

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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EARL R. (initial only) RUBY was interviewed at his residence, 29925 Woodland Drive, Southfield, Michigan.

He stated he arrived in Detroit, Michigan, by airplane from Chicago, Illinois, at 11:30 A.M. on November 28, 1968, where he was met by his wife, MARGE, and Chief of Police, MILTON G. SACKETT, Southfield, Michigan, Police Department.

He stated he had been in Chicago visiting some of his brothers and sisters after he learned that his brother, JACK RUBY, was being held by the Dallas, Texas, Police Department, for the slaying of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

RUBY said that his father, JOSEPH RUBENSHEDIN, died about five years ago in Chicago, Illinois. He said his father was a Russian immigrant to this country, arriving in the United States about 1900. He said his mother, FANNY, was a Polish immigrant who came to this country the same time as her husband. He stated the only surviving immediate members of his family are his brothers and sisters. He said all of his uncles and aunts on both sides of the family are now deceased. He said there are four brothers and four married sisters in his family and that they are all living. He listed the following brothers and sisters with background data for each:

JACK, a bachelor, was born approximately May 15, 1911, in Chicago. He was in World War II, exact dates unknown. Prior to World War II, he was employed by Spartan Novelty Company, Chicago, now defunct, dates unknown. EARL RUBY could not recall the places of JACK's employment prior to Spartan, but did remember he was employed in Chicago at various places as a salesman. After leaving the service in about 1946, he (JACK) was employed by Earl Products for approximately six months in 1946 and 1947. Earl Products was owned by EARL RUBY, and JACK and his brother, SAM, were given equal shares in this business. EARL and SAM RUBY decided that JACK was not giving his full share of time in the partnership, and also there was a personality conflict existing between SAM and JACK, therefore SAM and EARL bought out JACK's interest in this business. JACK then received an offer from

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his sister, Mrs. EVE GRANT, to help her operate a night club in Dallas, Texas. JACK departed for Dallas for this purpose, which was approximately seventeen years ago. JACK has been in the night club business ever since and has made infrequent visits to Chicago, visiting only for deaths, marriages, etc. JACK's closest associates in Chicago are: BENJAMIN KAYE, owner, Rogers Park Ford Agency, in the 6600 block of Northwestern Avenue, Chicago., a life-long friend and a former Chicago policeman; HARRY EPSTEIN, who resides in the north end of Chicago and believed to operate the Lakeview Sales, a firm selling business gifts; and MIKE NEMZIN, owner Weiners Department Store, West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, home address unknown. EARL RUBY advised NEMZIN recently had a serious operation on November 20, 1963.

In Dallas, JACK's close associates are: RALPH PAUL, residence and business address unknown, but he is in the restaurant business, and an individual whose first name is believed to be FRANK. HOWARD, whose business and residence are unknown. He said that JACK's sister, Mrs. GRANT, would know the identity, residence and employment of PAUL and HOWARD. 226v

JACK went to grammar school, name unrecalled but in the 1100 block of Mozart, Chicago, with one LENNY PATRICK. PATRICK is known by EARL RUBY from publicity to be an infamous hoodlum in Chicago. EARL said he has no knowledge of JACK's association with PATRICK except on one occasion, date unknown, when JACK mentioned he had gone to grammar school with PATRICK. PATRICK is not generally known to the RUBY family. EARL did recall that LENNY PATRICK was the black sheep of the family. He said that PATRICK's father was a Chicago Policeman. LENNY's brother, JACK, who is allegedly respectable, married a distant cousin (about four times removed) of the RUBY's. Her name is (first name unknown) WEINBERG. EARL had no additional knowledge of the WEINBERGS.

EARL stated he believed ART PETACQUE, a reporter for the "Chicago Sun Times," knew JACK, but he does not know under what circumstances. EARL advised he first met PETACQUE on November 24, 1963, when PETACQUE came to the HY RUBENSTEIN's (brother of the RUBYS) residence in Chicago seeking an interview with the RUBY family concerning the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD by JACK. EARL said the family was keeping out all reporters, however, when PETACQUE mentioned he knew JACK personally and mentioned the names, BEN KAYE and IZZY HORWITZ, as mutual friends, he admitted PETACQUE and gave him a formal press interview. EARL said this is the only indication he had ever had that JACK knew PETACQUE.

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EARL said he did not know of any individual named IRVING WEINER, however, he knew an ERWYN WEINER, a bondsman and insurance salesman, with whom he, EARL, went to high school. EARL had no knowledge that WEINER knew his brother JACK but may have had a speaking acquaintance.

EARL advised that as far as he knew, JACK did not know GUS ALEX in any way. EARL said ALEX is evidently well known in Chicago from the newspapers, but he, EARL, does not know him and reiterated he has no knowledge that JACK knows him.

EARL stated LEE HARVEY OSWALD is absolutely unknown to him, even after viewing OSWALD's photograph appearing in the press and on television and felt certain that OSWALD is unknown to his entire family, including JACK. He stated OSWALD is "a complete stranger" to the entire RUBY family.

EARL said he had no knowledge as to why JACK shot OSWALD. He said JACK is and always has been very emotional. EARL said that he talked to his sister, EVE GRANT, by telephone on November 24, 1963, at which time she advised that JACK, after hearing of President KENNEDY's death, proceeded to the synagogue to pray for President KENNEDY. He said JACK cried afterwards and was very depressed about the assassination. EARL said JACK is definitely a patriot and would defend any President of the United States, Democrat or Republican, if challenged verbally, even to the extent of fighting. EARL said JACK hated anything un-American. He said JACK had never been convicted of any crime he knew of, although he was aware there had been several charges (exact details unknown) of fighting and possession of a concealed weapon. EARL said so far as he knew, the fighting charges were dismissed since these charges arose because JACK evicted unruly customers from his business establishments. EARL said the only time he knew JACK to carry a gun was when he was carrying large sums of money in connection with his business. The only knowledge EARL had of this was from observation during the times EARL spent in Dallas with JACK. EARL said he visited JACK in Dallas on two occasions for about ten and seven days, respectively, about four years ago. The caliber and make of the weapon was unknown to EARL.

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EARL stated the only reason he can think of as to why JACK shot OSWALD is JACK's patriotism and his grief over the President's death. EARL advised he could not state why JACK had a gun in his possession on this occasion when as far as he knew, JACK carried a gun only when he had large sums of money in his possession. EARL could not make a determination whether or not this shooting might have been premeditated.

EARL did not know the identity of any officers of the Dallas Police Department with whom JACK was acquainted, although he knew JACK was on friendly terms with this Police Department.

EARL identified the following individuals as his brothers and sisters, giving background information concerning each:

Brothers

HYMAN RUBENSTEIN, was born about December 28, 1901, in the old country, the exact location unknown. He resides at 1044 Loyola, Chicago. He is self-employed as a Florist Supply Distributor in Chicago where he operates this business from his residence. He entered this country with his parents at the age of one year, and is a bachelor. HYMAN has resided his entire lifetime in Chicago, except when he was in the United States Army during World War II. He was at one time employed by a floral company, possibly the National Florist Supply Company, Chicago.

SAM RUBY, was born December 29, 1913, in Chicago. He was married about twelve and a half years ago to PHYLLIS KERNS, now a housewife. He resides in Texas, exact address unknown, and is self-employed, operating about three laundromats. SAM was associated with Earl Products, Chicago, until about 1961, at which time he moved to Dallas to work for JACK. In Dallas, he discovered he did not like the type of business JACK was in and obtained the above-mentioned laundromat business. SAM served in the U.S. Air Force in World War II, exact dates unknown. Prior to World War II, he was a carpenter building barracks at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chicago. EARL stated that his father and the four sons were carpenters by trade at one time or another. EARL could not recall SAM's employment prior to working at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, but he did state that he was employed for sometime in the thirties with his brother-in-law, RALPH VOLPERT, in Youngstown, Ohio, with a home improvement company.

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EARL advised of the following background regarding himself: He said he was born in Chicago, April 16, 1915. He married MARGE GREENE on January 19, 1947. From April, 1942 until 1944, he was in the U.S. Navy Cee Bees. Except for the time that he spent in the military service, he stated he resided in Chicago, until October 21, 1961, when he moved to Detroit. He advised that he graduated from Crane Technical High School, Chicago, in 1934. While attending high school and a short time thereafter, he was employed by the Stanley Oliver Manufacturing Company, Chicago. He was then self employed delivering for several dry cleaning establishments from about 1937 to 1939. From 1939 to 1942, he was employed as a carpenter building barracks at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. From 1942 to 1944, he was in the U.S. Navy. From 1944 until he sold the business in 1961, he owned Earl Products. He is presently the owner of Cobo Cleaners, 18135 Livernois, Detroit, which establishment he has owned since 1961. *In 1942 CR only*

### Sisters

Mrs. RALPH (ANNE) VOLPERT, is about sixty years of age, date and place of birth unknown. She is a widow, her husband having died in Chicago about three years ago. He said she resided in Youngstown for approximately twenty years, and her address then was 2426 Elm Street. About four years ago she moved from Youngstown. Her husband had been employed by his brother at the National Home Improvement Company, Youngstown. She is employed as a housewife and is presently residing with their brother HY RUBENSTEIN.

Mrs. NORMAN (MARION) CARROLL, is approximately fifty-six years of age, exact date of birth unknown, but born in Chicago. She also resides with their brother HY RUBENSTEIN. She has been employed for approximately the last twenty-five years by the U.S. Government, Treasury Department, Bond Section in Chicago.

Mrs. EVE GRANT (husband's first name unknown), is approximately fiftythree years of age, exact date of birth unknown, place being in Chicago. She is divorced and has resided in Dallas off and on for the past twenty years. When she is not residing in Dallas, she is visiting in Chicago for brief periods of time. She is employed in Dallas by JACK RUBY, brother. Her current telephone number is LA. 6-6258. EARL stated that he

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believed that she was the one who convinced JACK to go to Dallas about sixteen or seventeen years ago. She had a small night club and asked JACK to operate it. They gave up their original night club, and he now operates two night clubs in Dallas. EARL stated that he did not believe she has any monetary interest in either club.

Mrs. HAROLD (BILLEN) KOMINSKY, approximately forty-six years old, resides at 6724 North Dalman, Chicago. Her husband is a public accountant who, he believes, operates from his home. She is a housewife.

EARL advised that the above is the complete family and that there are no adopted children or otherwise.

EARL advised that he had no knowledge that JACK or any member of the family was in any way connected with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee or any subversive organizations. He said, in fact, just the opposite is true, that is, every member of the family is a patriotic American citizen. He stated that neither JACK nor any member of the family ever held any radical or extremists views either in politics or on any other subject.

EARL advised that he and <sup>and his brother Sam and Earl</sup> ~~his three brothers~~ had their name legally changed from RUBENSTEIN to RUBY during 1947 in Chicago.

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