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MORRIE KELLMAN, 6929 North Kenneth Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, Owner and President of Globe Glass Manufacturing Company, 235 East 33rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA GEORGE M. WOODLEY he was acquainted with JACK RUBENSTEIN but has not seen nor heard from him since 1946. He said he first met RUBENSTEIN about 1930 when they were both kids in the same neighborhood (Lawndale Avenue and Roosevelt Road), on the west side of Chicago. KELLMAN said he knew RUBENSTEIN only by this name and indicated the name JACK RUBY was not known to him. He said that during the late 1930's RUBENSTEIN would pick fights with anyone showing a Pro-Nazi attitude and whenever he would hear of a German Bund meeting being held, he would go to the place and attempt to break up the meeting. He would take on all comers and could hold his own against two or three others bigger than he. KELLMAN said he never knew RUBENSTEIN to carry a gun and never heard that he had ever carried a gun. He said RUBENSTEIN was in the novelty business in Chicago with his brother and was known to sell novelty items at various sporting events in Chicago, and was also known to be engaged in the scalping of tickets at various sporting events. He said that RUBENSTEIN spent a period of time in the U. S. Army and advised that he knows of no communist affiliation or connection on the part of RUBENSTEIN and to his knowledge he had no connection with the hoodlum element. KELLMAN said that RUBENSTEIN was a great admirer of former President FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT but knew nothing additional of his political feelings because he last saw RUBENSTEIN about 1946. KELLMAN said he has had no contact with RUBENSTEIN since he left Chicago and further stated that he does not know of any connection RUBENSTEIN may have had with a union in Chicago. He said the only business that he recalls RUBENSTEIN being in was that of the novelty business and the scalping of tickets. Kellman knew nothing about any contacts EVE GRANT may have had.

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BEN EPSTEIN, was interviewed at his residence, 4420 West Lunt, Lincolnwood, Illinois, and advised as follows:

EPSTEIN advised that he personally was a bookmaker until approximately 1951 and that he is now retired, managing real estate holdings. He has known JACK RUBENSTEIN, better known to him by the nickname Sparky, since his high school days. He believes Sparky may have been in the same high school class. Both lived in the old Roosevelt Road-Lawndale neighborhood, which is now occupied by Negro residents. He first recalled having become acquainted with Sparky at a barber shop and at the Lawndale Pool Room, both utilized as neighborhood hangouts.

Sometime in the early 1930's, he and Sparky were together on a joint business venture wherein they had radio programs printed and sold these programs from a newsstand at Van Buren and State Streets in Chicago. He advised that they did this with a City permit secured by a brother-in-law who was at that time a precinct captain in the old neighborhood. He said that he recalled that Sparky on one other occasion was involved in a minor amount of trouble for selling Christmas wreaths or something of this nature on the sidewalk without a permit.

EPSTEIN said that Sparky did not drink or smoke, but was "sort of a health nut", who spent a lot of time at the Young Men's Christian Association. He said that Sparky was likeable, personable and was the type who knew many many people. He said the most apt description would be the word "gregarious". He said also that Sparky had a quick temper, but was not likely to pick a fight, but on the other hand was quick to accept any challenge regardless of the odds against him. He said that after the war, possibly in 1945 or 1946, he heard that somebody in Chicago loaned Sparky a relatively small amount of money which Sparky planned to use in going into the candy business. He said he never did know any more about Sparky's business or personal affairs and to the best of his knowledge, he last saw Sparky or at least knew something about him in 1941 or 1952 in Chicago. He said that he was definitely aware that Sparky was in Dallas and he had heard that he was successful there and was under the impression that he owned one or more taverns in Dallas. He said that, because Sparky grew up in the old Lawndale neighborhood and because of Sparky's gregarious nature, Sparky would undoubtedly know most of the persons of his immediate

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generation, both good and bad, who came from that area. He said, however, that Sparky, though he might become involved in things of a shady nature, was definitely not a hoodlum. He did not carry a gun, he did not become involved in burglaries or robberies and to his knowledge never expressed any particular interest in any political philosophy. He said that Sparky did have a tendency to be quick tempered, intense in his likes and dislikes and a strong affinity for being "where the action was".

EPSTEIN said that he was watching television when the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was portrayed and that he did not at first recognize RUBENSTEIN, but when the name was verified on news broadcasts and the program was replayed, he was able to recognize the person who shot OSWALD as his former acquaintance, RUBENSTEIN. He said that the realization that the perpetrator of this deed was a person within his acquaintance came as a physical blow. He said he knew nothing about EVA GRANT.

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RALPH KAPLAN, 6214 North Washtenaw, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed in the office of the Building Commissioner of Cook County, room 1702, 130 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

He advised as follows:

He grew up in the old Roosevelt Road-Halstead neighborhood, later moving to Lawndale, further west on Roosevelt Road. He advised that because he was the same age and from the same locality, he knew JACK RUBENSTEIN by his nickname, SPARKY. He characterized RUBENSTEIN as likeable, gregarious, physically active, unstable and temperamental, quickly moved to violent acts or words. He said that RUBENSTEIN was never criminally inclined or interested in politics to his knowledge. He said that he was simply a salesman of various products peddling in a style usually referred to as "hustling" in the Chicago area. He said that he would find it inconceivable to believe that RUBENSTEIN had any criminal connections and he said that he had no knowledge of RUBENSTEIN's activities since he left the Chicago area a number of years ago.

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