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ROBERT J. SPARKS, salesman for Orbit Industries, 250 Carroll Street, advised that shortly after former President JOHN F. KENNEDY was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, he was in the Colony Club, Dallas, Texas, entertaining out-of-town customers. He overheard a conversation at the next table to the effect that OSWALD was in and out of JACK's place during the day in early November, 1963. Another individual, a doctor said how could that be true, inasmuch as JACK's place is closed during the day. SPARKS stated that he has no idea who the individuals were at the next table. He assumed that when they mentioned JACK's place, they were talking about JACK RUBY's Carousel Club.

SPARKS advised that he knows JACK RUBY when he sees him but he has not met him formerly, but the only reason that he knows JACK is because he has on occasion taken out-of-town guests to the Carousel Club for entertainment.

SPARKS advised that he could furnish no information regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD and he does not know him.

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Warden L. P. GOLLAHER, Federal Correctional Institution, Seagoville, Texas, telephonically advised on November 26, 1963, that inmate OTHO D. HOWARD had requested an interview with an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as he was positive he observed OSWALD and RUBY at the Vegas Club two months ago, and that photographs of OSWALD and RUBY were taken at that time.

GOLLAHER was subsequently interviewed on November 28, 1963, at the Federal Correctional Institution, Seagoville, by SA's GARY S. WILSON and RICHARD T. RABIDEAU, at which time he made available for review the prison record on inmate OTHO D. HOWARD.

Records reflect OTHO D. HOWARD, 3103 Poinsetta, Dallas, Texas, date of birth, November 1, 1925, was admitted to the Federal Correctional Institution at Seagoville on October 30, 1963, for conviction of perjury and conspiracy, Title 18, Section 1621, total sentence 18 months. He had no prior record and pleaded guilty to the charge before Judge T. WHITFIELD DAVIDSON, Northern District of Texas. HOWARD had alleged injury by a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company truck and filed suit for damages, naming as witnesses WALTER D. DONALDSON and ROBERT L. THOMPSON. These men originally uphold HOWARD's claim of injury but later stated they had done so as part of a conspiracy and knew nothing of such an injury. Noted in HOWARD's records were four previous claims of conspiracy for physical injury against various companies during a period from 1954 to 1961.

HOWARD's medical history includes a report by DR. JOSEPH KNAPP, 1353 North Westmoreland, Dallas, dated November 13, 1963, and covering a period from July 10, 1962, to July 10, 1963, in which DR. KNAPP diagnosed HOWARD as paranoid schizophrenia, schizo-affective. Records also reflect HOWARD's FBI Number to be 514 462 E.

Also shown in this record is an attempted visit November 28, 1963, by LINDA SUMRALL, Tyler, Texas, and SHERRY GRAY, no address given. The visit was denied since HOWARD was still in admission section.

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OTHO D. HOWARD, inmate, Federal Correctional Institution (FCI), Seagoville, furnished the following information:

He states he believes, but is not positive, he saw JACK RUBY and LEE OSWALD together at the Vegas Club 3508 Oak Lawn, Dallas, Texas, sometime during the first two weeks in September, 1963. HOWARD states on this occasion he was at the Vegas Club at 8:00 or 9:00 in the evening, date unknown, with DAVID CONN (Phonetic), street address unknown, Dallas, Texas, and one other male companion whose name he did not recall. They were seated at a booth near the entrance with himself and DAVID facing the door. RUBY and the man he believes was OSWALD, came in together and walked in his direction. RUBY was greeted by an unknown party and then sat down with OSWALD and a woman and two other men, one of whom was a well-dressed Mexican who talked rather loudly in either Spanish or French. HOWARD stated he was of the impression the man was speaking in Spanish but that one of his companions stated the Mexican was speaking French. The woman with them appeared to be a friend of RUBY's.

HOWARD heard none of the conversation that he can recall but remembers that the man he thinks was OSWALD appeared to say little during the course of the evening and the group as a whole seemed to be enjoying themselves in that they were laughing and talking.

Sometime during this period, a woman was taking pictures with a Polaroid camera with a flash. HOWARD had never seen her before and did not think she was a club photographer. He believes she gave the pictures to RUBY but is not sure. He can definitely remember only that someone was taking flash pictures nearby.

About an hour after the entrance of RUBY and OSWALD, HOWARD left his booth for a few minutes. When he came back, there was a fight in progress in the area of his booth and he, HOWARD, was hit in the nose with a bottle by an unknown party, causing a slight cut. He

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was then asked to leave by a heavy-set woman who was taking tickets at the door.

HOWARD then left the Vegas Club and went to a grocery store nearby and got a box of Band-Aids. He stated the cut on his nose was slight and he does not think the clerk at the store would remember him. He does not remember the name of the store but thinks it was a 7-11 or Cabells. He then went to the rest room at a nearby service station and bandaged his nose. He saw no attendant at the service station. He then went to the Idle Hour Bar in the same area and had "a beer or two". From there he went to a Mexican cafe, again in the same area, and while eating, he observed RUBY and the man he thinks was OSWALD a second time. He believes the time of the second observation was sometime between 11:00 and 12:00 midnight. RUBY and OSWALD came into the cafe with the woman who had ordered him from the Vegas Club and the Mexican previously mentioned, and sat down at a nearby table.

HOWARD left after finishing his meal and did not see them together again. HOWARD states that he does not know positively that the man he saw with RUBY was OSWALD, but that after seeing pictures of both individuals on television, he was positive of RUBY's identity and quite certain the second man was OSWALD. He restated this opinion when shown separate pictures of JACK L. RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He also stated that he had drunk a moderate amount of liquor on the night in reference. He was not sure of any definite time other than as previously stated.

When questioned as to the amount of liquor consumed, he replied that his best estimate would be "several beers". He does not feel that he was intoxicated. HOWARD states that at no time during the entire evening did he overhear any conversation that he can recall.

He also states that he had never seen either JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to this evening but that he did see the man he believes was OSWALD about one week later at the Branch Office Lounge on South Industrial in Dallas. On this occasion, HOWARD saw the man come in the front door and walk toward the lounge in the rear of the building. HOWARD states he paid no particular attention to the man and heard him say nothing.

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Mr. DAVID FRANKLIN CONN, 3009 Wheelock, Dallas, Texas, stated that he and OTHA D. HOWARD had, on a few occasions, gone to various night clubs together in the Dallas area.

Mr. CONN stated he has never been in the Vegas Club and definitely does not recall ever seeing JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD together as described by OTHA D. HOWARD.

Mr. CONN stated he has seen JACK RUBY around the Dallas area but has never seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to recent publicity.

Mr. CONN indicated his brother, WILLIAM CONN, was a good friend of HOWARD and possibly might have been in the Vegas Club with HOWARD.

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Mr. WILLIAM BUFORD CONN, JR., 3009 Wheelock, Dallas, Texas, stated that he and OTHA D. HOWARD had been close friends for about 9 years prior to HOWARD's incarceration at the Federal Correctional Institution at Seagoville, Texas.

Mr. CONN stated he and HOWARD frequented numerous night clubs in the Dallas area in the past; however, he has only been to the Vegas Club on one occasion and such was with a female companion and not HOWARD. Mr. CONN stated he has no knowledge of the incidents described by HOWARD and definitely did not see JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD together in the Vegas Club. Mr. CONN indicated he was not acquainted with either RUBY or OSWALD and to the best of his knowledge has never seen them.

Mr. CONN stated HOWARD was currently serving time for perjury and was a great one for fabricating stories. CONN indicated HOWARD was probably making the story up in order to make things easier on him while confined to prison.

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