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A source, with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability, advised November 25, 1963, that he is personally unacquainted with suspect LEE HARVEY OSWALD, but is slightly acquainted with JACK RUBENSTEIN, having infrequently patronized his night clubs at Dallas, Texas, in the past. Source knows nothing of RUBY other than his personal appearance.

Source advised that a man possibly involved in the events of November 22-24, 1963, at Dallas, or with RUBY or OSWALD in the past, is a "beatnik" known to associate with PAT KIRKWOOD, JR. Source could not recall the beatnik's name, other than CHARLIE.

CHARLIE is described by source, who has met him, as of probable American birth, but of recent immigrant Middle-European stock. He is about 40 years; 5'4" tall; 130 pounds, hair black, balding; wears small goatee beard; sloppy dresser; personally dirty; quiet in demeanor; has a lively gifted mind. CHARLIE has no apparent livelihood; but lends his mind to PAT KIRKWOOD, JR., and lives off him and others in KIRKWOOD's circle. KIRKWOOD operates "The Cellar", a night club, Dallas-Fort Worth area, frequented by beatniks. KIRKWOOD's father was under Federal indictment about three or four years ago for gambling, after raid by Texas Rangers on his premises.

Source believes CHARLIE and PAT may be involved with either RUBY or OSWALD simply because they are, from news and TV accounts, odd-ball, or "way-out" people.

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CHARLIE departed Fort Worth about early Spring, 1962. He travelled in Europe. He returned to the United States through South America, and via Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico. PAT KIRKWOOD, JR., and his wife, GAY LOVETTE PETTA, by pre-arrangement, met CHARLIE at Brownsville, Texas, where the trio spent about ten days together. They stayed at 25 Coria, in Brownsville, then the residence of a JOSEPH F. PETTA, a beauty parlor operator, and uncle of Mrs. PAT KIRKWOOD, JR. (JOSEPH F. PETTA is reportedly now employed at Vernon's Beauty Shop, Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas.)

During CHARLIE's stay with the KIRKWOOD, JR.'s in Brownsville he was reported in possession of a walking stick, leather covered to conceal a long steel sword blade, which he got in Europe.

KIRKWOOD, JR., has a Dallas-Fort Worth reputation as "the daddy of beatniks". He appeared about four years ago in Life magazine's coverage of a beatnik protest demonstration in Burk Burnett Gardens, in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

KIRKWOOD, JR., subsequent to the meeting in Brownsville with CHARLIE, opened in November 1962 at San Antonio, Texas, a companion night club, "The Cellar". CHARLIE helped him in this. "The Cellar", San Antonio, was later closed, when it was put "off limits" by the United States Air Force.

Further to the character of PAT KIRKWOOD, JR., source advised that about 1961 KIRKWOOD, JR., indicated that he could have a certain house in the Grand Prairie area "burned down for \$35". This house was then up for sale, and KIRKWOOD indicated that he could easily burn the house for a cash-out on the insurance money. The house, which stood at 610 East 6th Street in Grand Prairie, has since been torn down.

Source said his purpose in furnishing the above information was to draw attention to CHARLIE and PAT KIRKWOOD, JR., as typical of low-grade night life in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Source is aware of no personal relationship between suspect OSWALD or KIRKWOOD, JR., other than that from current press and TV commentary OSWALD is indicated as possibly associated with odd-balls and beatnik types.

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Source upon recontact could furnish no further specification for his above conclusions that CHARLIE and PAT KIRKWOOD might have had some past association with JACK RUBY and/or OSWALD. He stated he offered the above information because of the geographic proximity, and the seemingly odd-ball or beatnik qualities the four persons have in common. It is source's further impression that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee generally has "beatnik" adherents.

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