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Mrs. PATRICIA KOHS, nee PATRICIA ANN BIRCH, stage name "Penny Dollar," 3222 Riverview, Irving, Texas, advised that she had known JACK RUBY for approximately 15 years. PATRICIA, who is 21 years of age, stated she had worked for RUBY as a "dancer" for one week and three days, approximately 1 1/2 years ago. She quit as a result of disagreements with RUBY and had to go to the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) to collect her salary, and RUBY was fined \$50 by the AGVA, which \$50 Mrs. KOHS received.

Mrs. KOHS stated RUBY had a violent temper and recalled one occasion when he jostled and shoved a woman down the stairs and struck her escort, who was a much smaller individual. On another occasion, he struck a cab driver who came to the club to collect for a fare and inquired as to where the customer was.

Mrs. KOHS further stated that KENNETH SPIVEY, a known homosexual, was known to be "quite friendly" with JACK RUBY. She stated that on one occasion KENNETH SPIVEY had accompanied her, her sister JANE BIRCH, and her mother, FRANCES BIRCH, when they had all visited the Carousel Club, being operated by RUBY.

Mrs. KOHS also stated that she, as well as her sister and mother, had been present on one occasion on an unrecalled date at a party given in some duplex, address not recalled but located in the Oak Cliff addition of Dallas, when RUBY had gotten drunk, and had taken off his clothes and rolled on the floor naked. Mrs. KOHS also stated that RUBY was evidently very proud of his physical build and would frequently come back to the girls' dressing room with his shirt off, pat his chest, and ask the girls if they didn't think he had a good physical build.

Mrs. KOHS concluded that she had never observed LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the Carousel Club while she was employed there; that she did not know OSWALD and did not know of any association between JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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JAMES E. DUNNE II, 21 Indian Hills Trail, advised he first met JACK RUBY in the summer of 1953 on a visit to Dallas. RUBY was then proprietor of the Vegas Club and a club with "Silver" in its name. DUNNE visited clubs as a customer. In 1954, DUNNE moved to Dallas, operating a lounge known as the Ritz Bar in 1955 and 1956. DUNNE has been in and out of Dallas since that time. His main interest is insurance. He was never a close associate of RUBY but came to know him as a "Guy you see around town". He would see RUBY in the business section of town and in various night spots. RUBY spoke to everyone and everyone knew RUBY.

In the late fall of 1959, DUNNE loaned JOE SLAYTON, a friend in Dallas, approximately \$5,000 which SLAYTON was going to use to establish a private club in downtown Dallas. As preparations were being made to open this club, Dallas newspapers blasted private clubs as a result of gambling at one private club. SLAYTON felt that private clubs were in disrepute, that success of the club was doubtful, and that more capital would be needed. JACK RUBY had looked at the club during the time it was being decorated and equipped and expressed an interest in the club. As a result, JOE SLAYTON took RUBY in as a partner.

The club opened as the Sovereign Club in January or February, 1960, to the best of DUNNE's recollection. It was not a success. SLAYTON, with DUNNE's consent, got out of the club, letting RUBY have the entire operation. DUNNE received nothing on his loan to SLAYTON. RUBY later changed it to a public club with strip tease acts and changed the name to the Carousel. DUNNE is of the opinion that RUBY put up \$10,000 initially, and SLAYTON indicated that RUBY lost \$5 to \$10,000 in operation before he made it a public club.

DUNNE indicated that he frequented the Sovereign Club during the period when SLAYTON was associated with the club which was only about a month and a half after it opened. He saw more of RUBY during this time than before or after.

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DUNNE stated that he had no part in the management of the club.

RUBY impressed DUNNE as a man who came from very poor circumstances. He had a great inferiority complex and wanted to better himself. The Sovereign Club, DUNNE believed, impressed RUBY as a step up from the type of clubs he had been operating. RUBY had a great respect for authority and for success as exemplified by a bankroll and good clothes. RUBY was at his worst in a crowd when he would be loud. Alone, he was quiet.

DUNNE noted that RUBY's treatment of policemen at his club was not an attempt on his part to buy favors but was merely an indication of his respect for authority. RUBY intimated but never directly stated that he had "important" connections in Chicago. He dropped names of underworld figures who were mentioned in newspapers. DUNNE stated that he also was acquainted in Chicago although not in the underworld, and that he never found anyone in Chicago who knew RUBY.

RUBY once took periodic trips to Chicago. He would intimate that he had to go to Chicago to see his connections. DUNNE suspects that "RUBY was merely following Jewish custom" of paying his respects to his father.

DUNNE stated RUBY is not as rough as news reports indicate. He would eject any customer from his clubs if the customer was causing trouble and he would protect his interests but he was not aggressive or quarrelsome. To the contrary, he seemed to want everyone to like him.

While RUBY and SLAYTON had the Sovereign Club, RUBY had a blue .38 caliber snub-nosed revolver which he carried in his money sack when he carried money. RUBY indicated he feared being robbed, that he had been robbed at one time or threats to rob him had been made, and that he was going to protect himself.

RUBY also intimated that he had had to leave Chicago because he had offended some of "the big boys" but actually, DUNNE believes RUBY was simply not smart enough to make a living in his field in Chicago.

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DUNNE indicated he believed RUBY is basically a simple, lonely man who was easily motivated and swayed. He indicated that RUBY was easy to handle in business deals. DUNNE does not believe RUBY was "ribbed" into shooting OSWALD. DUNNE believes rather that RUBY may have been influenced by bitter talk he must have heard from police, plus the attitude evidenced by OSWALD. RUBY may have seen his shooting of OSWALD as the one great act in his life and his one great chance to amount to something.

DUNNE recalls no political comment by RUBY whatsoever. He is certain RUBY had no radical or extremist views. RUBY exhibited such admiration for financial success that he could have had no socialist sympathies whatsoever. DUNNE has no reason to believe RUBY had any connection with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee or any other organization of a similar character. DUNNE had never heard of OSWALD prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY and has no information as to any prior connection between OSWALD and RUBY.

DUNNE stated he did not know of RUBY's ever having dates with girls but he had never noticed anything which caused him to suspect RUBY of being a homosexual, although DUNNE particularly considered this possibility because RUBY did not seem to have dates with females.

DUNNE knows that the current roommate of RUBY, GEORGE SENATOR, did date girls.

Another associate of RUBY was a man named RALPH, whose last name DUNNE does not recall. This man, probably foreign born, operated a drive-in restaurant at Grand Prairie, Texas. During dealings with SLAYTON regarding the Sovereign Club, RUBY indicated he was getting money from a brother in Chicago but DUNNE suspects that RALPH was furnishing RUBY money. RALPH is in his late sixties or seventies.

DUNNE recalled that during the Sovereign Club period, RUBY was visited by a man from Miami, Florida, who talked like a millionaire but was apparently broke and who boasted of having operated night clubs in Florida.

RUBY employed a Dallas attorney named KAUFMAN to draw contracts regarding the Sovereign Club.

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DUNNE knows none of RUBY's relatives. He last saw RUBY about two years ago in Dallas and then only to say hello. DUNNE has never been in the Carousel Club since it has been so named.

TONY ZOPPI, a columnist for the Dallas Morning News, writes a daily column on entertainment life in the Dallas, Texas area with emphasis on amusement spots and night clubs.

ZOPPI has known JACK LEON RUBY, also known as Jack Rubenstein, for approximately 12 years. He stated RUBY first came to Dallas from Chicago, Illinois. ZOPPI is of the opinion that he was using the name, JACK RUBY, upon his arrival in Dallas.

ZOPPI stated RUBY <sup>is</sup> first associated with the Plantation Club where he would appear nightly dressed in a cowboy outfit and would at times act as Master of Ceremonies and came to be known as "the Chicago Cowboy".

After approximately one year RUBY obtained the Vegas Club and still owns this club which is allegedly managed by his sister, EVA GRAND or EVA GRANT.

In addition to the ownership of the Vegas Club, RUBY also now operates the Carousel Club, but has requested ZOPPI not to refer to him as the owner of the Carousel Club.

Recently ZOPPI stated that RUBY informed him, "Business is good and I have moved into a prestige apartment." RUBY's roommate is GEORGE SENATOR (who was picked up for questioning by the Dallas Police Department on the afternoon of November 24, 1963).

For approximately the past two years RUBY allegedly has been going with a Dallas girl (name unknown to ZOPPI).

ZOPPI "has heard rumors" as to the possibility of RUBY being a homosexual, but has no definite information on this.

ZOPPI described RUBY as "highly emotional" and stated that he could change from one mood to another instantly and when in an angry mood "would not reason".

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