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Mr. TRAVIS KIRK was interviewed on the street at 400 California Street, San Francisco, California. He was questioned regarding his knowledge of the activities and acquaintances in Dallas, Texas. Mr. KIRK said that he had practiced law for 23 years in Dallas, Texas, and was very well acquainted with the District Attorney's Office, the Police Department, and the Sheriff's Office. He said that he had worked in the District Attorney's Office for about six years, and then went into private practice as a defense attorney.

His clients included a great many prostitutes and other unsavory characters in the area. In conjunction with many of his cases, he had had occasion to go into the night club owned by JACK RUBY, and he was personally acquainted with JACK RUBY only as a night club owner. He did not recall ever having actually met RUBY, but felt that RUBY would probably know him by name because of his reputation as a defense attorney.

He remarked that in his years of practice he had developed quite an animosity toward the Police Department, particularly toward Mr. FRITZ who was the Head of the Homicide Detail of the Dallas Police Department. He advised that FRITZ was the type of character who would stop at nothing to make his point. He remarked that he believed that it is entirely possible and probable that FRITZ had deliberately arranged to have OSWALD shot in order to close the case. Mr. KIRK based this on the fact that FRITZ and JACK RUBY were very close friends, and that JACK RUBY, in spite of his reputation of being a "hood," was allowed a complete run of the Police Station and particularly the Homicide and Inspectors Bureau.

Mr. KIRK said that he had not heard anything from any of his acquaintances in Dallas regarding this particular incident, and based his opinions solely on his knowledge of methods used by Mr. FRITZ.

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Mr. KIRK said that he was also personally acquainted with the deceased Officer TIPPIT, and that at one time he had a lady asking his advice about a proceeding against TIPPIT, in that he had apparently raped her during one of his investigations. KIRK said that he did not believe TIPPIT was necessarily involved in this situation, but he did question the motive for shooting.

Mr. KIRK related that he would not like to testify in Dallas. He also said that he had left Dallas because he "liked California atmosphere much better."

He stated that he had been politically involved with all of the persons connected with this case, including Defense Attorney HOWARD, who is representing JACK RUBY. He said that at one time HOWARD had several prostitutes working for him and, as far as he, KIRK, was concerned, HOWARD is still a hoodlum himself. He stated HOWARD had been prosecuted in Federal Court for the Mann Act several years ago, but that the matter had been hushed up and attempted action against him by the Texas Bar Association had been dismissed.

Mr. KIRK reiterated his statement that he had no direct knowledge of the incidents in Texas, but based all of these assumptions on his past experience in Dallas and on information obtained from news items.