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to the Jewish Social Service Bureau, now known as the Jewish Family and Community Service, 1 South Franklin, Chicago, Illinois, headed by Mr. SIDNEY BERKOWITZ. The name Rest Haven is the former name for the Schwab Rehabilitation Center at California and 16th Streets, Chicago. The executive director of the Center is IRA GOLDBERG. The initials WL probably relate to the Women's Loan Association, which is now a part of the Jewish Family and Community Service above. The initials JHFS relate to the Jewish Home Finding Service, which was the parent agency of the Jewish Childrens Bureau headed by Mrs. LAWRENCE herself. The initials and name MTS Racine undoubtedly, in Mrs. LAWRENCE's opinion, relate to the Chicago Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium, Racine Avenue Branch. The initials IJR in the opinion of Mrs. LAWRENCE relate to the Institute for Juvenile Research at Chicago, Illinois.

At this point, Mrs. LAWRENCE advised, as she had previously, the only significant information which she felt appeared on the face sheet of her office's record in relation to the RUBENSTEIN family was the notation relating to IJR as, "I.J.R. 7-6-22 Exam Number 4376 Jake."

With regard to the Cook County, Illinois, Juvenile Court records in her possession concerning the RUBENSTEIN children, Mrs. LAWRENCE said none of them related to HYMAN RUBENSTEIN, Juvenile Court Docket Number 60011.

Hershey Colvin, Room 408, Coronado Hotel, 1061 West Rosemont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he is no longer employed at the Vertigo Lounge at Lawrence and Broadway. He stated he is presently unemployed and contemplates re-employment at the Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, as a poker dealer in the near future.

In regards to his association with Jack Ruby, Colvin recalled that during the Summer of 1943, he was a corporal in the training unit at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and was an instructor in marching, rifle lore and calisthenics. He advised that during the Summer of 1943, Jack Ruby arrived from the induction center at Camp Grant, Illinois, and was assigned to Colvin's unit. Colvin advised that he had known Ruby from the old neighborhood on Roosevelt Road bounded by Kedzie and Crawford, and was pleased to have him in his unit.

He stated that, as best he could recall, Ruby possessed no real close associates during the training period although he was a likable individual and was on a friendly basis with nearly all of the men in the unit. Colvin advised that he considered himself to be Ruby's closest associate during the training period and recalled that he and Jack Ruby traveled to New Orleans on several weekends. He advised that they checked into hotels, danced at the Roosevelt Hotel, and spent other leisure time at the beaches in the New Orleans area.

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Colvin advised that from what he could recall of Ruby's general makeup during that period, he considered him an intelligent, likable individual but who left the impression that he was nervous, high-strung and, as Colvin described, "taut as a fiddle". He stated that Ruby left the impression that he found it impossible to relax. He recalled that Ruby carried on conversations in an excitable manner. He stated, however, that Ruby, although newspaper accounts report otherwise, was not the type of person to start a fight on his own. He stated that he would become highly irritated if anyone made degrading remarks against the Jewish faith.

In regard to Ruby's political interest, Colvin recalled that Ruby, during the time he knew him, voiced an extremely high regard for former President Franklin Roosevelt. He stated, although he did not consider Ruby to be an active Democrat, he spoke often of his high regard for Roosevelt. Ruby never discussed local politics as best he could recall.

Colvin considered Ruby's sexual behavior to be absolutely normal, stating that he positively did not possess any perverted attitude toward sex. From his own observations, Colvin stated that, "if Jack could make a broad in a gentlemanly manner, he would". Colvin advised he considered this to be perfectly normal.

In regards to criminal associates of Ruby, Colvin advised that he knew of none. He stated Ruby had been affiliated in some capacity with a Chicago union but he knew of nothing derogatory in this regard. He stated he definitely did not hang out with known hoodlums and was positively not a criminal or "a heist guy". He reiterated that Ruby was known as a hustler who scalped tickets at athletic events and attempted to make a profit from the sale of cheap merchandise.

Colvin advised that, in his opinion, the newspapers have "ballooned up" stories of Ruby's vicious fighting nature, criminal associates, and involvement in foreign intrigue. He stated, in his opinion, Ruby definitely did not have criminal instincts and was a loyal American citizen. He stated he considered Ruby to be normal except that he appeared unusual in the sense that he was extremely sensitive and hot-tempered.

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Colvin stated that, in view of the length of time that has elapsed since his association with Ruby at Keesler Field, he is unable to recall specifically instances which would illustrate Ruby's quick temper and sensitive nature.

Colvin advised that during 1952 when he operated the Showtime Lounge in Chicago, Illinois, Jack Ruby and his sister, Eva, appeared there on several occasions. He stated, however, that he never cultivated a close friendship with Ruby after their Army days and he saw him only very infrequently during 1952.

Colvin advised he is unable to recall any close associates of Ruby at Keesler Field, stating that he considered himself to be the closest friend of Ruby during that period of time. Colvin further stated that he could not recall any evidence of Ruby possessing a hearing defect or Ruby wearing a hearing aid during the time he knew him at Keesler Field, Mississippi, or prior to his entry into service.

Colvin concluded by stating that Jack Ruby's brother, Hy Rubenstein, who sells floral supplies in Chicago, possesses much of the same temperament as Jack Ruby and he stated that this individual could probably be the best illustration of the nervousness and excitable demeanor that Jack Ruby possesses.

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