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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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to Cuba and it was his recollection that this individual was a member of the Fair Play for Cuba organization. He stated that he had become highly incensed over the remarks this individual made while waiting for the plane in Havana and during the travel to the United States, but that he had controlled his emotions concerning this man's remarks until after the plane's arrival in Miami, whereupon he had physically attacked this individual because of the remarks he had made concerning the United States. He said that this matter received local publicity in Miami press and that he was also interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Miami concerning this situation. He stated that it would be his belief that JACK RUBY would also be very much opposed to any such organization and also pointed out that he had talked to JACK RUBY following this incident and RUBY had remarked to him that he had done the right thing in attacking this man.

He stated that he had correspondence with RUBY and maintained contact with him principally through this means and sometime in early 1963 had felt that he needed some type of protection around the house and had requested RUBY, believed by letter, to obtain a gun for him. He stated he did not specify what kind of gun he wanted but that he had subsequently learned that a COD package awaited him at the Post Office. He stated that he had discussed this matter with his wife and they had decided not to pick up the gun which had been mailed from Dallas, Texas, as they were afraid their children might find the gun. He stated he was sure that this gun was sent to him through RUBY's efforts based upon his initial request. He stated he does not know what disposition might have been made of the gun.

He said his last contacts with RUBY were about two months ago when RUBY contacted him via telephone concerning some trouble he was having with a show, as a result of which he referred RUBY to BILL MILLER, the owner of the Riverside Hotel in Reno, where MC WILLIE had formerly been Club Manager. Their discussion on this occasion had to do only with the club's act with which RUBY was concerned.

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MC WILLIE said that since RUBY's name had first come to his attention in connection with the killing of OSWALD, he had searched his mind concerning a possible motive and had come to the conclusion in his own mind that RUBY must have been brooding over the death of the President and that this was an insane act on the part of RUBY. He stated that he is certain in his own mind that RUBY has no underworld connections, although he might be acquainted with some figures in gambling and other illegal activities and stated that the only person that he could suggest who might be on a more intimate basis with RUBY other than the members of the immediate family, was a girl he went with in Dallas, Texas, for about four years by the name of ALICE.

He stated he has never known RUBY to visit Las Vegas and is certain that if RUBY did he would have been in contact with him, as RUBY knows where he works and how to contact him. He also feels that their acquaintance is such that RUBY would not pass through Las Vegas without being in touch with him. He stated he does not know RUBY to have ever been involved in any bookie activity, or in any gambling of any nature other than as a player.

MC WILLIE advised that ELAINE MYNIER is a Dallas girl who worked at the Avis Rental in the Dallas Airport Terminal Building and is acquainted with RUBY. He recalled she visited Havana, and stayed for about two weeks. He denied having used her as a courier between RUBY and himself, explaining that there was no restriction at the time and had he wanted to get a message to RUBY, he would have telephoned him.

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