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MATTIE (Mrs. COLUMBUS) NELSON, 2635 Forrest Avenue, telephone HA-8-7147, was interviewed with reference to information from HAL COLLINS, La Jolla, California, to the effect that in early 1950, JACK RUBY had tried to adopt a child. She was interviewed in the presence of her husband, COLUMBUS NELSON. She related the following:

Her son, BEN ESTES NELSON, stage name "LITTLE DADDY" NELSON, was born September 28, 1947, at Franklin, Texas. When about two and one-half or three years old, Mr. and Mrs. NELSON discovered that "LITTLE DADDY" had learned to dance and do jigs and was very talented. He also learned to keep time with sticks and spoons, etc. When he was about five years old, he appeared on some amateur programs which she could not remember and came to the attention of JACK RUBY, who was then operating the Silver Spur night club in Dallas. "LITTLE DADDY" was then put under contract by JACK RUBY and appeared in night clubs in Dallas, including the Silver Spur, Vegas Club and Bob Wills' Ranch House. This would have been about 1951 or 1952. JACK RUBY was so impressed with "LITTLE DADDY" that he took him to Chicago, his parents accompanying "LITTLE DADDY" and JACK RUBY got him dates in some night clubs in the Chicago area and "LITTLE DADDY" appeared on one television program in Chicago. This was about 1953 or 1954. RUBY had the child on a contract and acted as his manager and got a percentage of his earnings during the time that the child was performing. "LITTLE DADDY" last entertained for JACK RUBY about eight or nine years ago which would have been 1954 or 1955.

They have had no contact with RUBY for eight or nine years except on one occasion in November, 1962, when JACK RUBY telephoned and asked them if they needed anything and stated that if they ever did need anything, just let him know.

Mrs. NELSON was unacquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD by name or photograph as being anyone known to her as being a friend or associate of JACK RUBY. She

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knew of no organizations to which JACK RUBY belonged and stated that all the while they had known him they believed him to be a loyal citizen. Mrs. NELSON said that on several occasions JACK RUBY expressed his desire to adopt "LITTLE DADDY".

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