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Mrs. BERNADINE COLEMAN, Maple Manor Hotel, 65 West Maple, advised an Agent of the Chicago Office, on November 26, 1963, she was married to HARRY RUBENSTEIN from 1942 - 1960 and lived at the above address. She described HARRY RUBENSTEIN as a white male, age 68, 5'11", 180 lbs., dark hair, brown eyes, Catholic religion. He came to Chicago from Seattle, Washington, in 1927 and managed the Olympic Hotel, Chicago, 1927 - 1945.

HARRY RUBENSTEIN got into trouble in 1945 when he killed a bartender in his club, but was later exonerated. He next owned the Hollywood Show Lounge, Randolph Street, Chicago, from 1946 to 1960. He also owned the Randcraft Hotel, which has been demolished.

She stated positively HARRY RUBENSTEIN is no relation to JACK RUBY. She had never heard the name JACK RUBY before. She advised the names JACK RUBY and JACK RUBENSTEIN were never mentioned by anyone to them when they were in the business of operating night clubs. She recalls she once bought some tickets to the play "Oklahoma" through a ticket scalper named "SPARKY" approximately right after World War II, but never saw the man.

She denied HARRY was a close friend of the hoodlum element in Chicago, although she stated anyone in this business would have to associate with some. She would furnish no further details in this regard.

She stated HARRY's present address is unknown to her and he is believed to be clerking in some cheap hotel, Chicago, and broke. They no longer associate together. She stated she is attempting to contact HARRY RUBENSTEIN through mutual friends to set up interview.

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The following investigation was conducted in Chicago, Illinois, November 24, 1963:

NATE ZUCKERMAN, bartender at the "Front Page", a Chicago tavern owned by JAMES ALLEGRETTI, advised SA AUGUST C. KEMPF that he has known numerous members of the Chicago criminal element for the past twenty years but does not recall JACK RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN. ZUCKERMAN stated that the only RUBENSTEIN he knew was HARRY RUBENSTEIN, the former owner of the Olympic Hotel.

IRVING "BUZZY" RIFKIN, Manager, "Le Bistro", a near northside Chicago night club, advised SA JOHN R. BASSETT that he was a good friend of JACK "SPARKY" RUBENSTEIN. He stated that RUBENSTEIN had attended Marshall High School in Chicago many years ago at which time RIFKIN first made his acquaintance. According to RIFKIN, RUBENSTEIN was not connected with the criminal element in Chicago and made his living while in this city by the purchase and sale of low cost merchandise.

RIFKIN advised that RUBENSTEIN was a good friend of ART WAYNE, a singer whom he believed might reside in Hollywood, California. Another close friend of RUBENSTEIN was one YUDIE (phonetic) JACOBS, a small-time entertainer whose whereabouts is unknown to RIFKIN.

RIFKIN advised that a few years ago RUBENSTEIN came to Chicago accompanied by a young Negro boy seven or eight years old for whom RUBENSTEIN was acting as a manager. RIFKIN stated that the young Negro boy made a television appearance on some show, the identity of which he could not recall.

RIFKIN indicated that he had not seen RUBENSTEIN for the past two or three years, but frequently hears from him. He stated that he has frequently referred female friends, who are visiting Dallas, to RUBENSTEIN, and RUBENSTEIN occasionally refers girls to RIFKIN when they visit Chicago from the Dallas area.

Lt. HARRY SMITH, Chicago Police Department, advised SA JOHN R. BASSETT that he recalled "SPARKY" RUBENSTEIN as having preceded him by a few years at Marshall High School. He stated that as long as he had known RUBENSTEIN, the latter was completely "legitimate" and had no known criminal connections.

FRANK KIERNAN, Special Assistant, United States Attorney, Chicago, advised the Chicago Office of the following information:

He had received on that date from JACK WILNER, a crime reporter on the Chicago Daily News, information that WILNER indicated he had received from his "syndicate sources" information reflecting that JACK RUBY in the mid 1930's, was associated with JOE KRASHOW and LOU SIMON, the latter being presently in Las Vegas, Nevada. WILNER

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