

Date December 9, 1963

BERTHA CHEEK, 3914 Swiss, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed concerning her contact which she had reported previously with JACK RUBY on or about November 18, 1963, at RUBY's club, the Carousel.

Mrs. CHEEK outlined the following basis for her having been in contact with JACK RUBY:

Mrs. CHEEK stated that she has been in the real estate business in Dallas, Texas, for a number of years; that she frequently has bought and sold interests in night clubs; that during the past several months she has been attempting to locate a good night club investment; and that in this connection she had visited practically every night club in Dallas which she considered might be purchased outright or in which an interest might be obtained.

Clubs which she had visited, she said, included among others the Pago, the Starlighter, the Stork Club, and the University Club. At the Stork Club, she had talked with BILL MARTIN, owner, who she found wanted \$25,000 just for an interest. She said she could establish her own club for that amount and had not dealt further. MARTIN, however, who she said was acquainted with RUBY, mentioned the Vegas Club and the Carousel as possibilities. Several days later, RUBY called her and invited her to the Carousel to discuss her investment in a club. Mrs. CHEEK said that she did not know that MARTIN had suggested this to RUBY. The information concerning her interest in such investment could have reached RUBY through any number of sources, she said.

At RUBY's invitation, Mrs. CHEEK said she did discuss such investment with RUBY at the Carousel. RUBY proposed her investment of \$6,000.00 in a club, the identity

on 12/9/63 at Dallas, Texas 13 ✓ File # DL 89-43 CR 86
DL 44-1639
 by Special Agent DAVID H. BARRY/gm Date dictated 12/9/63

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

CHEEK EXHIBIT No. 5354

or location of which he would not disclose, apparently Mrs. CHEEK said to "preclude her going around him on the deal." Mrs. CHEEK said that she would not consider the investment of \$6,000.00 without full disclosure and had suggested to RUBY that he get an option on the business so that he might discuss the proposal openly. This concluded the discussion of such investment by Mrs. CHEEK with JACK RUBY.

Throughout these discussions at the Carousel, Mrs. CHEEK stated that RUBY was assisted by one FRANK, whose last name Mrs. CHEEK did not recall. She described FRANK as a man of Jewish extraction about 60 years of age with gray hair. FRANK was present, she said, apparently to provide RUBY with a good recommendation as a night club operator as this was the extent of his participation in the discussion.

Mrs. CHEEK was unable to provide any additional information of pertinence concerning JACK RUBY.

CHEEK EXHIBIT No. 5354—Continued