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JACK PATRICK, Manager, Douglas Park Hotel, 3514 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois, advised on December 9, 1963, that although he and JACK LEON RUBY had resided in the same neighborhood in Chicago, about forty years ago, he has no recollection of RUBY. He further advised that he knows nothing concerning activities and/or associates of RUBY in the Chicago area.

BARNEY ROSS was interviewed at the New York Office on November 25, 1963. He resides at 301 East 86th Street, Apartment 10E, home telephone PL 1-2488. He is employed by the Milton Blackstone Advertising Agency, 221 West 57th Street, Manhattan, New York, telephone CI 7-4915.

ROSS furnished the following information:

He is a former prize fighter. He has known JACK LEON RUBY for 35 years or since about 1927. RUBY was not a close neighbor of ROSS, but they both grew up in the same general area of the 24th Ward in Chicago, Illinois.

ROSS was an amateur boxer beginning 1926 for several years and then boxed professionally until 1938. While both an amateur and professional boxer, ROSS frequented the Lawdale Restaurant in Chicago, Illinois, and RUBY also used to hang around this restaurant.

RUBY was almost always present when ROSS fought both as an amateur and a professional. RUBY also traveled to any out of town fights in which ROSS was engaged, including championship fights in New York during the 1930s. ROSS never knew RUBY to have any gainful employment. He was never on ROSS' payroll and ROSS never gave him any money or loaned him any money. RUBY seemed to make a living as a free lance salesman in Chicago selling small jewelry items and other miscellaneous small articles.

ROSS pointed out that he knew RUBY as "Sparky" RUBENSTEIN although he had no knowledge of how RUBY happened to have this nickname.

ROSS left Chicago in 1942 and went to military service. He returned to Chicago for a few years at the end of 1944 when he was released from service.

ROSS believes that RUBY left Chicago 10 or 12 years ago, and went to Dallas, Texas, where RUBY operated a night club owned by a sister or some relative of RUBY's.

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ROSS has had very little association with RUBY over the past 10 or 12 years. He did see RUBY two years ago when they both met accidentally in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel in Chicago. They only had a brief visit at that time.

RUBY has telephonically contacted ROSS at New York from Dallas several times a year over the past 10 years. These calls concerned RUBY's attempts to secure talent for his club and the problems RUBY was having in securing talent for his club. ROSS pointed out that the advertising agency he works for also handles some talent bookings. ROSS never did actually secure any talent for RUBY. ROSS described RUBY as a well behaved quiet individual whom he did not consider antagonistic in manner or the type of person who was a troublemaker. He had never known RUBY to be involved with any law enforcement agency and also never had been involved in any subversive activities.

ROSS added that he was unable to offer any explanation as to why RUBY shot OSWALD. ROSS had never known RUBY to carry any firearms.

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In view of numerous allegations from various sources that JACK L. RUBY operated night clubs in Chicago prior to coming to Dallas, and the inferences of possible confusion of RUBY with HARRY RUBENSTEIN, the Chicago Office has advised as follows:

HARRY E. RUBENSTEIN, 420 Melrose, Chicago, born 1895, Seattle, Washington, advised Special Agent MAURICE J. WHITE on November 26, 1963 and November 27, 1963, that he has never heard of JACK RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN. He stated he knew or knows of everyone of any consequence in the 1930's and 1940's in this business in above general areas, and is positive subject is not so connected. RUBENSTEIN claimed he operated and partly owner Olympic Hotel, 1015 North Clark, 1925 to 1956, and ran Harry's Royal Palm, a night club in the building. He operated Hollywood Show Lounge, Randolph Street in Loop, under wife's name, 1946 to 1960. Also, he operated Randcroft Hotel, same location, later placed a steak house at this spot, and also operated Sunny Italy Restaurant nearby. The building was demolished in late 1961. He operated and claimed "piece of" breakfast club, a speakeasy on Erie Street, near north area, about 1930 and operated 225 Club, 225 East Superior, about 1934. He also had additional rooming houses in Chicago. He lived at Maple Manor Hotel, 1925 to 1960, at 65 West Maple, owned by now divorced wife.

RUBENSTEIN was arrested 1945 for shooting and killing a man at Olympic Hotel and charged with manslaughter, later exonerated.

RUBENSTEIN admitted knowing or knowing of most of hoodlum element who frequented clubs in this area, many of whom eventually "muscle in" to many of them. He denied personal association with them. He recalled a Police Bergeers Club on Superior Street between Clark and Dearborn around 1940, but it lasted less than a year. It was operated by LEONARD LEON, an old time night club operator in Chicago known to many in the trade. LEON would be about 80 years old, but he is quite sure he is dead. He stated LEON considered to be primarily night club operator, however, naturally would have had to know bootleggers especially during prohibition in an effort to operate his clubs, as did all night spot operators at that time.

RUBENSTEIN believes the French Casino was located on Clark between Erie and Ontario in the mid forties. This club was operated by HARRY BOSHERS and was closed by then Mayor KELLY or KENNELLY and never reopened.

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