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On January 2, 1961, Inspector LOUIS JORDAN, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, telephonically contacted the Miami FBI Office saying a man in his office wished to make a complaint regarding an American citizen who had been in Cuba. Subsequently, LEWIS J. McWILLIE telephonically stated he had been at the Havana Airport about two weeks previous en route to Miami and heard an unidentified white male giving an inflammatory type speech against the United States. McWILLIE was quite certain this person was an American citizen and was traveling with a group of friends and belonged to an American organization sympathetic toward Cuba. McWILLIE said he arrived in Miami on the same flight with this individual, but did not know his name.

The "Miami Herald" of January 7, 1961, reported that LEWIS McWILLIE arrived in Miami on January 2, 1961, on a flight from Havana. Among the passengers on the flight was LAVERNE KAUTT, age 54, of 2456 Estes Avenue, Chicago. KAUTT was returning with their play for Cuba committee tourists who had visited Cuba in defiance of a U. S. State Department request that they stay home. The article states that on the plane "KAUTT said our Government and our President were no good and FIDEL CASTRO was a great fellow. When the plane landed, McWILLIE's fist landed on KAUTT's nose. KAUTT landed on his back on the ground."

McWILLIE received phone calls from Chicago and Miami and mail from Washington, all complimentary. The article identified KAUTT as a Chicago school teacher.

LEWIS J. MC WILLIE, 3627 Eastern, Las Vegas, Nevada, was interviewed on November 25, 1963. MC WILLIE formerly worked for FRED BROWNING at the Top of the Hill Club between Dallas and Ft. Worth, Texas, in Tarrant County. This was an illegal gambling operation where he worked during the 1940's. He stated that he has known JACK RUBY since 1947 or 1948, and that RUBY formerly operated the Vegas Club and now also operates the Carrousel Club in Dallas. He said that he has known RUBY for somewhere between 15 and 20 years, first getting acquainted with him in Dallas, but knew him only as an operator of a night club. He stated that to his knowledge, RUBY has never been involved in any other kind of enterprise, and to his knowledge no one else was associated with him in the Vegas Club. He said that as far as he knew, RUBY operated this establishment within the law and was not known to him to be involved in gambling, prostitution, or illegal liquor sales. He said that he did know that RUBY had come to Dallas from Chicago, but did not know of any particular associates of RUBY. He said RUBY had visited the Top of the Hill, but was not a frequent visitor there. He said he would think that RUBY probably knew most of the members of the Dallas Police Department, simply because of the type of establishment that he ran, but felt that this would be the only basis of any association with the Dallas Police Department since he felt that the operation was a legal one.

MC WILLIE said that he had gone to Cuba to work at the Tropicana in Havana, Cuba, and while there sometime in 1959, RUBY had been in Cuba for about a one week's vacation and he had seen RUBY there at that time. He said he knew of no interests RUBY might have had in Cuba.

MC WILLIE said that he returned from Cuba on January 2, 1961, on the same plane which carried some other passengers, at least one of whom expressed a dislike for President EISENHOWER and America's actions in regards

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