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GEORGE (NIN) SENATOR was interviewed at the Dallas Police Department and gave the following information:

He has known JACK LEON RUBY for approximately the past eight years, having met him when he (SENATOR) started going to the Vegas Club operated by RUBY on Oak Lawn Avenue in Dallas. He had only casual association with him, mostly only as a patron to his club, from that time on up until approximately three years ago. Thereafter, he considered himself to have been much closer to RUBY, but in this regard could not explain why he considered himself closer during the past three years than the time before that he knew RUBY. He added he occasionally, when low on funds, would be asked by RUBY to come and stay a day or two with him until he got back on his feet, but he claims he never actually lived with him until about November 1, 1963, when he moved into the apartment of RUBY, Apartment 207, 223 South Ewing, Dallas, Texas.

RUBY has never been married and has never shown any special interest in girls. He has never had a steady girl friend.

His employment throughout the time SENATOR has known him has been as a tavern operator. Shortly after SENATOR first met him, RUBY opened the Sovereign Club on the second floor of the building on the southeast corner of Field and Commerce in downtown Dallas. This venture was unsuccessful and about two or two and a half years ago the Sovereign Club was discontinued and the Carousel Club started as a "girlie" show establishment. RUBY had a partner in the operation of the Sovereign Club, but SENATOR is unable to furnish this individual's name. SENATOR can state only that he believes RUBY to be the sole owner and operator of the present Carousel Club.

RUBY actively manages the Carousel Club, although he still, so far as SENATOR knows, owns the Vegas Club. As to the latter, RUBY goes there only periodically to check on the management of the place or to take over occasionally as master of ceremonies.

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RUBY belongs to no clubs, societies, or organizations of any type and has no "connections" anywhere outside Dallas. He travelled very, very infrequently and spent practically all his time in Dallas, having been here, as SENATOR understands, some 14 or 15 years.

RUBY never expressed any special political preferences and never even discussed political matters sufficiently to give any indication as to whether he might be to the right or to the left in his thinking. SENATOR was of the opinion RUBY, since he is Jewish, feels somewhat the same on things of this type as he (SENATOR) does; i. e., a Jew has no right to express opinions of any sort, especially when he is in business, since he has enough "strikes" against him just being a Jew. In pursuit of this idea, SENATOR was unable to state RUBY was materially affected so far as his personality was concerned, by his position as a member of a minority race.

When it was definitely decided President and Mrs. KENNEDY were going to visit Dallas, RUBY showed no special elation or exuberance and although he evidently thought it was a fine thing the President was coming to Dallas, he gave no indication of having any particularly strong feelings or attachments toward the KENNEDYS, and certainly never had any personal contact, knowledge, or acquaintanceship with them.

RUBY owned a revolver which SENATOR could describe only by saying it was black. This was kept at the Carousel Club, although occasionally RUBY would carry it back and forth between the club and his home because he usually carried a fairly large sum of money on him. SENATOR never had any special discussions concerning this weapon with RUBY, never heard him say he shot it, practiced with it, or had any special reason for having it, except for self-protection. He had no other firearms of any type known to SENATOR.

SENATOR on some occasions would refer to RUBY as a "boy friend" and described him as extremely good-hearted and considerate of others and in this regard SENATOR said RUBY would frequently take some acquaintance or casual friend home to stay with him for a short time because this individual was having a "bit of hard luck". SENATOR has no knowledge that RUBY would be inclined to be vicious or prone to cause physical harm to anyone.

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On the morning of November 22, 1963, RUBY was still at the apartment when SENATOR left to go to work. When SENATOR returned to the apartment about 9 or 10 o'clock that evening, RUBY was not there. SENATOR went to bed and was awakened at about 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning of November 23, 1963, by RUBY, upon his (RUBY's) return to the apartment. SENATOR has no accurate idea as to where RUBY had been all day but does know that because of the shooting of the President, RUBY had, as had many businessmen in Dallas, closed his business. SENATOR had some recollection RUBY said he had been at his sister's home for awhile.

RUBY was patently upset and emotionally disturbed by the shooting of the President, gave the appearance of having been weeping and as a matter of fact, did cry occasionally while he sat and talked with SENATOR about the shooting. SENATOR has no recollection of any special comments made by RUBY other than the shooting "was a terrible thing".

After SENATOR and RUBY talked for awhile in the apartment, they got into a car and came downtown to a coffee shop of the Southland Hotel for a cup of coffee, this being about 4:30 or 5 o'clock on the morning of November 23, 1963. They talked considerably during this time of the shooting and after spending 10 or 15 minutes at the coffee shop, they returned to the apartment on South Ewing and went to bed. SENATOR arose later on the morning of November 23, 1963, and left the apartment between 11 and 1 o'clock, to the best of his recollection, and at this time RUBY was still there. He does not recall any special conversation they had prior to his leaving, although RUBY was still apparently feeling very badly about the killing of the President.

When SENATOR returned to the apartment on the evening of November 23, 1963, RUBY was there. SENATOR describes his condition at that time as "brooding". They talked briefly, but SENATOR has no recollection of what they talked about. Shortly thereafter, RUBY left to "go down and see how things are at the club", although the club was closed. SENATOR went to bed and does not know when RUBY came in.

RUBY and SENATOR arose on November 24 and SENATOR noticed RUBY had brought one of four dogs which he ordinarily keeps at the Carousel Club home with him. At about 10:30 a.m., RUBY left the apartment with the statement he was going to "take the dog to the club". SENATOR denies any knowledge of subsequent activities of RUBY until he heard of his having shot OSWALD.

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The only thing, therefore, SENATOR knew RUBY was going to do when he left the apartment was take the dog back down to the club.

At around 11 o'clock on the morning of November 24, 1963, SENATOR left the apartment and went downtown to the Eatwell Restaurant on Main Street to eat. He estimates he arrived there at approximately 11:30 and as he walked in the door he overheard one of the waitresses say OSWALD had been shot. He remembers asking the waitress "Who shot him?" and having the waitress answer she did not know. Shortly thereafter the waitress told SENATOR that OSWALD had been shot by a local tavern operator and a short while after that he learned the name of this individual to be JACK RUBY. He said he was dumbfounded and did not know what to do, but after a short while he went to the telephone and called JIM MARTIN, Gladiolus Street, Dallas, an attorney whom he knew. He said this attorney was not at home, so he got into his car and drove to the attorney's house to wait for his return. When he arrived there the attorney was present and had also learned JACK RUBY had been involved in the shooting of OSWALD. The attorney and SENATOR then proceeded to the City Jail to see what, if anything, they could do in connection with the situation.

SENATOR never saw RUBY so emotionally disturbed and upset by anything during the time he knew him as RUBY was by the killing of the President. SENATOR does not know why this had such an intense effect on RUBY since he had never heard RUBY make any remarks in the past which would indicate any closer feeling for the KENNEDYS than RUBY had for anyone else who might have been President of the United States. SENATOR was unable to give any reason for RUBY's killing of OSWALD other than to say "He must have thought an awful lot of President KENNEDY".

SENATOR helped out occasionally around the Carousel Club and occasionally visited the Vegas Club, but never knew LEE OSWALD and has no knowledge LEE OSWALD ever visited either of these places. In the many discussions with RUBY following the shooting of President KENNEDY, no mention was made of OSWALD's name at any time and RUBY gave no indication of having any knowledge of or acquaintanceship with OSWALD. He never heard RUBY say OSWALD had ever visited either one of the clubs in which

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RUBY was interested. There was nothing which happened between the shooting of President KENNEDY and RUBY's shooting of OSWALD which gave SENATOR any inkling RUBY had in mind the shooting of OSWALD when he left the apartment on the morning of November 24, 1963, or anytime prior to that. He is unable to state when RUBY's intention to shoot OSWALD might have been formulated. At no time which they were discussing the killing of KENNEDY did RUBY ever make any remark he thought someone should shoot OSWALD or anything special should happen to OSWALD, other than he be tried and given what he deserved.

SENATOR has no knowledge of RUBY's having had any confederates or confidants with respect to his action in shooting OSWALD. SENATOR has no reason to believe RUBY did have any confederates or confidants. He is of the opinion RUBY's actions were impulsive and not planned for any great length of time prior to their execution.

SENATOR believes most of RUBY's family lived in Chicago but, as earlier stated, he has no knowledge RUBY has any connection there or any other place in the United States in any kind of business way, legal or illegal. RUBY has a sister in Dallas, EVA GRANT, who is either divorced from her husband or a widow. SENATOR does not know the address of EVA GRANT.

According to SENATOR, at no time during the above chronology, from the shooting of President KENNEDY to the last time SENATOR saw RUBY before the shooting of OSWALD was there any evidence RUBY was under the influence of alcohol or narcotics. To SENATOR's knowledge, RUBY was a non-user of alcohol and was never known to use narcotics of any kind. SENATOR denied any knowledge of any mental disorder of any kind in RUBY's history.

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