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GARNETT CLAUD HALLMARK, advised he is the manager of the Allright Parking, 701 Wilson Building, Dallas, Texas, telephone number RI 8-5943.

HALLMARK said he recalled an incident which had been referred to by THOMAS RAYMOND BROWN, when BROWN was interviewed by the FBI concerning some phone calls which were made by JACK RUBY on November 23, 1963, from Nichols Brothers Parking Garage at 1320 Commerce, Dallas, Texas.

HALLMARK said he was at the above garage during the afternoon of November 23, 1963, and he recalled that at about 2:50 p.m., JACK RUBY drove into the garage in RUBY's 1960 white Oldsmobile. He said RUBY asked permission to use the telephone and said, "CLAUD, I am acting like a reporter."

While dialing a number, RUBY asked, "Is the Colony Club going to be open today?" (November 23, 1963). HALLMARK said he replied, "I do not know." RUBY then said they would not have the nerve to open after they have seen his ad.

HALLMARK said RUBY then got his number and in his conversation with some party, unknown to HALLMARK, RUBY said, "Hell, well my places the Carousel and Vegas will be closed."

HALLMARK said RUBY dialed a second number and asked for a reporter whose name was "WES WISE." RUBY determined this person was not in and remarked, "oh, this is Ken." Then RUBY related to KEN that his places would be closed and his conversation switched to some remarks concerning the transfer of OSWALD.

Mr. HALLMARK said he got the impression that OSWALD's transfer was to take place that afternoon, Saturday, November 23, 1963. He said that RUBY told KEN, "they have started strewing the flowers at the scene of the assassination,"

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and possibly the transfer (possibly OSWALD's), will be delayed. HALLMARK said he did not know what KEN told RUBY, but JACK RUBY made a remark during the conversation, "You know I'll be there." RUBY then ended his telephone conversation and told HALLMARK thanks for the use of phone and asked for change for a \$10.00 bill.

HALLMARK said RUBY walked East on Commerce and returned about two minutes later and stood in front of the Nichols Bros. office at 1320 Commerce where he acted as if he wanted to talk, but did not say anything. Finally, he did say, "I'll see you Claud." Then RUBY got into the car and drove East on Commerce. Mr. HALLMARK said this occurred at 3:05 p.m. and he was sure about the time because he had a schedule that would require him to leave at 3:15 p.m. to go to 1920 Elm.

HALLMARK said that during this time THOMAS RAYMOND BROWN, his employee, was in and out of the office while RUBY was making his telephone calls. He said that he believed BROWN went out for coffee while he and RUBY were talking and BROWN had to go in and out of the office to give customers their parking ticket.

HALLMARK related that he had known JACK RUBY for over three years and has had many business dealings with him, because customers in RUBY's clubs parked in the Nichols Bros. Garage and for sometime RUBY had a contract to pay the parking fees when his customers used the parking facilities.

HALLMARK said he would consider RUBY "rather a pre-occupied person, who was very intent." He said RUBY was either "for or against you." He produced a letter which he has received

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from RUBY since RUBY has been incarcerated at Dallas, Texas, which he said the FBI might use for any purpose it might service in any investigation they are conducting. He requested that this letter be returned to him when the FBI completed the use of it.

This letter is described as follows:

It was postmarked 4:30 p.m., December 8, 1963, at Dallas, Texas, and addressed to "Claude % Allright Parking, 1320 Commerce, Dallas. Manager,"

It contains the following note written on two pieces of blank white paper, approximately 4x6 inches:

"County Jail
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"Dear Claude

"I can just feel you are for me, and want you all to know that I think of you often. Tell Ben, that even though he is in bad shape physically, look at me I'm in good shape, but what good is that going to do me now.

"Say hello to Mac, and all the boys.

"Sincerely _____

/s/ Jack Ruby"

Mr. HALLMARK said he has not discussed the telephone conversation with anyone except THOMAS BROWN, his employee, who was present when RUBY came in to use the phone on November 23,

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1963. He said he did not know of any possible connection or relationship between OSWALD and RUBY and said RUBY had never mentioned the name "Oswald" to him at any time. He stated that RUBY never mentioned OSWALD's name even when he remarked to the person he called on the phone that it was terrible that the President had been killed.

He said he never saw RUBY mistreat anyone in either of his clubs. He said he had visited the Vegas Club once or twice in late 1956 or early 1957 and had also been in the Carousel Club about four or five times since that time and he then went with friends or acquaintances who visited the club out of "curiosity".

Mr. HALLMARK said he did not know any of RUBY's close friends or associates. He said he recalled RUBY was apparently friendly with the Master of Ceremonies, who performed at his clubs. He said the Master of Ceremonies name was WALLY WESTON. He said he also knows one other entertainer by name and she is KATHY KAY, who came from England.

HALLMARK said he feels sure RUBY was hard to work for because he demanded perfection and was strict in his operation of the clubs. He said he seriously believed that RUBY would never allow the entertainers to solicit dates in the clubs. He said RUBY once told him he would not "mess" with the girls himself. Mr. HALLMARK advised he recalled some waitresses whose identity he did not know were fired when they reported to work at the clubs while under the influence of alcohol and he heard from an unrecalled source that some of RUBY's employees claimed RUBY beat them out of their pay.

HALLMARK could not identify any of these persons by name. He advised he has witnessed RUBY when he called patrons.

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down for using vulgar or profane language, but he never saw him fight or attack anyone.

HALLMARK said that RUBY had discussed the fact with him about a year ago that some of his employees who were fired might give him some trouble, so he had obtained a pistol. Mr. HALLMARK said he never saw this gun, but RUBY had told him if he ever needed a gun he was welcome to use the gun he had.

HALLMARK examined a photo of OSWALD which was made at New Orleans, Louisiana, and bore number 112723 and which was dated August 9, 1963, and said he did not know anyone resembling the photo as ever having been in either of RUBY's clubs. He said of course since the assassination of the President, he has seen this person on TV and in the newspapers.

HALLMARK identified "BEN" as BEN AUSTIN, the manager of the Nichols Garage and "MAC" as MAC JONES, a colored parking attendant about 60 years old, who works at the Nichols Bros. Garage. It is noted that the above names were mentioned in the letter which Mr. HALLMARK received from JACK RUBY and which was furnished the Dallas Office.

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