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Apparently DUGGER had told the story to a Milwaukee, Wisconsin reporter because since the shooting of OSWALD Mr. WILSON has received two or three telephone calls from a newspaper reporter in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, whose name he is now unable to recall requesting additional information concerning FERRARO and the assault by RUBY. It appeared from such long-distance telephone calls that the reporter had determined FERRARO had resided at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for a period of approximately two weeks and that the reporter has been unsuccessful in determining FERRARO's subsequent whereabouts.

Mr. WILSON stated he had previously been interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI concerning the appearance of the name "JOHN WILSON, Bond" among RUBY's papers. He had advised during the previous interview that he could think of no reason why his name should have appeared as he never represented RUBY and his only personal contact with him had been during the assault above mentioned. He stated that the general shock resulting from news of KENNEDY's assassination had also caused him to forget to mention during the previous interview a matter which might or might not be of some importance.

On the evening of November 23, 1963, Mr. WILSON attended a dinner. An individual known to him as SAM B. BALLEEN was also in attendance and during the course of the meal indicated that he had been acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD as OSWALD had applied to him for employment. BALLEEN stated that OSWALD had not impressed him as the type of person who would do such a terrible thing but that he had become almost convinced at that time that OSWALD had actually assassinated KENNEDY.

Mr. WILSON stated he had never heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to the assassination and that he knew of no connection or association between RUBY and OSWALD. Except for the apparent reticence of the police officers to arrest or otherwise detain RUBY following the assault as previously mentioned, Mr. WILSON had no knowledge or information as to the nature and extent, if any, of RUBY's contacts and association with members of the Dallas Police Department. He was aware of no reason why RUBY shot OSWALD.

HOWELL H. WATSON, Watson & Watson Realtors, Fidelity Union Life Building, Dallas, Texas, furnished the following information:

Watson & Watson Realtors handles certain properties owned by H. H. NICHOLS and CLARICE NICHOLS, individually and as trustees of the estate of L. L. NICHOLS (deceased), formerly Nichols Enterprises. Included in this property is the building located at 1312 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas.

WATSON reviewed his file concerning the property at 1312-1/2 Commerce Street and advised this property was originally leased in December 1959 to one JOE E. SLATIN for a monthly rental of \$550.00. A lease agreement dated April 1960 reflects JOE E. SLATIN as lessee.

WATSON said records of his company do not reflect all transactions relative to this piece of property; however, it was his understanding that JOE E. SLATIN originally leased the building with the intention of operating a club; however, SLATIN did not have sufficient funds and in early 1960 JACK RUBY entered into a business arrangement with SLATIN to operate the club, which was then known as the Sovereign Club.

A letter in WATSON's file dated April 20, 1963, is addressed to JACK RUBY, c/o Sovereign Club, Inc. A lease dated June 20, 1960, bears the signature Sovereign Club and JACK RUBY individually. A check of the records relative to property at 1312-1/2 Commerce made November 6, 1962, reflected JACK RUBY and JOE E. SLATIN had executed a lease on December 1, 1959, effective five years from December 1, 1959, to November 30, 1964. As of November 1962 the account was four months delinquent. A letter dated February 14, 1963, to JACK RUBY, Sovereign Club, Inc., reflected he was behind \$1,650.00 in rent due.

The Watson record reflected that on March 1, 1963, a new lease was executed in the name of S & R, Inc., and JACK RUBY individually. The Watson file did not reflect the officers of S & R, Inc., and the lease was signed only by JACK RUBY for the corporation and individually. Watson records show that subsequent to March 1963 all rents on the property at 1312-1/2 Commerce

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HENRY "RED" CALHOUN (former employee of RUBY),
4906 Linnet Lane, furnished the following information:

CALHOUN is a musician by trade. During 1950 - 1954, CALHOUN had a combo which worked for JACK RUBY during this four-year period. In about 1954, CALHOUN had an argument with RUBY, at which time RUBY struck him in the mouth, which required medical treatment and sixteen stitches. After this fight with RUBY, CALHOUN quit working for RUBY and has had nothing to do with him since that time.

CALHOUN could furnish no reason for RUBY shooting LEE HARVEY OSWALD, with the exception of the fact that he has a violent temper. When RUBY loses his temper, he has no control over himself.

CALHOUN knows of no connection between LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY and knows of no police officers with whom RUBY was particularly close.

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Street were paid as due. These payments were made by cashier's check handed personally to ALVA F. MC KNIGHT, Watson salesman, or by mail.

At the time the new lease was executed in March 1963 salesman MC KNIGHT had suggested that the property be rented to another tenant; however, HOUSTON H. NICHOLS, owner of the property, who was personally acquainted with JACK RUBY, instructed that RUBY's lease be renewed.

HOWELL H. WATSON advised that neither he nor his brother, JACK D. WATSON, was personally acquainted with JACK RUBY or had any knowledge of his associates and activities other than operation of the Sovereign and Carousel Clubs.

HOWELL WATSON has never seen JACK RUBY and his brother, JACK WATSON, had seen him on only one occasion in connection with rental of the property at 1312-1/2 Commerce. WATSON did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and had no knowledge of any connection between RUBY and OSWALD.

WATSON advised he had no knowledge of persons connected with the S & R, Inc., other than JACK RUBY and that his company had had no dealings with anyone other than JACK RUBY.

WATSON advised that payment of rents by cashier's check was not the usual method of payment; however, he recalled that in early 1960 a check of JACK RUBY's in payment of rent had been returned by the bank and at that time it is possible the owner had requested him to make subsequent payments by cashier's check. He knew of no other reason why the rent would be paid by cashier's check rather than personal check or in cash.

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