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Mr. T. V. STEPHENS, Proprietor, "The Click Studio," a camera shop, Altus, Oklahoma, furnished the following information:

RE LEO BLUMIN - BACKGROUND OF JACK LEON RUBY

The Cincinnati Office by communication dated November 29, 1963, furnished information reflecting that on that date one HARRY BEECHER, 1021 Longbourne, Cincinnati, telephonically advised that EDNA at Peggy's Beauty Salon, Keith Building, Cincinnati, knows a jewelry salesman who claims he knew JACK LEON RUBY in Poland before RUBY came to Chicago. This communication indicates that one LEO BLUMIN, jewelry salesman, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, was watching a newscast on November 25, 1963, with ALBERT M. COOPER, Cooper and Company, 817 Main Street, Cincinnati. When RUBY was observed on television, BLUMIN allegedly commented that he looked like someone he had known in Warsaw, Poland. He said he lived in the home of one JACK RUBENSTEIN in Warsaw and that this individual resembled JACK RUBY. BLUMIN allegedly told COOPER that the RUBENSTEIN he knew in Poland was a devout communist and had fought on the side of the communists in Spain. Mr. COOPER stated that BLUMIN left him with the impression that RUBY and the JACK RUBENSTEIN he had known in Poland were two different individuals who in some way resembled each other.

On December 2, 1963, LEO BLUMIN, Owner, K and B Sales, 489 State Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, told SAs PHILLIP S. STEWART and PETER J. BARNES, JR., that while in Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 25, 1963, he was watching television with ALBERT M. COOPER, a business associate in Cincinnati. Upon viewing pictures of JACK RUBY on the television screen, BLUMIN remarked to COOPER that RUBY resembled a JACK RUBENSTEIN whom he had known in Warsaw, Poland. He explained that he knew this JACK RUBENSTEIN during the period 1918 and 1923 when RUBENSTEIN was attending school.

Mr. BLUMIN added that he left Warsaw in 1923 and returned in 1936 or 1937. He said he remembered hearing stories that JACK RUBENSTEIN was a high-ranking officer in charge of a communist international brigade fighting in Spain. He stated that this RUBENSTEIN and JACK RUBY had similar facial structures; however, if he had definitely felt they were identical, he would have personally contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Cincinnati.

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COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2866

On February 18, 1964, an individual identifying himself as MORRIS TANNEHILL appeared at "The Click Studio" with a business card showing he was a factory representative of the Noel R. Chapin Company, 4136 Commerce, Dallas 26, Texas, a company which sells picture frame molding and frames. TANNEHILL stated he had recently taken over the route which includes Altus from his predecessor with the Chapin Company, who had retired.

TANNEHILL appeared very highly educated, very well read, and had an excellent personality. He stated he was a member of two anti-Communist organizations in Dallas; that JACK RUBY is "dead either way he goes unless he gets a life sentence because somebody will rub him out." He further stated it is well known that RUBY had been mixed in with the Communists and that RUBY had a plane chartered to go to Mexico the day of LEE HARVEY OSWALD's assassination, but did not go.

TANNEHILL remarked that he always got "carried away" when engaging in political discussions but TANNEHILL appeared serious and did not appear to be a "show off" or a mental case.

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COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2867

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/16/64

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A photograph of MORRIS GERALD TANNEHILL, Oklahoma City Police Department number 95478, was exhibited to Mr. T. V. STEPHENS, proprietor, "The Click Studio," Altus, Oklahoma. Mr. STEPHENS advised there is a strong resemblance between the photograph and the individual who appeared at his place of business on February 18, 1964, and identified himself as MORRIS TANNEHILL, a factory representative for the Noel R. Chapin Company, Dallas, Texas.

Mr. STEPHENS advised that because of the passage of time he could not positively identify the photograph as being identical with the Chapin Company representative but stated he feels this individual is identical with MORRIS GERALD TANNEHILL.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES E. GARRIS at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:

On June 11, 1962, Sgt. J. R. DONNELL, Detective Bureau, Oklahoma City Police Department, advised he had in custody one MORRIS GERALD TANNEHILL, charged with assault and battery, and that this individual possibly possessed information of interest to the FBI concerning security matters.

On June 11, 1962, TANNEHILL was interviewed, at which time he stated he "became interested in fighting Communism in a peaceful way" approximately one year before and soon thereafter joined the John Birch Society. He commented that he was not a member of the Minutemen. He stated he believed the FBI to be infiltrated by Communists and said he and other sources, whom he declined to identify, felt that all Federal agencies, including the FBI, are infiltrated by Communists. He indicated that neither he nor the above sources, to his knowledge, has any proof that Communists have infiltrated the FBI or any other Federal agency.

TANNEHILL advised that he had resided in Oklahoma the past eleven years and during 1950-1951 resided in Springfield, Missouri. He indicated that he was a high school graduate and had attended the Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri, for one year. He stated he was in the U. S. Army from 1945 to 1950, receiving an honorable discharge. His Army Serial number was RA 18192354. He identified his wife as MARY PEARL TANNEHILL, nee MARTIN, and stated his wife was suing for a divorce.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA J. A. GRIMES at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:

On March 10, 1964, Miss JEAN WEBB, Records Bureau, Oklahoma City Police Department, made available Oklahoma City Police Department file #95478 on MORRIS GERALD TANNEHILL, which reflects he was arrested by the Oklahoma City Police Department on June 11, 1962, on the charge of Assault and Battery filed by his wife. The file reflected that when TANNEHILL was arrested he had on his person a .22 caliber pistol. Mrs. TANNEHILL advised the Police Department that TANNEHILL also possessed a sub-machine gun and with the consent of TANNEHILL, the Police Department went to TANNEHILL's apartment and recovered a Schmissier Sub-Machine gun which had the barrel plugged with solder. Mrs. TANNEHILL further advised the Oklahoma City Police Department that TANNEHILL was a member of the John Birch Society, the Minutemen, and the National Indignation Committee.

The file reflected that the charge against TANNEHILL was dismissed on March 11, 1964.

The file contained the following background and physical description of MORRIS GERALD TANNEHILL:

Race	White
Birth	12/1/26, Drumright, Oklahoma
Height	5'11"
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Brown, wavy
Eyes	Blue
Residence	900 N. W. 12th, Oklahoma City
Occupation	Office worker, National Supply Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Social Security No.	447-20-0022
Relatives:	
Wife	MARY PEARL TANNEHILL, 805 S. E. Binkley, Oklahoma City
Father	MORRIS HAMILTON TANNEHILL, Garber, Oklahoma

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RICHARD L. WIEHL on March 17, 1964:

BIRDIE SUE BELCHER, Retail Merchants Credit Association, Dallas, advised that MORRIS GERALD TANNEHILL has been in credit bureau files since February 8, 1963. TANNEHILL is formerly from Garber, Oklahoma. The files reflect that he was either 36 or 39 years of age in 1963 and he is a former employee of Acme Electric, no address shown. His marriage status is listed as separated. His last address listed as 5715 South Beckley and current employment as Chapin and Company, as traveling salesman.

It is noted that the telephone number of Noel R. Chapin Company, 4147 Commerce Street, is Taylor 3-9991. A phone call to Chapin and Company on March 17, 1964, verified TANNEHILL's employment there and it was determined that he was working in a salesman capacity and was out of town "on the road" all of the time.

A check of current Dallas City Directory and telephone directory reflects no listing for a MORRIS G. TANNAHILL or TANNEHILL.

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MORRIS GERALD TANNEHILL advised he presently resides at 3911 West Adams Street, Kansas City, Kansas, and is employed as a salesman for the Christian Memorial Foundation, 800 West 47th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

TANNEHILL stated he could not recall the circumstances or the occasion when he might have made statements to the effect that it was well known that RUBY had been mixed up with the Communists and that RUBY had a plane chartered to go to Mexico on the day of LEE HARVEY OSWALD's assassination.

TANNEHILL explained that he possibly made statements similar to those above, however if he did, he had no basis in fact for making such statements and most probably he was attempting to express something he had read in some of the "right-wing" periodicals. He added that it was possible that this might have been contained in one of the publications distributed by GERALD L. K. SMITH, however he could not be sure.

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REPORTED INFORMATION THAT JACK RUBY
AND LEE HARVEY OSWALD HAD BEEN IN
THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

On November 26, 1963, an individual who requested his identity not be divulged, but who has furnished reliable information in the past, telephonically advised SA GILBERT G. BENJAMIN, JR. that AARON C. FUNK, JR., who has done work in the past at the offices of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in Washington, D. C., remarked on November 25, 1963, that he knows an individual in the San Fernando Valley that was a member of the same chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union in Dallas, Texas, with LEE HARVEY OSWALD and OSWALD's "killer", JACK RUBY.

Source stated that FUNK can be reached at his home, 5050 Vanalden, Tarzana, California, and his home telephone is DI 4-1113. Source said that FUNK has no connection with the HCUA at the present time, to the best of source's knowledge.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ALAN W. MURDOCH:

AARON C. FUNK, JR., 5050 Vanalden Drive, Tarzana, interviewed on November 26, 1963, at the offices of Heintz and Maletesta, Advertising Agency, 1711 North Vine, Hollywood, advised that he had talked to THOMAS DEVINE, Professor of Sociology at Pierce Jr. College, over the week end and learned from him that DEVINE had talked to someone in Texas, who had said that OSWALD and RUBY were both in the American Civil Liberties Union. FUNK could not definitely say that DEVINE told him they were in the same chapter in Dallas. It was his recollection now that they had speculated that OSWALD and RUBY were in the same chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

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On 4/17/64 at Kansas City, Missouri File # DL 44-1639
SA GEORGE A. ARNETT
SA WILLIAM G. BROOKHART : ssc Date dictated 4/17/64

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