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At 8:45 p.m., Mr. RAY BRANTLEY, Proprietor, Ray's Hardware Store, who resides at 103 Highland, advised his records reflected that JACK RUBY purchased a Colt Cobra revolver from his establishment which is located on Singleton Blvd., in Dallas, on January 19, 1960. When he purchased the gun he gave the address of 3508 Oaklawn, Dallas, Texas. The books reflected this Colt Cobra bore Serial No. 2744. The revolver had a 2" barrel and was blue in color.

It was BRANTLEY's recollection that RUBY was accompanied by a Dallas policeman at that time whose name he does not remember. It was also believed by him that a prize fighter was with them also. BRANTLEY had had no business dealings with JACK RUBY prior to that time but later, approximately one year ago, JACK RUBY came to his hardware store and requested that he clean a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver. The revolver was rusty and after cleaning the revolver, BRANTLEY held the gun for two or three months before RUBY called for it. He believed that it was during 1961 that this revolver was brought into his business establishment.

BRANTLEY advised he was only casually acquainted with RUBY but recalled that a few months ago RUBY had contacted him and requested that a gun be shipped to an individual in Las Vegas, Nevada. He made available the books of his store which reflected that on May 10, 1963, a .38 Smith and Wesson Centennial revolver with no hammer bearing Serial No. 13810, had been shipped to L. C. McWILLIE, 3040 Mishner Drive, Apt. 204, Las Vegas, Nevada. This gun was later returned to him inasmuch as McWILLIE did not pay for the gun. BRANTLEY stated he had sent the gun C. O. D. and that it cost him about \$7.00 to send this gun to McWILLIE who did not pay for it. He was only casually acquainted with RUBY and in fact did not recognize his picture on television on November 24, 1963. He could give no information concerning friends or relatives or background on RUBY.

BRANTLEY said that the Smith and Wesson revolver JACK RUBY had requested him to clean in 1961 was blue in color, but he could/remember exactly what model the revolver was. He believed that it was probably a Chief Special with a hammer.

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