

Date December 12, 1963

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WELCOME EUGENE BARNETT, Patrolman, Traffic Division, Police Department, Dallas, Texas, furnished the following information:

He is more commonly known as GENE BARNETT and resides at 6013 Merger, Dallas, residence phone EV 1-0726. He has been a member of the Dallas Police Department since 1956 and for the first 2½ years was assigned to the Patrol Division. For the last four years he has directed traffic at the intersection of Commerce and Akard Streets in downtown Dallas. He first met JACK RUBY, while assigned to the Patrol Division during his training period at the Vegas Club in the Oak Lawn section of Dallas. He stated this was during the course of routine police checks of the club. He has never been in the Vegas Club while off duty. He worked for a period of about five months sometime after his training period in the same section and saw RUBY a number of times during that period. He was assigned to his downtown post before RUBY opened the Carousel Club and one month he would work the 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. shift and the next month the 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. shift. He checked the Carousel Club while working on the late shift about once a month as he did the Theater Lounge and the Colony Club. He would only stay in these establishments for a period of 5-10 minutes and would attempt to become familiar with the entertainers who appeared there. He did this so that he could answer questions people would ask him about what entertainment there was in the heart of downtown Dallas.

He has been to the Carousel Club while off duty on one occasion and he was with his wife at the time. He recalled that RUBY was in the club that night and did not let him pay for anything. He also recalled that RUBY would occasionally buy him a cup of coffee but he could recall no other favors he had received from him. He did recall that one Christmas a downtown liquor store owner gave him a pint of whiskey stating that one of the downtown club operators had paid for it. He felt that it was probably RUBY who had purchased the whiskey for him.

He never worked for JACK RUBY and knows of no police officer who has ever worked for RUBY. He never knew RUBY to carry a gun but figured that he did as do most of the business people on his beat.

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As concerns RUBY's personal life, he did not believe that he had any close friends. He could recall no specific romantic interests in RUBY's life and if RUBY loved anybody or anything it was his dogs. He volunteered the information that he had heard rumors that RUBY was a homosexual. He could recall no one who specifically mentioned this. He did recall, however, that RUBY would often walk with his entertainers past his intersection and introduce them to him. He always seemed to have an active interest in the women he was with and the men he saw RUBY with were always quite manly in appearance. He recalled that a stripper named JADA was the last girl that RUBY introduced him to. He pointed out that all of his contacts with RUBY or his friends that he met were at the intersection of Commerce and Akard with the exception of his above mentioned visits to the club.

As concerns RUBY's emotions, he recalled that he (RUBY) was so mad at JADA as a result of some difficulty he had with her that he said he felt he would have choked her if she was there at the time he was talking about it. RUBY was highly emotional whenever he discussed the articles concerning the club in the newspapers. He stated whenever an article or advertisement would appear in the papers RUBY would usually bring it to his attention when walking by the intersection. He stated RUBY was always trying to outdo the WEINSTEIN brothers who run the Theater Lounge and the Colony Club. He even said to him at one time in reference to that, that "I'm going to show those Jews." He also recalled that RUBY often made lewd comments concerning women.

He knows nothing concerning RUBY's background and he never discussed politics with him. He stated the conversations always seemed to center around RUBY's business. He has no idea of what RUBY's political convictions were or any organizations or groups he might have been affiliated with.

The last time he saw RUBY was on about November 20, 1963 or November 21, 1963, sometime between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m. He seemed to recall RUBY would walk by his intersection almost every day at one time or another for the past four years.

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He stated he has not heard from or seen RUBY since that time. He advised that he has no idea as to why his name would be on the visitor's list at the county jail other than that RUBY likes policemen in general and saw the men who work the downtown intersections almost everyday.

He stated a BUCK NEWSOM told him on December 9, 1963, that JACK RUBY had sent him a postcard and told him to say hello to him and "CATFISH." He was referring to "CATFISH" HANSEN who works the intersection of Main and Akard Streets. NEWSOM said that RUBY wanted him to thank them for remembering him. This is apparently in reference to the fact that about a week after RUBY was arrested he saw the former bar tender at the Carousel Club and asked him how JACK was. This bar tender left the Carousel Club about six months ago and he believes he now works at the Vegas Club. He does not know his name. He stated he has no intention of visiting RUBY and stressed the fact that his relationship with him is strictly based on his downtown traffic assignment.

On November 22, 1963, at the time of the President's assassination he was part of the security detail at Elm and Houston Streets. He stated he had already been interviewed by Agents of the FBI concerning this inasmuch as he was at the sight of the assassination. He was not assigned to the security detail at the Central Police Headquarters on November 22, 1963 or November 23, 1963. He worked the downtown intersection of Commerce and Akard Streets on November 23, 1963, from 4:00 p.m. to 12 midnight. On Sunday, November 24, 1963, he did not work and at no time was at the Central Police Headquarters. He had no knowledge of the security precautions taken after the President's assassination.

He never heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to the assassination and from photographs he has viewed of him did not recall seeing OSWALD in downtown Dallas. He knows of no connection between JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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CHRG. No. 2398		OFFICE	FILE NO.
TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	Houston, Texas	00-2-31,030
Assassination	Continued	Lee Harvey Oswald	<i>Handwritten initials</i>
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	PERIOD COVERED		
Houston, Texas	November 25-27, 1963		
INVESTIGATION MADE BY			
SAIC Lane Bertram			
DETAILS			
<u>SYNOPSIS</u>			
Numerous witnesses identify Jack Leon Rubenstein @Jack Ruby, as being in Houston, Texas on November 21, for several hours, one block from the President's entrance route and from the <u>Rice Hotel</u> where he stayed.			
<u>DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION</u>			
On November 25, 1963, conference was had with the Houston Police Chief, H. Buddy McMill, Assistant Chief George L. Seber and the Intelligence Unit of the Houston Police Department and later with Chief Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Frazier with the view to having those departments screen all information that might appear pertinent to the investigation into the assassination of the President.			
On November 26, Chief Deputy Sheriff Lloyd D. Frazier, Houston, called the Houston Office and requested the writer to come to his office and interview several people available there.			
At Chief Frazier's Office interview Deputy Sheriff Bill "Red" Williams (colored). He stated that after pictures of Jack Ruby were published in local papers, he recalled seeing a man during the afternoon of November 21 in the 400 block of Milan St., one block from the Rice Hotel whom he feels sure was Jack Ruby. He advised that he saw the man on two or three different occasions and talked to him about 3 p.m. at which time the subject indicated that he was an oil field worker and had just arrived in Houston and was looking for a man named Joe who ran a pool hall in the vicinity of the 400 block of Milan St. Subject indicated he wanted to get money to Joe to cover pool games.			
Deputy Williams advised that he was sure the picture of Ruby appearing in the paper was identical with the man he had observed in the 400 block of Milan St. on the afternoon of November 21.			
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