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working as carpenters in the Chicago area, and that both families resided in the area of Maxwell and Halsted Streets, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that the family association was close up until about 1920. At this time, the ABRAHAM RUBENSTEIN family left the Maxwell-Halsted area because of his father's financial success, and their connections with JOSEPH RUBENSTEIN's family became less frequent. Dr. RUBENSTEIN stated that he knows of no relative of himself or of JACK RUBY who had ever been a member of the Communist Party or of a subversive organization. He stated most definitely that he himself had never been a member of any such organization.

Dr. RUBENSTEIN stated he knew nothing concerning the background of FANNIE RUBENSTEIN or her relatives.

Date July 27, 19641

SIDNEY MILLER, 5816 North Spaulding, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he is the son of Mrs. BERTHA MILLER, who resides in Apartment 2, 2349 West Devon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. MILLER stated that his mother is 82 years of age and is suffering from a mental condition due to senility. He stated that her mental capabilities are such that she is unable to carry on an intelligent conversation, nor can any credence be placed upon any of her recollections as to events which transpired within the family in the past. Because of his mother's mental condition, MILLER stated he felt an interview with her would serve no useful purpose concerning this matter.

MILLER advised that he is aware that there is a family connection between himself, his mother and the family of JACK RUBY. He stated that he is not certain, but he believes that the family connection is due to the fact that his mother, BERTHA MILLER, and one of JACK RUBY's parents had common grandparents. He stated that he himself knows nothing concerning any brothers or sisters of FANNIE or JOSEPH RUBENSTEIN, the parents of JACK RUBY.

MILLER stated that because he knows nothing about the brothers or sisters of FANNIE or JOSEPH RUBENSTEIN, he has no information as to their activities. With regard to his mother or any member of his family, MILLER stated that none of them, to his knowledge, has ever been a member of the Communist Party or of any subversive organization.

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New York, New York  
July 31, 1964

Jack Rubenstein Who Allegedly  
Attended Camp Unity, Kingston,  
New York in 1947

The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, by letter dated July 16, 1964, requested a reinterview of Mr. Jack Rubenstein, 99 University Place, New York, New York, concerning the possibility that he attended Camp Unity, Kingston, New York in 1947, and was mistaken for Jack L. Ruby by Mrs. Thelma Marks.

The Commission also requested a review of subversive activities files to determine the identity of the person identified by Mrs. Marks as attending Camp Unity. The Commission also desired any information as to whether or not Camp Unity was attended by persons identified by Roy William Fehrenbach as having been active in Communist Party activities in Muncie, Indiana.

Jack Rubenstein, Vice President of the Textile Workers Union of America, 99 University Place, New York, New York, on July 21, 1964, said he did not attend Camp Unity, Kingston, New York in 1947 or at any other time.

There is no information in the files of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reflecting that anyone named Jack Rubenstein attended Camp Unity, Kingston, New York.

There is no identifiable information in the files of the New York Office of the FBI reflecting that any of the following persons attended Camp Unity, Kingston, New York, at any time:

Jack Rubenstein and Allegedly  
Attended Camp Unity, Kingston,  
New York in 1947

- Sam Jaffe
- Charlotte Chazin
- Seymour Chazin
- Marion Ritzker
- Max Ritzker
- Pauline Berke
- Irwin Berke
- Thelma Jaffe
- Lansoni Jaffe
- Marion Razol
- Herbert Razol
- Horton Razol
- Horton Standt

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Mr. ELMO SLEIGHT, 501 South Oak Cliff Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, advised he is the former owner of Sleight's Speed Wash, 1101 North Beckley, Dallas, Texas, telephone number WH. 3-6155. He related he is currently retired after having sold the Sleight's Speed Wash on August 28, 1963, to Mr. ARTHUR JOE RENO, 2514 Emmett, Dallas, Texas.

Mr. SLEIGHT stated that during his ownership of the above-mentioned speed wash his customers numbered approximately 400 per week and of these customers he could not recall having seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK L. RUBY patronizing his place of business.

He related he has no knowledge concerning the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, OSWALD, RUBY, or any connection between RUBY and OSWALD, other than what he has seen on television or read in the local newspapers.

Mr. SLEIGHT advised JOE JOHNSON was employed by him as a janitor at Sleight's Speed Wash and continued to work at the speed wash after its purchase by Mr. RENO. He continued that he believes Mr. RENO also employed a MARIE KOVAR as an attendant; however, he could not state whether she is presently working for Mr. RENO.

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Mr. ARTHUR JOHN RENO, 2514 Emmatt, Dallas, Texas, advised he is the owner of Reno's Speed Wash, 1101 North Beckley, Dallas, Texas, which was formerly owned by ELMO SLEIGHT and operated under the name of Sleight's Speed Wash. He stated he purchased the speed wash sometime in the latter part of August, 1963.

Mr. RENO stated that, since becoming the owner of the above-mentioned speed wash, to his knowledge he has not seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK L. RUBY in the speed wash located at 1101 North Beckley, or at any other location. He advised he could furnish no information concerning the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, or OSWALD, RUBY, or any connection between RUBY and OSWALD.

He related that at the present time he has no employees working at the speed wash. He stated MARIE SISK, who also goes by the name of MARIE KOVAR, was employed by him as an attendant at the speed wash from September, 1963 to December, 1963. He advised MARIE SISK formerly resided at 1032 North Beckley, Dallas, but he did not know her present whereabouts. Mr. RENO further related JOE JOHNSON was employed by him as a janitor at his speed wash from September, 1963 to May, 1964. Mr. RENO stated JOHNSON also worked at Southern Methodist University as a janitor and, to his knowledge, JOHNSON is still gainfully employed in this capacity. Mr. RENO related that possibly JOHNSON or SISK could furnish information relating to RUBY or OSWALD.

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Mrs. MARIE KOVAR, 1032 North Beckley, Apartment G, Dallas, Texas, advised she was formerly employed by Mr. ARTHUR RENO as an attendant at Reno's Speed Wash, 1101 North Beckley, Dallas, Texas, from August, 1963 to December, 1963. She related that her duty hours while working at the speed wash were from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Mrs. KOVAR related she cannot recall ever having seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK L. RUBY in Reno's Speed Wash. She further related she has no knowledge of any connection between OSWALD and RUBY or of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

Mrs. KOVAR stated that on the day RUBY's trial commenced in the late afternoon she was having a soft drink at the Gulf Station located on the corner of Zangs and North Beckley when a "woman" entered the Gulf Station, purchased a soft drink, thereafter approached her, Mrs. KOVAR, and introduced herself as Mrs. OSWALD, mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Mrs. KOVAR advised that "this woman" claimed she had been at JACK RUBY's trial and had taken a taxi to "Mrs. JOHNSON's rooming house" to determine how long it would have taken LEE HARVEY OSWALD to have traveled from downtown Dallas to his room. The woman further claimed she could not locate Mrs. JOHNSON; therefore, she came to the Gulf Station to have a soft drink. *T. J. D.*

Mrs. KOVAR stated "the woman" claimed "she was writing a book" and thereafter left. She related she could not say whether "this woman" was actually Mrs. OSWALD, the mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, as she had claimed.

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Mr. JOSEPH JOHNSON, 12015 Hoblitzelle Drive, Richardson, Texas, telephone number AD. 1-1765, advised he was formerly employed by Mr. ELMO SLEIGHT from approximately March, 1960 to September, 1963, at which time Mr. SLEIGHT sold Sleight's Speed Wash to Mr. ARTHUR RENO. He related that he continued working at the speed wash for Mr. RENO as janitor until approximately March, 1964, at which time he terminated his employment.

Mr. JOHNSON advised his working hours while employed at the speed wash located at 1101 North Beckley were from 7:00 PM to 12:00 midnight. He related that on the evening of November 20 or 21, 1963, he recalls seeing an individual he later determined from photographs in local newspapers to be LEE HARVEY OSWALD washing laundry at Reno's Speed Wash. He stated OSWALD did not converse with anyone and, in fact, sat reading magazines until 12:00 midnight, at which time the merchant patrolman, name unrecalled, requested him to leave as the speed wash was closing. Mr. JOHNSON stated OSWALD did not immediately leave, but remained sitting and continued to read magazines for approximately an additional five minutes, at which time he picked up his laundry and left. Mr. JOHNSON advised this was the only time he recalls seeing OSWALD at Reno's Speed Wash, 1101 North Beckley, Dallas, Texas.

He related he has never seen JACK L. RUBY at Reno's Speed Wash or at any other location and could furnish no information concerning the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY or regarding OSWALD, RUBY or any connections between OSWALD and RUBY.

Mr. JOHNSON stated he recalls Mr. RENO having a "day attendant" employed at the speed wash; however, he could not recall her name, but remarked she may possibly be able to furnish information about OSWALD or RUBY.

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Mr. D. L. PATRICK, 708 North Lancaster, Dallas, Texas, advised SA JAMES W. SWINFORD on July 23, 1964, he is the manager of an apartment house located at the above address.

Mr. PATRICK stated rental receipt books for the above apartment house reveal that H. A. LOGAN was a tenant at the apartment house, having rented Unit No. 6 from October 12, 1963 to November 15, 1963.

Mr. PATRICK related he cannot recall what Mr. LOGAN did for a living; however, he recalls LOGAN, upon leaving, stated he was returning to California, specific city unknown.

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Mr. W. C. CAUGHRAN, 809 Elsbeth Street, Dallas, Texas, telephone number WH. 2-0496, advised he has been employed with the Smith Detective Agency, Dallas, Texas, telephone number RI. 1-1011, in the capacity of a Merchant Patrolman since June 28, 1963. He related his duty hours are from 7:00 PM to 5:00 AM and, during the performance of his duties, he makes periodic checks of Reno's Speed Wash, 1101 North Beckley.

Mr. CAUGHRAN related that during these periodic checks of Reno's Speed Wash he saw an individual in this establishment whom he later identified as being LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the accused assassin of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He advised he is unable to recall the specific dates or times he saw OSWALD in Reno's Speed Wash; however, he does recall that on each occasion OSWALD was always reading a magazine and was never speaking to anyone.

Mr. CAUGHRAN stated that he has no knowledge concerning the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, nor has he any knowledge or information of OSWALD and RUBY having any connection, other than what he has seen on television or read in the local newspapers.

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Mr. SAM ROGERS, 2316 Engle, Dallas, Texas, telephone number FE. 1-4872, advised SA JAMES W. SWINFORD, on July 27, 1964, he is the lessee of the Dobbs House Restaurant located at 1221 North Beckley, Dallas, Texas.

Mr. ROGERS related the following list of individuals were employed by him at the Dobbs House during 1963:

DOLores HARRISON  
DOUGLAS LEAKE  
BRENDA SIMMONS  
HENRY A. LOGAN  
ELIZABETH FOLIARD  
MARY ADA DOWLING

He stated BRENDA SIMMONS, listed above, is his daughter-in-law and explained that she worked at the Dobbs House periodically on a part-time basis. He advised she no longer lives in Dallas, explaining she moved to Wichita Falls, Texas, where her address is 1509 11th Street, Apartment B.

Mr. ROGERS stated HENRY A. LOGAN, listed above, was a "transit" and only worked at the Dobbs House for two days, which he believed were November 14 - 15, 1963.

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Mrs. DOLORES HARRISON, 3219 San Jacinto, Apartment No. 208, Dallas, Texas, advised she has been employed as a waitress at the Dobbs House for approximately six years.

She stated that during the latter months of 1963, specific dates unrecalled, LEE HARVEY OSWALD came into the Dobbs House numerous times. Mrs. HARRISON related that on November 21, 1963, she recalls OSWALD having been in the Dobbs House for breakfast, specific time unrecalled. She stated she recalls this particular occasion, inasmuch as OSWALD had ordered "eggs over light" and, when served, made a complaint that the eggs were "cooked too hard." Mrs. HARRISON advised she prepared OSWALD's eggs and MARY DOWLING, a waitress, served same to him. She related that, although OSWALD complained of the eggs, he accepted them.

Mrs. HARRISON stated that when seeing OSWALD at the Dobbs House she recalls he "did not talk much and was always reading magazines or books."

She related although she saw OSWALD at the Dobbs House a number of times she did not know his identity until seeing his picture in the newspapers as being the accused assassin of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. Mrs. HARRISON advised she has never seen JACK L. RUBY at the Dobbs House or at any other location; she has no knowledge of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, or of any connections between RUBY and OSWALD.

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Miss EDITH EVELYN POLLIARD, 312 North Bishop, Dallas, Texas, telephone number WH. 3-9842, advised she was formerly employed at the Dobbs House, 1101 North Beckley, Dallas, on a "part-time basis" from August, 1963 to May, 1964. She explained she worked on Fridays and Saturdays as a waitress at the Dobbs House during the above indicated period, during which time she could not recall having seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY at the Dobbs House or at any other location.

She related she could not furnish any information regarding the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, of OSWALD or RUBY, and/or any connection between OSWALD and RUBY.

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ALFRED DAVIDSON, JR. was located at Los Angeles, California, on July 24, 1964, at which time he was telephonically interviewed after he had requested that the interview be conducted telephonically due to a recent heart attack which he had suffered and from which he is presently recovering. He said he is presently residing at 569 North Rossmore, Los Angeles, but expects to move from that address in the immediate future. He said he can always be contacted through his agent, DON FULLER, telephone HO 6-4817, or through his answering service, HO 6-7347. DAVIDSON advised as follows:

He is unable to furnish any additional or more accurate information than he has previously furnished to the FBI. He recalls that he received a telephone call from JACK RUBY on approximately November 20 or 21, 1963, but he does not know where the call originated. He was under the impression that RUBY was calling from his club in Dallas, Texas, since they discussed the club's operation and RUBY told him he was presently using a new "twist board" on which his girls performed on the stage. DAVIDSON said he is not thoroughly familiar with the twist board, but that he got the impression it was a revolving board on which the strip-teasers did the twist at JACK RUBY's night club. He said the call from RUBY was just a friendly call to say hello and see how he, DAVIDSON, was getting along. He said RUBY seemed nappy about his business and did not seem at all upset.

DAVIDSON said he is unable to recall the name of the Credit Manager at Nieman-Marcus, who was RUBY's friend, but that he was in charge of the Credit Department at Nieman Marcus.

DAVIDSON said he never had any political discussions with RUBY and does not recall RUBY having any political literature or any scripts for the "Life-Line" radio program in his possession. He said to the best of his knowledge, RUBY never commented about this program.

DAVIDSON recalled that RUBY was an admirer of President KENNEDY and on one occasion had asked DAVIDSON if he ever met Mrs. KENNEDY since DAVIDSON had been associated with OLEG CASSINI, of New York City.

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On July 23, 1964, ROBERT M. JEFFREY, Vice President and Attorney, Neiman-Marcus Store, Dallas, Texas, advised he believes he would have knowledge had any employee of his firm and specifically any employee in the Credit Department had any type of association with Jack L. Ruby. He said, to his knowledge, no employees of the store were acquainted with Ruby. Mr. Jeffrey stated the former Credit Manager, William F. Cofer, died on November 14, 1963. He described Mr. Cofer as having led a "very sedate" life, who had never mentioned acquaintance with Ruby.

On July 23, 1964, Mason B. Dumont, now Credit Manager, advised he had never been acquainted with Ruby and/or Alfred Davidson.

On July 23, 1964, Roy M. Jacobs, Assistant Credit Manager, stated he had never met Ruby or Davidson.

The above-named persons stated they had never known or heard of Ruby or Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the events surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy and the shooting of Oswald.

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Mr. JOHN HENRY BRANCH, residence, 3722 Greenleaf, business address, 1710 Hall Street, telephone number TA. 4-9062, was interviewed at his place of business and advised as follows:

He last saw JACK RUBY Saturday, November 23, 1963, at about 9:05 PM. He stated the band began playing that evening at approximately 9:00 PM and he saw JACK RUBY just a few minutes after the band began playing. He said he was sure it was Saturday, November 23, 1963, because it was the Saturday between the Presidential assassination and the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD by RUBY.

BRANCH said this was not a prearranged appointment. RUBY just happened to come by the Empire Room to discuss hiring a new piano player on behalf of his sister, EVA GRANT. RUBY told BRANCH his sister was not satisfied with her pianist. She didn't like this pianist because he did not play what she wanted. BRANCH told RUBY he would get a piano player, but he did not advise RUBY whom he would hire. BRANCH said RUBY and he discussed the hiring of a piano player for approximately thirty minutes and then RUBY left for the Carousel Club.

BRANCH said it is possible he saw HARRY LEE JACKSON that evening, but he could not be certain that he actually saw him.

BRANCH said that when he saw RUBY on November 23, 1963, RUBY had on dark blue or black pants, white shirt, string, western-type tie, grey sport coat, and a black Fedora hat. RUBY did not wear this hat at the bar.

When RUBY left BRANCH accompanied him to the door. The Hall Diner is next door to the Empire Club and he last saw RUBY walk from the diner towards Ross Avenue, where he had parked his car.

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Since RUBY shot OSWALD on the following day, it would have been futile for BRANCH to hire a piano player on RUBY's behalf. BRANCH never contacted a piano player to honor RUBY's request of November 23, 1963. BRANCH stated he never contacted Mrs. GRANT concerning the hiring of this piano player. BRANCH stated that he had, on several previous occasions, discussed the hiring of Negro musicians with Mrs. GRANT, but he did not discuss the hiring of a piano player with her.

BRANCH was unable to recall anyone who might have seen RUBY talking to him at the Empire Club on November 23, 1963. He stated that Patrolman WILLIAM STARKS, Dallas Police Department, may have been present that evening and might be able to verify RUBY's presence at the club on November 23, 1963.

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Mr. HARRY LEE JACKSON, 2536 Romine Street, Dallas, Texas, telephone number HA 1-4594, was interviewed at his residence and advised as follows:

The last time he saw JACK RUBY was Sunday, November 17, 1963, the Sunday before RUBY killed OSWALD. JACKSON walked into the Empire Room, 1710 Hall Street, between 8:30 PM and 9:00 PM. He was unable to recall the specific time.

When JACKSON entered the Empire Room, he immediately saw RUBY standing at the bar. RUBY was engaged in a conversation with JOHN HENRY BRANCH. JACKSON was not aware of the conversation between BRANCH and RUBY. RUBY offered JACKSON a beer, which he declined. RUBY then invited JACKSON to drop in at the Carousel Club whenever JACKSON was in the neighborhood and have a drink. JACKSON stated this was the extent of the conversation between himself and RUBY at that time. Following this, JACKSON walked off to mingle with the patrons in the Empire Room.

JACKSON stated that when he arrived at the Empire Room the band was already playing. On Sundays the band begins playing at about 8:30 PM and JACKSON's habit was to arrive at a dance early in the evening. He stated this was why he estimated that the time was between 8:30 PM and 9:00 PM.

JACKSON recalled that when he saw RUBY on November 17, 1963, RUBY was wearing dark colored slacks, a light colored sport shirt, and a dark colored suit jacket. JACKSON was unable to remember the exact color of RUBY's clothing. He thought the suit jacket matched the pants, but he was not certain. When JACKSON saw RUBY, he was not wearing a hat.

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Mrs. EVA GRANT, JACK RUBY's sister, 3929 Rawlins, Dallas, Texas, advised as follows:

JOE JOHNSON, band leader and saxophone player, left her employ on or about November 2, 1963. LEONARD WOODS, who was JOHNSON's pianist, elected to remain as pianist at the Vegas Club. However, a few days later, Mrs. GRANT determined that WOODS was unable to read music and deemed his services as unsatisfactory.

On Thursday or Friday of the week prior to the assassination, she telephonically contacted JOHN HENRY BRANCH, Booking Agent, concerning the hiring of a piano player to replace LEONARD WOODS. She was certain that any discussion she had with her brother, JACK RUBY, concerning the hiring of a piano player transpired prior to the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

She does not know her brother spoke to BRANCH at all concerning the piano player, although this is possible. She stated that, if he did speak to BRANCH, it is probable it was at the same time she spoke to BRANCH.

She stated she spoke to her brother, JACK, about midnight, November 23, 1963, and he did not mention he had contacted BRANCH about the piano player. She stated it was probable that if he did speak to BRANCH it occurred on a Sunday, since many Negro musicians gather at the Empire Room on Sunday evenings.

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Patrolman WILLIAM M. STARKS, Shield No. 610, Dallas Police Department, 3202 Carpenter Street, was interviewed at his home and advised as follows:

He is acquainted with and has known JOHN HENRY BRANCH, Manager of the Empire Room, for approximately sixteen years.

He never met RUBY or had any contact whatsoever with him. The only time he heard of RUBY was after LEE HARVEY OSWALD was shot. Following this, he remembered seeing RUBY somewhere before, but could not recall the location.

STARKS worked from 3:30 PM to 11:30 PM, Saturday, November 23, 1963, and, therefore, was not at the Empire Room that night, November 23, 1963.

STARKS is certain he was at the Empire Room on Sunday, November 17, 1963, but does not specifically remember seeing BRANCH at the club that evening. STARKS stated he cannot recall ever seeing RUBY at the Empire Room and has never seen RUBY engaged in conversation with JOHN HENRY BRANCH.

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