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Mr. RICHARD L. SAUNDERS, Advertising Salesman for the Dallas "Morning News", home address 3553 High Vista, telephone number CH 7-9059, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed in the advertising section of the Dallas "Morning News" and he furnished the following information:

He was near the Triple Underpass in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, at the time of the President's assassination. SAUNDERS' location was approximately 100 yards from the Texas School Book Depository Building. SAUNDERS was near the intersection of Elm Street and Steanons Freeway, which is approximately 100 yards from the Texas School Book Depository Building. He said that after the President's car went by him to the hospital he drove to the Dallas "Morning News" building and went to his desk on the second floor of that building. He estimated that it took him a total of 10 minutes to arrive at his office after the President's car passed him and said this would make his arrival time at approximately 12:40 p.m.

He advised that when he came to the Advertising Section of the building, he saw JACK RUBY who was standing near Mr. SAUNDERS' desk, and was not actually at that time sitting in SAUNDERS' chair. RUBY was "ashen white" in the face, and was visibly shocked when SAUNDERS first saw him. SAUNDERS felt that RUBY was probably more "shock up" than any of the other people in the office at that time.

JACK RUBY has habitually come to the Dallas "Morning News" on Fridays for a long period of time and it was certainly not unusual for him to be in the Advertising Section at that time.

Mr. SAUNDERS believes RUBY has always been a person striving for recognition but he wanted this recognition for doing the right thing. SAUNDERS first called on JACK RUBY six or seven years ago when RUBY was operating the Vegas Club and SAUNDERS has the impression that RUBY has always tried to run a clean show. RUBY apparently tries to keep his shows on a little higher plane than the average stripper show.

SAUNDERS was of the distinct impression that RUBY was genuinely shocked and was in fact dazed after hearing of the President's assassination. He said that if it turns out

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that RUBY had any connection with OSWALD, it will "be the biggest error I have ever made in my judgment of a person." When SAUNDERS originally started contacting JACK RUBY in 1957 for RUBY's advertisements, he gave RUBY credit on occasion for his (SAUNDERS) convenience. He never doubted JACK RUBY's word at any time and RUBY never turned out to be a bad credit risk but always paid off exactly as he had agreed. To SAUNDERS' knowledge, RUBY never carried a gun on his person except on occasion when RUBY would be carrying money. He has seen RUBY on numerous occasions at his desk in the club counting money and generally RUBY would have a gun with him either on the table or in a drawer of the table. On one occasion he saw RUBY with a sizeable sum of money in a bag and saw RUBY put a gun in the same bag. He does not believe that RUBY carried a gun unless RUBY had large sums of money in his possession.

RUBY was known as being a "woman chaser" according to SAUNDERS and was believed to be particularly interested in the strippers who worked for him.

RUBY was known by SAUNDERS to respect authority and the President of the United States was theoretically the highest authority in the United States. For this reason, SAUNDERS believes that RUBY was particularly shaken up over the President's assassination, and this could have been the reason that in SAUNDERS' opinion that RUBY eventually killed OSWALD. He said that RUBY could have continued to brood over the fact that OSWALD shot the President. He further said that on the morning of the shooting of OSWALD, RUBY may have had the gun on because he might have had a large sum of money on his person and in SAUNDERS' opinion could have gone to the police department without intending to kill OSWALD.

He characterized RUBY as being a highly nervous individual but he was of the opinion that RUBY did make some efforts to upgrade himself and his shows. He pointed out that only a short time before the assassination RUBY had told him that he (RUBY) had recently gotten an injunction against other burlesque show operators so that they could not advertise their Amateur Nights. He advised that the Amateur Nights had been advertised and on these nights either girls who had never stripped before or girls who would hold themselves out as never having stripped before would put on shows. RUBY was well pleased that he had arranged to stop the advertisement of these nights.

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SAUNDERS related that during the seven years he has known RUBY he has carried on conversations with him quite frequently. At no time did RUBY ever discuss or mention politics or President KENNEDY.

He also informed that he knew of no relationship between RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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