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'CHAIN OF COINCIDENCES'

Club Owner Recalls Long FBI Quizzing

Bearded Pat Kirkwood, owner of Fort Worth's beatnik haven, The Cellar, recalled Sunday that he was quizzed extensively by the FBI and Secret Service after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Kirkwood said the agents wanted to know about:

1. The visit to the nightspot by Secret Servicemen assigned to guard Kennedy the night before the assassination.

2. A chain of coincidences which brought him in contact with Jack Ruby, and employees of Kirkwood's former nightspot in San Antonio in contact with Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of the president.

IN AN INTERVIEW, Kirkwood told of affidavits signed by him and his employees. "It was a long chain of coincidences which got us involved in this thing without actually being involved," Kirkwood said.

He said Ruby started visiting the Cellar about six months prior to the death of President Kennedy, looking—as many nightclub owners do—for employees which he could use as strippers.

Ruby hired two of Kirkwood's waitresses, including Little Lynn, one of the last persons to communicate with

Ruby before he killed Oswald.

About three months before the assassination, Kirkwood related, a man walked into his nightclub in San Antonio one night and asked for a job.

"He said he needed a couple of bucks for food. We gave him a job washing dishes and paid him at the end of the night and he left," Kirkwood said.

Later, other employes said the one-night employe was Oswald. (The date fits into the pattern of Oswald's movements during a trip to Mexico.)

KIRKWOOD DESCRIBED Ruby's personality as being like that of all nightclub owners.

"He seemed to think he was a little more hep than most," he explained.

He said he felt that Ruby, like all nightclub owners who carry large sums of cash, probably also carried a pistol for protection.

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