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WILLIAM EDWARD HOWARD, age 61, operator, Stork Club, 3118 Oak Lawn Avenue, residence 4029 N. Central Expressway, furnished the following information:

HOWARD has known JACK RUBY for about 12 years and first met him when RUBY was operating the Silver Spur Club. He has been with RUBY many times socially and both have visited at each others homes. He last saw RUBY on about November 12 or 13, 1963, when RUBY stopped by the Stork Club in the afternoon to tell HOWARD the trouble he had had recently with a stripper named "Jada", and how he, RUBY, had out smarted her.

HOWARD was not surprised when he heard RUBY had shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD, as RUBY is capable of anything, because he is a head strong and impulsive individual. RUBY always carried a gun, a black, snub-nosed revolver, believed to be a .32 caliber in a .38 frame.

RUBY spoke often of JOHN F. KENNEDY and his family and expressed a great deal of personal admiration for the late President. RUBY also admired FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, as a great image. RUBY was not active in politics and was not a politically minded individual.

RUBY is a "one man operation" and a real "lone wolf" type of individual. HOWARD is certain RUBY had no assistance of any kind in the slaying of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, as RUBY would not trust anyone. HOWARD is sure RUBY committed the slaying of OSWALD on the spur of the moment and made no elaborate plans, if he made any plans at all. HOWARD believes RUBY "lived for the moment" and was a real Damon Rumyon character. RUBY did not smoke or drink and had alot of color and "moxie" with girls, since RUBY was an extreme extrovert. RUBY never had a steady girl friend, but instead played the field.

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RUBY was a physical and moral nut and the YMCA is the only club or group RUBY belonged to. RUBY was a real quick tempered, rough and tumbling scraper and it always amazed HOWARD that RUBY was not killed in one of his numerous brawls. RUBY received many threats to his life because of his constant conflict with other people. When HOWARD and RUBY were together, HOWARD frequently remarked to RUBY that someone was going to take a shot at RUBY and hit HOWARD. RUBY always found this to be extremely funny.

HOWARD has never known OSWALD and the stories about OSWALD and RUBY being connected is ridiculous. HOWARD would stake his life on this and feels that in his own strange way, RUBY is very patriotic toward the United States. In his opinion, RUBY could not possibly be associated with any type of subverse organization.

RUBY never made any trips, and the only one that comes to mind in about 1958 or 1959, just about the time FIDEL CASTRO took over Cuba. HOWARD was associated with the Tropicana Club, Miami, Florida, and RUBY traveled to Havana, Cuba, to visit (FNU) McKINNEY, who operated the Tropicana Club in Havana. This trip by RUBY was just a social visit to McKINNEY, who is an acquaintance of RUBY's.

RUBY had few friends who were close to him because of RUBY's belligerent attitude. One RALPH PAUL, who runs the barbecue place called the "Bull Pen" in Dallas was about as close a friend as RUBY has. HOWARD does not know RUBY's roommate.

RUBY never discussed any Chicago connections and the only acquaintance from Chicago HOWARD ever met was MARTY GIMPLE, who before his death frequently was in Dallas on social trips.

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RUBY definitely does not have any homosexual tendencies.

RUBY knows almost all of the Dallas Police Department and explained to HOWARD that this was only good business in light of RUBY operating night clubs.

RUBY use to give the Police small gifts and favors, but never did expect any specific favors from the policemen. HOWARD could not recall any specific instances where gifts were given to policemen by RUBY.

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JOHN C. JACKSON, 201 Delphine, Lafayette, Louisiana, who is employed as Vice President of the National Research Corporation, advised that he became acquainted with JACK L. RUBY in November, 1956 in Dallas. JACKSON stated he had gone to Dallas to attempt to obtain financial backing for some experiments that he was conducting on degenerative diseases. He stated that his connections in Dallas had fallen through and that the man he had contacted had turned out to be a promoter who had no money and he was in Dallas then broke, and not knowing which way to turn. At about 3:00 AM, he was in Phil's Delicatessen when RUBY came into the delicatessen. RUBY spoke to practically everyone in the place, both individuals with whom he was acquainted and strangers and as a result, he and RUBY became engaged in conversation. JACKSON stated that he told RUBY his problems and RUBY insisted that JACKSON go to his apartment and gave him the key to his apartment, which was located at about 310 Hawthorne in Dallas. JACKSON said he accepted the key and went to the apartment and ended up living in RUBY's apartment until the end of 1957. During this period, JACKSON stated that he was engaged in trying to raise capital to continue his experiments and his acquaintance and association with RUBY at the Vegas Club provided him with contacts in this regard. JACKSON stated that he worked some at the Vegas Club, usually on weekends, but spent most of his time trying to raise money for his experiments. He stated that he spent quite a lot of time with RUBY during this period, but had had no contact with RUBY since May, 1958. He described RUBY as a "very complex person". He stated that RUBY was a proud person, proud of his Jewish background and became very angry if anyone made any uncomplimentary remarks about Jews. He was a neat dresser, but his apartment and his club were both messy and not well maintained. RUBY sometimes would take two or three showers a day, but his automobile, a 1951 Buick was a dirty "rattletrap" and RUBY would drive this car anywhere.

RUBY did not like violence and could not stand to see people suffer, but engaged in many fights, some that he was responsible for starting. RUBY liked to be recognized

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