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Ex.No. 5 RUBY, Earl Deposition
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EARL R. RUBY, 29925 Woodland Drive, Southfield, Michigan, advised he arrived in Detroit, Michigan, from Chicago, Illinois, at 11:30 AM, November 25, 1963, via air line, being met by his wife, MARGE, and COP, MILTON G. SACKETT, Southfield Police Department, and held a press conference at his residence from 2:30 PM to about 3:30 PM (verified by Chief SACKETT). EARL RUBY was very cooperative during the interview and welcomed any further inquiry in this matter.

EARL advised that his parents are deceased, has no living aunts or uncles and the only surviving immediate members of his family are his brothers and sisters. Following are the brothers and sisters with accompanying background data plus pertinent comments regarding his brother, JACK RUBY:

JACK RUBY, bachelor, approximate date of birth May 15, 1911, at Chicago. He was in World War II, exact dates unknown. He was employed by Earl Products, owned by EARL RUBY, in Chicago, approximately six months, 1946-1947. Prior to World War II, he was employed by Spartan Novelty Company, Chicago, now defunct, dates not known. He cannot recall the places of employment prior to Spartan but worked various places as a salesman. After leaving the service, JACK and his brother, SAM, were given equal shares in Earl Products. Shortly after this arrangement EARL and SAM RUBY decided JACK was not giving his full share of time in the partnership, and a personality conflict existed between SAM and JACK RUBY. SAM and EARL bought out JACK's interest in the business. Shortly thereafter, JACK had an offer from his sister, EVA GRANT, to help her operate a night club in Dallas, Texas. JACK departed for Dallas for this purpose approximately 17 years ago, and has been in the night club business in Dallas ever since and has made infrequent visits to Chicago, for deaths, marriages and the like.

JACK's closest associates in Chicago are BENJAMIN KAYE, owner, Rogers Park Ford Agency, 6600 block of North Western Avenue, Chicago, a life-long friend (former Chicago policeman); HARRY EPSTEIN, who resides at the north end of Chicago and believed to operate the Lakeview Sales, Chicago (a firm selling business gifts); MIKE NEMZIN, owner, Weiners

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Department Store, West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, home address unknown. Dallas close associates are RALPH PAUL, residence and business address unknown but in restaurant business, and (FNU), believed FRANK, HOWARD, business and residence unknown.

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

EARL believed ART PETACQUE, a reporter, Chicago "Sun Times", knew JACK but does not know under what circumstances. EARL advised he first met PETACQUE on November 24, 1963, when PETACQUE came to the HY RUBENSTEIN residence in Chicago seeking an interview regarding the OSWALD shooting. EARL claimed they were keeping out all reporters; however, when PETACQUE mentioned 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.

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

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Regarding GUS ALEX, EARL advised that as far as he knew JACK did not know ALEX in any shape or manner. EARL said ALEX is evidently well known in Chicago from the news media, 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 photographs in press and on television and felt safe to say that OSWALD either by name or photograph is unknown to his entire family including JACK. He stated OSWALD is "a complete stranger" to entire family.

EARL had no knowledge as to why JACK should have shot OSWALD. EARL said JACK is very emotional. EARL said he talked to his sister, EVE GRANT, November 24, 1963, at which time she advised JACK, after hearing of President KENNEDY's death, proceeded to the synagogue, cried afterwards and was very depressed. 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 point of fisticuffs. EARL said JACK hated anything unAmerican.

He said that JACK had never been convicted of any crime he knew of, although he was aware there had been several charges (exact data unknown) of fighting and possession of a concealed weapon. EARL said so far as he knew the fighting charges were dismissed since he was evicting 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 as a result of business. The only knowledge of this was during the times EARL spent in Dallas with his brother, which was for about ten and seven days, respectively, about four years ago. Caliber, make, etc., of weapon carried by JACK on these occasions unknown by EARL.

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EARL stated the only reason he can think of concerning the incident 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 sums of money. Therefore, EARL could not make a determination whether this might have been premeditated.

EARL furnished the following background information concerning existing relatives:

Brothers: HYMAN RUBENSTEIN, born December 28, 1901, (approximately), in old country unknown. Resides 1044 Loyola, Chicago, self employed florist supply distributor, Chicago, operates from residence, entered this country with parents at the age of one year and is a bachelor. Resided at Chicago for a lifetime except when in U. S. Army during World War II. Employed by floral company, possibly National Florist Supply Co., Chicago.

SAM RUBY, wife PHYLLIS, nee Kerns, housewife, married about 12½ years ago. Resides Texas, address unknown. Born Chicago, December 29, 1913 (approximately), self employed, operating about 3 laundromats. SAM associated with Earl Products, Chicago, until about 1961, at which time he moved to Dallas to work for JACK. In Dallas he did not like this type business with JACK and obtained above laundromat business. Served in U. S. Air Force during World War II, dates unknown. Shortly prior to World War II, carpenter building barracks, Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chicago (GLNTS) Father and four sons carpenters by trade at one time or another. EARL cannot recall SAM's employment prior to GLNTS.,

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but did state employed for some time in 1930's with brother-in-law, RALPH VOLPERT, in Youngstown, Ohio, with Home Improvement Company.

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EARL RUBY, born Chicago, April 16, 1915, wife, MARGE, nee Greene, married January 19, 1947. Entered U. S. Navy See Bees, April, 1942, until 1944, except for military service resided in Chicago for lifetime until October 21, 1961, when he moved to Detroit. Graduated Crane Technical High School, 1934. Parttime work while attending high school and for short time thereafter employed Stanley Oliver Manufacturing Co., Chicago; independent operator for dry cleaning establishment 1937 to 1939; employed as carpenter, barracks, GLNCS, 1939 to 1942, U. S. Navy, 1942 to 1944; owned Earl Products, 1944 to 1961, sold business. Owner Cobo Cleaners, 18135 Livernois, Detroit, 1961 to present.

Sisters: Mrs. RALPH (ANNE) VOLPERT, date and place of birth unknown, widow, sixty years. Husband died in Chicago about three years ago. Moved from Youngstown, Ohio, about four years ago, residence at Youngstown 2426 Elm Street for approximately 20 years. Husband employed for his brother at National Home Improvement, Youngstown. She is employed as a housewife. Presently resides with brother, HY RUBENSTEIN.

Mrs. NORMAN (MARIAN) CARROLL, born Chicago, date unknown, age 46, resides with brother HY RUBENSTEIN. Has been employed past 25 years (approximately) by U. S. Government, Treasury Department, Bond Section in Chicago.

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Mrs. EVE GRANT, born Chicago, date unknown, age 53, divorced, husband's first name unknown, resided Dallas off and on for past 20 years. When not in Dallas resided Chicago for brief periods. Employed in Dallas by brother, JACK RUBY. Currently possesses telephone number LA 6-6258. EARL believed that she was the one who convinced JACK to come to Dallas about 16 to 17 years ago. She had a small night club and asked JACK to operate same. They gave up this original night club, and he now operates two night clubs in Dallas. EARL does not believe she has any monetary interest in either club.

Mrs. HAROLD (EILEEN) KAMINSKY, 6724 N. Dalman, Chicago. Her husband is a public accountant believed to operate from home. She is a housewife, from Chicago, date unknown, and 46 years old.

Earl advised that the above in the complete family. There were no adopted children or otherwise.

EARL advised that he is leaving Detroit during the afternoon of November 27, 1963, and will drive to his wife's parents residence at 7209 North Prairie, Lincolnwood, Illinois, telephone number OR 3-2733, for Thanksgiving and will return to Detroit on Sunday, November 30, 1963.

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