on an airplane and a minor accident occurred, RUBY and another crew member became involved in an argument. This crewman, who was a Buck Sergeant and came from Texas, and whose name was unknown, called RUBY a "Jew bastard". RUBY then attacked this Sergeant and beat him with his fists. This was the only occasion that ZAKARIN could recall when RUBY became violent, and ZAKARIN was surprised as he had never expected that RUBY would become so angry when he was called a name by another person.

RUBY was about 34 years of age at the time and the oldest man in the group. RUBY always worked harder than the younger men in the group in order to prove that he could keep up with them, which he always succeeded in doing. When they were required to train on an obstacle course and were supposed to go over the course once, RUBY would frequently do the course twice in order to prove that he could keep up with the younger men.

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RUBY frequently brought up the fact that he was closely associated with BARNEY ROSS, former welterweight boxing champion, and displayed pictures of himself with ROSS, which were apparently taken at the time ROSS was welterweight champion in the late 1930s. ZAKARIN believed that RUBY had displayed photographs of himself with other well known personalities, whose names ZAKARIN could not recall.

ZAKARIN never knew RUBY to engage in any criminal activity and had no known criminal associates. RUBY did speak of his upbringing in a poor section of Chicago, and had mentioned that he sold newspapers to earn money when he was young.

ZAKARIN described RUBY as a loyal American citizen, and he never knew him to engage in any political activity. His interests seemed to center around sports.

ZAKARIN could only recall the name of one member of the service group, and that was a Sergeant (First Name Unknown) LOGDSEN (phonetic), who was a "Line Chief" in their service group. The man in charge of the group was a Lieutenant or a Warrant Officer named ROSENSWEIG (phonetic). There were two pilots who were stationed at Chatham Field, Georgia, and who flew the P-47s serviced by this group. They were Major DOWNING and a Captain DAY, and ZAKARIN believed they were stationed at this base for quite a few months while he was stationed there.

ZAKARIN believed that RUBY's parents were deceased at the time, but RUBY was apparently fond of his sister, named EVA, who frequently sent him packages of food.