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Mr. STEPHEN ANDREW BELANCIK, 8 Murphy Avenue, Bristol, Rhode Island, occupation machinist, J. L. HUESTIS Company, 97 Constitution Avenue, Bristol, Rhode Island, stated that he was born August 18, 1917, at Torrington, Connecticut. He served in the U. S. Air Force from May, 1941, to November, 1945, at which time he was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant with U. S. Army Serial No. 31047054.

Mr. BELANCIK recalled that he first met JACK RUBY sometime in the period April to June, 1944, when he and RUBY were stationed at Bluethenthal Field, Wilmington, North Carolina. At that time, JACK RUBY was known to him as JACK RUBENSTEIN and was a P.F.C. with a military specialty as aircraft mechanic assigned to the 321st Fighter Squadron. Mr. BELANCIK recalled that RUBY had told him he originally came from Chicago, Illinois, and prior to World War II he had been engaged in a wholesale toy and novelty company with his brother in Chicago.

RUBY was single. At no time during his association with RUBY was BELANCIK aware of any sexual interests on the part of RUBY. BELANCIK never remembers RUBY's having a date with members of the opposite sex, and at that time RUBY never displayed any homosexual tendencies.

He pointed out that shortly after he met RUBY he moved from the barracks at the base to join his wife in quarters off the base and therefore had less contact with JACK RUBY.

BELANCIK said he had no information which would indicate that RUBY during the period he knew him had any criminal associations. He recalled that RUBY liked to gamble but his gambling activities were usually confined to card games and dice games in or near the barracks. RUBY never gave any indication of any intense interest in politics and appeared to be an adherent of the Democratic Party. In BELANCIK's opinion, RUBY was not favorably disposed to communism or any other radical political system. He recalled RUBY as an emotional person who was quick to lose his temper whenever

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anti-Semitism was eluded to in any form. As an example of his emotional makeup, BELANCIK said that at the time of the death of President ROOSEVELT in 1945 RUBY wept openly and had a propensity for weeping when he was upset. RUBY also had a great affinity for physical calisthenics and never lost an opportunity to engage in these exercises. BELANCIK recalled that RUBY had no liking for work and carefully avoided any situation that would dirty his hands. He was however considered to be a "hustler" since BELANCIK recalled on one occasion in 1944 RUBY contacted someone in Chicago, Illinois, who subsequently sent RUBY some punch boards and chocolates which RUBY peddled through the Essee to make extra money. He was considered a conniver with an abundance of nerve in that at one time in a Savannah, Georgia hotel in 1944 RUBY was engaged in a telephone conversation with some girl, and at this time BOB HOPE, the popular comedian was going through the lobby of the hotel from which RUBY was telephoning. At this time RUBY reached out and took HOPE's arm and steered him to the phone booth where he had HOPE speak to the girl.

BELANCIK said JACK RUBY, to his knowledge, never was arrested; never went absent without leave (AWOL); and was for the most part a well behaved, polite person who was favorably regarded by his military associates.

He was not known to have gone on extended sick call and to the contrary was an exceptionally healthy person physically and appeared to be mentally well adjusted, at least to the degree where he did not visit a psychiatrist.

BELANCIK added that he has not seen RUBY since his discharge from the Army in 1945 but recalled that he had received a post card or short letter from RUBY nine or ten years ago indicating that RUBY was changing his name from JACK RUBENSTEIN to JACK RUBY.