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the original source of the above mentioned information regarding RUBY's visit to Havana and does not know whether or nor the author of the letter has any knowledge of the person named PRASKIN.

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Inquiry concerning an alleged association between JACK RUBY and one (FNU) PRATKINS was predicated on information received on January 13, 1964, from JOHN MARSHALL, Special Agent in Charge of the Secret Service office at Miami. Mr. MARSHALL advised that Mr. FRANK WATTERSON, Security Agent, United States Department of State, Miami, had received information from JOSE ANTONIO LANUSA of the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE) (Cuban Student Directorate) at Miami, to the effect that LANUSA heard that JACK RUBY had gone to Cuba last year, presumably 1963, by way of Mexico City. According to LANUSA, RUBY shared an office in a tourist agency on the main floor of the Sevilla Hotel in Havana, Cuba, with an American whose name was (FNU) PRATRINS.

On January 23, 1964, JOSE ANTONIO LANUSA, 24 years of age, Intelligence Officer for the DRE at Miami, Florida, stated that his information concerning the association of JACK RUBY and (FNU) PRATKINS was derived from two sources. The first source was a handbill-type newsletter dated December 24, 1963, at Havana, circulated by the clandestine anti-CASTRO organization in Cuba known as Accion Revolucionaria Anticomunista (ARAC) (Anti-Communist Revolutionary Action). This handbill had been sent by letter posted December 28, 1963, in Cuba, to the DRE, Post Office Box 168, Miami, Florida. The handbill, which was mimeographed, set forth the following sentence, as translated from the Spanish:

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"The killer of the assassin of the deceased President KENNEDY, JACK RUBINSTEIN, has been proven the owner of a tourist office in the Sevilla Hotel, Havana."

LANUSA stated there was no evidence to support this statement; however, he regarded the allegation as true, since it appeared in the clandestine newsheet disseminated by the anti-CASTRO organization ARAC.

LANUSA said that in addition to the information from ARAC, JUAN MANUEL SALVAT, another officer in the DRE at Miami, had received a letter containing additional information pertaining to RUBY and PRATKINS. This letter had been sent from Cuba to an exiled Cuban attorney (FNU) VALDES FAULI, who furnished it to SALVAT, according to LANUSA. LANUSA said this letter reported that JACK RUBINSTEIN was a habitual visitor to a souvenir store located across the street from the Sevilla Hotel on Prado Street, Havana, Cuba. The store belonged to a man by the name of (FNU) PRATKINS. RUBINSTEIN reportedly visited the store about a year ago, that is, about January, 1963, after flying to Cuba by way of Mexico City.

LANUSA stated that in the first part of January, 1964, on the occasion of a visit by him to the office of Mr. FRANK WATTERSON, State Department, Miami, Florida, he mentioned to Mr. WATTERSON the information that JACK RUBY had gone to Cuba during 1963, and had been associated with the individual PRATKINS in a tourist business at the Sevilla Hotel, Havana.

On January 23, 1964, JUAN MANUEL SALVAT, 25 years of age, also in the DRE, Miami, stated he had not actually received the letter from Attorney VALDES FAULI which is supposed to contain the information concerning the relationship of JACK RUBY and (FNU) PRATKINS. He said the information was related to him by a contact of VALDES. SALVAT declined to furnish the identity of the contact, stating he had not obtained this party's consent to involve him.

On January 27, 1964, Mr. CARLOS VALDES FAULI, a Cuban exile living at 2000 S. W. 24th Street, Miami, Florida, stated that he had been an attorney in the Supreme Court system in Havana, Cuba, prior to the advent of FIDEL CASTRO to power in Cuba. He stated he had arrived in the United States as an exile in November, 1961, after spending seven months in jail on political charges.

Mr. VALDES related that in approximately the beginning of January, 1964, he received a letter from his sister-in-law, GRAZIELLA RUBYO, age 45, who lives in Marianao, Cuba.

Mr. VALDES made available the section of the letter pertaining to JACK RUBY, and a translation from the Spanish is as follows:

"RUBY, the assassin of OSWALD, was in Havana a year ago. He is a friend and a client of an individual named PRASKIN, who owns or manages a souvenir shop located on Prado between Amigos and Trocadero Streets in front of the Sevilla Hotel."

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Mr. VALDES stated that his sister-in-law writes regularly of conditions in Cuba, and information which she believes of interest to Mr. VALDES. With respect to the items on RUBY, Mr. VALDES mentioned it only to his wife and to a friend, CARLOS GONZALEZ PARRA, a man about 60 years of age. Mr. VALDES stated he does not know JUAN MANUEL SALVAT or anyone else in the DRE at Miami. He supposed that either Mr. GONZALEZ PARRA or VALDES' wife had mentioned the item concerning RUBY to someone who, in turn, was connected with the DRE.

Mr. VALDES stated that his sister-in-law, GRAZIELLA RUBIO, is unemployed and lives with an aged stepfather in Marianao. He stated his sister-in-law probably learned the information concerning RUBY, as mentioned in her letter, through hearsay. He said she would not normally learn of any activities taking place in the vicinity of the Sevilla Hotel in Havana, and he pointed out that the Havana suburb of Marianao is a considerable distance from the area of the Sevilla Hotel.

On April 15, 1964, MM T-1, a representative of another Government agency which conducts security and intelligence-type investigations, advised that interviews of refugees arriving from Cuba since the assassination have not produced any information relative to visits of Jack Ruby to Cuba.

On April 15, 1964, Investigator DANIEL SHEERIN, Travel Control Section, U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Miami, Florida, and Investigator JOHN ELDRED, Deportation Section of INS, both advised they have direct contact with all Cuban refugees being processed and interrogated by INS upon arrival of the refugees from Cuba. They advised that while they do not specifically question the refugees concerning aspects of the assassination of President KENNEDY, no refugee has volunteered information bearing on the assassination, and specifically concerning trips of JACK RUBY to Cuba.

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Mr. JAMES STEVENS, also known as Jimmy, Box 2536, Marathon Shores, Florida, telephonically advised SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN at Jackson, Mississippi, as follows:

He is presently in Jackson, Mississippi, with his wife, who has just undergone surgery at the Baptist Hospital at Jackson. He and his wife will probably return to Marathon Shores shortly after Christmas, 1963. He said that several days ago his wife was informed by BETTY FOLSOM, Groupier Drive, Marathon Shores, Florida, of a rumor Mrs. FOLSOM had heard from the owner of "Little Grocery Store" at Marathon, Florida. STEVENS stated the rumor passed on to his wife was that about one or two years ago a boat docked at the dock of a man named TOPENO (PH), first name unknown, in Marathon Shores. This dock is located at TOPENO's house. On the boat were nine Cubans and one American. The American reportedly went to TOPENO's house and asked to make a long distance call, which he was allowed to make collect. The call was said to be to JACK RUBY in Dallas, Texas, and TOPENO has reportedly said the man who made the call was LEE OSWALD, as he thought he recognized OSWALD from television.

STEVENS said that this is all of the rumor his wife heard and that the man named TOPENO owns a concrete ready mix plant on Aviation Boulevard, Marathon Shores, Florida.

STEVENS requested that in connection with any investigation at Marathon Shores, Florida, his name not be divulged as the source of this information.

On 12/11/63 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 100-16601by SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II :sab Date dictated 12/12/63

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