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ROBERT FRANKLIN, also known as Bobbie O'Dowd, 429 Wrightwood Avenue, advised that he was on a business trip in the State of Texas approximately four weeks ago selling stamp machines. He stated that on approximately October 25, 1963, while in Dallas, he had lunch with a former heavy weight prize fighter known as J. D. TURNER. He advised that as they walked from the Esker Hotel to FRANKLIN's car, TURNER stopped an individual near the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas and introduced FRANKLIN to a person whom he identified as JACK RUBY. FRANKLIN stated they talked for approximately two minutes and it was apparent that TURNER and RUBY were well acquainted. As they departed RUBY's company, TURNER described RUBY as a good guy and the owner of a strip joint located across the street from the Adolphus Hotel.

FRANKLIN stated he has no personal knowledge of RUBY, but advised that TURNER resides on Prairie Street in Dallas, Texas, and is listed in the local telephone directory as J. TURNER, Prairie Street.

Date December 20, 19631

Mr. JOE A. HELM, Mercantile National Bank, Dallas, Texas, whose name appeared on a Carousel Club pass card, furnished the following information:

He has known JACK RUBY for about ten years, however, had not had any contact with him for approximately seven years up until three or four weeks prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY.

Mr. HELM advised it was late on a Friday evening approximately four weeks prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY when JACK RUBY came into the bank attempting to get a cashier's check cashed. He said at this time RUBY asked him if he had been to the club. He said he had not and at that time RUBY gave him a pass for four to the Carousel Club. He said he signed the pass and RUBY then took it back saying he was going to have it laminated and would mail it back to him. He said that was the last contact he had with RUBY.

Mr. HELM stated he was formerly in the bookkeeping department of the Mercantile National Bank and while in that department, had frequent contacts with RUBY and knows that he had one or two checking accounts with the bank but does not recall the names in which these accounts were carried.

Mr. HELM advised RUBY always carried a big roll of bills in his pocket, but never put much money in the bank and when asked why, he said he could not as the Government had a lien against him.

Mr. HELM advised he visited the Vegas Club on several occasions and RUBY was always cordial and friendly, however, he always thought of him as a big promoter.

Mr. HELM advised he does not know of any associates, acquaintances or friends of RUBY and his only contacts with him were in connection with the banking business in the aforementioned infrequent visits to the Vegas Club.

Mr. HELM advised he does not recall ever having seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to observing him on television after the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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