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ABE COHN, President, Sangamon Paper Grading Company, 1613 West 15th Street, who resides at 7301 Sheridan Road, phone SHeldrake 3-2539, was interviewed and advised as follows:

While all were approximately ten to twelve years of age, COHN resided at 1132 Sacramento Boulevard, JACK RUBENSTEIN at 1127 Sacramento, and LEON E. COOKE at 1132 Sacramento. RUBENSTEIN came from a large fatherless family, and was always hustling work. COHN and COOKE had fathers who made it possible for them to receive additional education, while RUBENSTEIN was always working to support his mother.

After COOKE received his law degree, he organized the Waste Material Handler's Union. COHN advised RUBENSTEIN was an organizer for COOKE and the only other employee of the union known to COHN.

COHN could not recall exact dates, but remembered the union was organized during the mid-thirties after the National Recovery Act was declared unconstitutional. COHN had lost track of RUBENSTEIN after the COHN family had moved from the area while they were still in school.

COHN took over his father's business and was running an open shop. RUBENSTEIN, without COHN'S knowledge, started organizing COHN'S employees into the union.

COHN discovered RUBENSTEIN talking to his employees in front of their place of business, and it was then he became aware that RUBENSTEIN was acting as an organizer for COOKE.

COHN'S business was organized as a union shop and thereafter RUBENSTEIN was in regular contact with COHN while acting as the union representative. This continued for a couple of years until COOKE was killed, probably during the late 1930's. After COOKE'S death, the union movement and the plant became disorganized, but some months later RUBENSTEIN appeared at the plant and advised COHN he was reorganizing the employees, presumably in the same union. RUBENSTEIN was at the plant regularly for a few weeks, but complained to COHN that his "heart was not in it" speaking

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of the new union. He told COHN he was going to quit the union. COHN did not know anyone besides RUBENSTEIN connected with the reorganization of the union.

COHN claimed only hearsay knowledge of RUBENSTEIN thereafter. He said he had not seen or talked with RUBENSTEIN since long before World War II. He had heard from an unrecalled source that after RUBENSTEIN got out of the service, he settled in Dallas. He seemed to recall that RUBENSTEIN had been in Texas while in the service and decided to settle there.

COHN said to his knowledge, RUBENSTEIN was not involved in organized crime or the rackets and pointed out that RUBENSTEIN always was a poor man, never lived expensively or wore good clothing or drove an automobile.

COHN said the only thing he knew RUBENSTEIN to do in addition to union organizing was to sell gadget and premium type objects. COHN observed that RUBENSTEIN always had been emotional and was "soft hearted", but never indicated he could be vicious. COHN considered RUBENSTEIN a true, loyal American, who had never had anything to do with movements such as Communism.

COHN commented that RUBENSTEIN had been fatherless, and the shock of the assassination and knowledge that the KENNEDY children would also be without a father, could have motivated the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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