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Re: Alleged Communist Party Affiliation of Ruby

On July 10, 1964, Mrs. ANNE D. TURNER, Chief of the Files and Records Section, House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), House Office Building, Washington, D. C., made available records to SA RICHARD W. KAISER which were examined in order to determine the identity of one SAM JAFFEE, whose name was listed in the index of the HCUA.

A number of HCUA hearings and reports contain information concerning SAM JAFFE, a prominent actor of stage and screen, who reportedly was affiliated with various Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) front organizations in the New York City area during the 1930's and 1940's.

It has been determined that the SAM JAFFE mentioned above is identical to SAMUEL CHARLES JAFFE, also known as SAMUEL CHARLES LEDY. JAFFE was born March 19, 1891, at New York City, and according to available information he resided in New York City and Los Angeles, California, during the period encompassing 1942 to 1947. There is no available information indicating that JAFFE ever resided in Muncie, Indiana.

HCUA hearings and reports also contain information concerning one SAMUEL H. JAFFEE, a lawyer, described as an officer of the Washington, D. C. chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild.

It has been determined that the JAFFEE mentioned above is identical to SAMUEL HARRY JAFFEE, born June 6, 1901, at Worcester, Massachusetts. He is known to have resided in the Washington, D. C. area during the period from 1940 to 1950. There is no available information indicating that he ever resided in Muncie, Indiana.

1Date July 9, 1964

On November 28, 1963, an individual who requested his identity not be divulged but who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that JACK RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN was unknown to him in the Communist Party (CP) as a member at the present time or from the period of approximately 1945 to date.

A photograph of this individual was exhibited to this source and he repeated his inability to identify RUBENSTEIN as a CP member.

This source is a current CP member in the Chicago area who is and was generally acquainted with rank and file members of the CP on the South Side and with some CP members outside of the South Side of Chicago.

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Date July 9, 19641

On November 28, 1963, an individual who requested his identity not be divulged but who has furnished reliable information in the past, was contacted. This individual stated he is not acquainted with JACK RUBY, also known as JACK RUBENSTEIN. A photograph of RUBY was exhibited to this individual, and he stated he could not identify the person pictured as a member of the Communist Party (CP).

This individual has been a member of the CP in excess of 30 years, mostly in the State of Illinois. This individual has held some policy making positions in the CP of Illinois, and has a broad knowledge of the CP membership for many years, including the 1930's and 1940's.

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On November 28, 1963, an individual who requested his identity not be divulged but who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he has been a member of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois for some thirty years. During this period, this individual was generally familiar with rank and file members of the CP, including Negro and some white members. This individual has held policy-making positions in the CP of Illinois.

This individual was exhibited a photograph of JACK RUBY, also known as JACK RUBENSTEIN, and stated he was unfamiliar with this individual as being active in the CP at any time during his membership.

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On November 28, 1963, an individual who requested his identity not be divulged but who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he was a member of the Communist Party (CP) until the early 1950's. He currently has some continued connections with CP members. In the 1930's and 1940's, he had a broad acquaintance with Negro and white CP members in the Chicago area and held some minor policy-making positions in the CP.

This person was exhibited a photograph of JACK RUBY, also known as JACK RUBENSTEIN, and advised he was unfamiliar with this individual as having been a member of the CP of Illinois during the period when he was a member.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On November 28, 1963, LUCIOUS ARMSTRONG, 7523 South Ellis Avenue, has furnished reliable information in the past and was a member of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois from the 1930's until approximately January, 1963. During this time, he held some policy-making positions in the CP. He had a broad acquaintance with CP members in the Chicago area during this period.

ARMSTRONG was exhibited a photograph of JACK RUBY, also known as JACK RUBINSTEIN, and advised he was not familiar with this individual as being a member of the CP of Illinois during the period in which he has knowledge.

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On November 28, 1963, Mr. ANZELM A. CZARNOWSKI, 7513 63rd Street, Summit, Illinois, a member of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois during the period 1944 to January, 1955, has furnished reliable information in the past. He held minor policy-making positions in the CP of Illinois during some of this period.

CZARNOWSKI was exhibited a photograph of JACK RUBY, also known as JACK RUBENSTEIN, and advised that he could not associate this individual with the CP of Illinois during the time of his acquaintanceship with CP members.

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Date July 17, 19641

Judge BENJAMIN J. KANTER, Municipal Court, City of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, was recontacted. Judge KANTER furnished a photograph of himself and his wife. This photograph was taken sometime in the 1940's, according to Judge KANTER. His wife is 5'1" tall, and her weight was about 115 pounds at the time.

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Date

HAROLD R. SUGERMAN, Vice President, H&B American Corporation, 404 North Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills, California, was interviewed on July 17, 1964, at which time he reiterated the information he had previously furnished to the FBI on April 21, 1964, and was unable to add any additional information. SUGERMAN furnished the following information on both occasions:

He came to California from Chicago approximately eight years ago. While residing in Chicago, he and his wife were acquainted with ROSYLIN and IRWIN BERKE. He recalled that he and his wife made approximately three trips to Muncie, Indiana, in the mid-1940's. He has no recollection of any showgirls or person in the military service accompanying them on the 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 CHAZIN were friends, but he and his wife were only casually acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. SAM JAFFEE, LAWSON JAFFEE and Mr. and Mrs. MAX PRITZKER. He does not know HERBERT and MARTIN PAZOL, PHILLIP JASSER or MORTON STANDT.

He was never given any reason to question the loyalty of the BERKES, their relatives or acquaintances, and has no knowledge of any association of these persons with the Communist Party (CP) or with groups or individuals sympathetic with the CP.

On 7/17/64 at Beverly Hills, California File # Los Angeles 44-895  
by SA A. HAROLD LANDRETH/jm Date dictated 7/17/64

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Mrs. HAROLD R. SUGERMAN, 2720 Ellison Drive, Beverly Hills, California, was interviewed on July 17, 1964, and advised as follows:

She and her husband came to California from Chicago approximately eight years ago. During the time they resided in Chicago, they were friends of ROSYLIN and IRWIN BERKE. She recalled that they made two or three trips to Muncie, Indiana, with the BERKES in the mid-1940's, but does not recall ever having met anyone named JACK L. RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN. She said she saw JACK L. RUBY's picture on television after the assassination of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and that she is positive she never met this individual before. She said to the best of her knowledge, no one in show business or military service accompanied them and the BERKES on their trips to Muncie, Indiana.

She was good friends with CHARLOTTE CHAZIN but was only casually acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. SAM JAFFEE, LAWSON JAFFEE, and Mr. and Mrs. MAX PRITZKER. She does not know anyone named HERBERT and MARTIN PAZOL, PHILLIP JASSER or MORTON STANDT.

She never had any reason to question the BERKES' loyalty to the United States or the loyalty of their relatives and acquaintances. She has no knowledge of any association of these persons with the Communist Party (CP), or with groups or individuals sympathetic to the CP.

On 7/17/64 at Beverly Hills, California File # Los Angeles 44-895  
 by SAs A. HAROLD LANDRETH/jm Date dictated 7/17/64  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/17/641

Mr. ISRAEL HORWITZ was telephonically contacted in an effort to make an appointment for an interview. He was contacted at telephone number BR 4-7250. Mr. HORWITZ acknowledged that about three weeks ago he moved his business from 1108 West Lawrence, Chicago, Illinois, to 6344 North Broadway, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that his current business operates under the name Show Time.

Mr. HORWITZ acknowledged that he has been known in the music business in Chicago under the name of JACK HOWARD for many years.

Mr. HORWITZ stated that he would not discuss the matter involving JACK RUBENSTEIN as he wanted no part whatsoever of this individual. Mr. HORWITZ refused to make himself available for an interview and stated he wished he had never acknowledged having known RUBENSTEIN many years ago when RUBENSTEIN lived in Chicago. Mr. HORWITZ stated RUBENSTEIN was only a passing acquaintance of his and he knew nothing concerning him.

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by SA WILLIAM R. RODERICK/sbw Date dictated 7/17/64

Date 7/17/641

MICHAEL F. HENEGHAN, Chief Probation Officer, Family Court of Cook County, 226 West Roosevelt Road, was interviewed at his office in the presence of EDWARD J. NERAD, Chief Administrative Officer, Family Court of Cook County. NERAD advised that upon receipt of the request for an additional review of the Family Court of Cook County records concerning HYMAN and EVA RUBENSTEIN he had made a request that they be located and brought to his office. He added at this time that the documents that he had originally made available per instruction from Mr. NERAD and which were available now were the original documents and not microfilm records.

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by SA HERBERT F. BRIICK/sbw Date dictated 7/17/64

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EDWARD J. NERAD, Chief Administrative Officer, Family Court of Cook County, Illinois (FCCC), was interviewed in the office of MICHAEL F. HENEGHAN, Chief Probation Officer, FCCC, 2246 West Roosevelt Road. Mr. HENEGHAN was present during the interview.

NERAD advised that the notation "September 30, 1922; Blumenthal" which appears on the FCCC Master File Card for EVA RUBENSTEIN, Case No. 83383, and which does not appear anywhere in her legal file is explained as follows:

The Master File Card reflects any dates which the FCCC's procedure organization considered important. These did not necessarily reflect court appearances only; however, EVA RUBENSTEIN's FCCC Legal Files reflect only court appearances, dates on which either she or someone acting in her behalf would have appeared before the court.

With regard to the specific notation "September 30, 1922; Blumenthal," NERAD advised that this, in his considered opinion, involved the date on which a probation officer was asked to more or less supervise EVA RUBENSTEIN's dependency case. He stated the specifics concerning this as well as any of the minor details concerning EVA's connection with the court would have been contained in the Social Service File concerning her. This file he said would have been destroyed sometime ago because of age and is no longer available.

Mr. NERAD, after reviewing the EVA RUBENSTEIN FCCC Legal Files, advised that at no time had she ever had an Incurability Hearing. With regard to EVA's reportedly being "released from probation April 23, 1926," NERAD advised that the court documents actually contain the wording concerning this hearing "permanent release from guardianship" and that the statement that she was released from "probation" on that date as previously set out was an error either on his part or Mr. HENEGHAN's.

Mr. NERAD at this point stated that when originally contacted by the FBI, he stated that Cook County Juvenile Court records from the period in which the RUBENSTEIN family was in contact with the court

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would be on microfilm record. He stated after searching for and locating the record, it was ascertained that they had not been microfilmed and the information obtained was from the original documents.

Mr. NERAD advised that the type of activity which might have resulted in incorrigibility proceedings concerning HYMAN and/or EVA RUBENSTEIN or any child could have been the result of a widely varied type of activity on a child's part from disobedience, truancy and simple misdemeanor to the most serious type of felony.

NERAD could make no definite statement as to whether incorrigibility proceedings were the normal concomitant of dependency hearings involving a broken or unstable home. He stated of the most often happening in his past experience which began in the 1930's was that it was more likely that a dependency hearing would be the outgrowth of an incorrigibility hearing. Once a child was declared incorrigible, an investigation into his background would indicate a broken or unstable home making dependency hearings necessary.

NERAD stated that the effect of a declaration of incorrigibility and placement on probation would vary with the probation officer assigned to the case and would depend upon the seriousness of the reason of the incorrigibility finding. Some probation officers, he stated, handled the child assigned to them on an individual basis and would only make them report if they felt it was necessary. NERAD stated that no record schedule on visits to the subject's home were set up and the probation officer used his own discretion in handling each case. He stated that if a child persisted in his incorrigibility, the ultimate punishment the court had would be to have sent him to St. Charles Training School, St. Charles, Illinois. He stated that apparently this did not happen to HYMAN RUBENSTEIN inasmuch as his Master Card File did not indicate that he had ever been sent there.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/21/641

Mrs. ROBERT W. LEE, 2535 Brandon Street, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at the Southwestern Drug Corporation, 525 Browder Street, Dallas, and advised as follows:

She recalls a transaction which occurred several days prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY, on which occasion she sold several cans of Swedish Milk Diet (SMD) to JACK RUBY at the Southwestern Drug Corporation. She specifically recalls that RUBY requested the invoice be made out to Bankers Drug of Dallas, Texas. She stated that RUBY, having completed the transaction, started to leave, but came back examining the ticket and claiming he had been undercharged. Mrs. LEE examined the ticket and made the necessary adjustments, at which time RUBY gave her one ticket to the Carousel Club, which he signed on the reverse side. She stated RUBY was in the building for at least ten or fifteen minutes, since the invoice had to be adjusted, but she has no idea whether he was reading a newspaper or even carrying one. She did note that the coffee room is adjacent to her desk and that newspapers are always scattered about this room throughout the day. She does not recall that RUBY ever left the counter at her desk during this transaction. Mrs. LEE stated she had never met JACK RUBY prior to this period, nor had she ever known that he was a former customer of Southwestern Drug Corporation. She stated she had heard no conversation prior to or following the assassination of President KENNEDY, which would indicate RUBY was ever seen in the company of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, or that OSWALD had ever been seen at the Southwestern Drug Corporation.

She stated she does not recall selling any items to RUBY along with the SMD and cannot be certain that the sale indicated on Invoice No. 8768 is the one in which she was involved.

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by Special Agent ROBERT P. JTLER/eah Date dictated 7/21/64

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/21/641

Mrs. CHARLES C. McCALL, 3718 Moon Drive, Mesquite, Texas, was interviewed at the Southwestern Drug Corporation, 525 Browder Street, Dallas, Texas, where she is employed as a receptionist - clerk.

She recalled the sale of some cosmetics (items unrecalled) to JACK RUBY by Mrs. ROBERT LEE on the Tuesday prior to the Friday on which the President was assassinated. She recalls this specifically since she also remembered commenting to Mrs. LEE on the following Monday after seeing RUBY shoot LEE HARVEY OSWALD on television regarding her transaction with RUBY.

She further stated that she saw JACK RUBY on one other occasion, date unrecalled, in the building and also that he purchased Swedish Milk Diet on both occasions through Bankers Drug, Dallas, Texas.

She stated she has never seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD in her life and has never heard anyone mention any connection between OSWALD and JACK RUBY.

She does not recall RUBY carrying a newspaper in his hand on the Tuesday involving the sale of cosmetics and has no idea how it might have come to be in his possession.

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1.Date 7/24/64

Mr. EDWARD L. BJORNSON, Sales Promotion Manager, James O. Welch Company, 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that several years ago this company had a promotional program with the Van Schaak Corporation and that among other things, the Scenex Candid Camera was given as a premium.

He stated that this promotion was discontinued approximately eighteen months ago.

BJORNSON stated he did not recall ever talking on the telephone to EARL RUBY of Detroit, Michigan about this promotion; however, it is possible that he did. He stated that he does not recall ever talking to or corresponding with EARL RUBY at any time, but if RUBY produced the Scenex Candid Camera, he might have talked to him at one time or another.

On 7/23/64 at Cambridge, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-337  
by SA's JOSEPH E. CONDON and  
GEORGE W. WHALEN / mac Date dictated 7/24/64

Date 7/15/641

FRANK BOERDER, 1211 Mountain Lake Road, telephone FE 1-3996, studio at 835 West 7th Street, telephons WH 1-5938, was interviewed at his studio.

He said he was present, at the request of JACK L. RUBY, at the Carousel Club, Dallas, on what he recalled was perhaps the Tuesday preceding Sunday, November 24, 1963, when RUBY shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD. A real estate woman recalled only as "BERTHA" was present at this meeting recalled to have been in the afternoon.

BOERDER said he had previously visited a location in Dallas with RUBY, who had in mind possibly obtaining a lease and opening a club. RUBY had explained to BOERDER he was going to try to interest "BERTHA" in investing some money in such club. He said RUBY was "very cagey" with "BERTHA" as to the location of the proposed site for a club and, in fact, called BOERDER later in the day to determine whether "BERTHA" may have called him in effort to determine the location. He said it was evident to him RUBY wanted him present to impress "BERTHA" that RUBY had big plans for a successful venture. RUBY had made him promise not to disclose the proposed site. BOERDER said the conversation in his presence was confined strictly to the proposed club and included no conversation on other matters of any nature. He said he, BOERDER, was not aware at the time of the forthcoming visit of President KENNEDY to Dallas and is certain there was no discussion of this in his presence. He said he had never seen or heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to November 22, 1963, and is positive OSWALD's name was not mentioned during the conversation of RUBY with "BERTHA" in his presence. He said there was no discussion of political matters of any sort and he had, in fact, never discussed politics of any nature with RUBY, although he had been in RUBY's presence many times.

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WILLIAM CROWE also known as Bill De Mar advised that he is currently employed as a master of ceremonies at the Regal Hotel in Fallsburgh, New York, and expects to remain at this hotel until the end of the summer season.

CROWE explained that as of November 22, 1964, he was employed as the master of ceremonies at the Carousel Club in Dallas, Texas. He knew RALPH PAUL as the owner of this club and JACK RUBY as the manager. On November 22, 1964, after the assassination of former President KENNEDY, JACK RUBY placed a notice in the newspapers to the effect that the Carousel Club would be closed for three or four days because of the assassination.

CROWE recalled that on Sunday, November 24, 1964, after he heard of RUBY's involvement in this matter, he wondered if the Carousel Club would reopen. He attempted to contact RALPH PAUL and knew from an unrecalled source that PAUL owned the Bull Pen Drive-in in Arlington, Texas. CROWE called the Bull Pen Drive-in and talked with an unknown employee. He was told that PAUL was not there and the employee did not know where PAUL could be reached.

CROWE subsequently learned from ANDREW (last name unknown), the bartender at the Carousel Club, that the club would reopen on Monday, November 25, 1964.

CROWE advised that he never saw or spoke with RALPH PAUL during the period November 22 to 24, 1964, and he has no knowledge of PAUL's activity during this period. It is his recollection that he next saw PAUL either Monday, November 25, or Wednesday, November 27, 1964, when PAUL was celebrating his birthday.

7/20/64

Fallsburgh, New York

NY 44-974

SA JACK H. LUPTON, mmg

7/21/64

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/21/641

Mr. JOHN MAZZIOTTA, Chief Photographer, Photographic Department, "The Dallas Times Herald," made available three copies of each of the following described photographs:

Two 8 x 10 inch glossy photographs of the bedroom of JACK RUBY's Marsala Place apartment. According to MAZZIOTTA, these photographs were taken by photographer WILLIAM ALLEN between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., November 24, 1963.

One 8 x 10 inch glossy photograph of the front of the Carousel Club. According to MAZZIOTTA, this photograph was taken by photographer WILLIAM BEAL between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., November 24, 1963.

MAZZIOTTA advised both photographers, ALLEN and BEAL, are no longer employed by "The Dallas Times Herald." Upon checking his records, MAZZIOTTA stated there were no other photographs taken of either JACK RUBY's apartment or the Carousel Club by "The Dallas Times Herald."

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