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HARRY SOLAVIT, 4754 Clarendon, advised that he has known JACK "SPARKY" RUBENSTEIN and family practically all his life.

He related his most frequent contact with SPARKY occurred while both were employed as newspaper subscription salesmen in the San Francisco, California, area, between the years 1936 and 1939. He recalled that he met SPARKY and his sister EVA GRANT in San Francisco about 1936, at which time SPARKY and his sister were at first employed by the San Francisco Call - Bulletin Newspaper and later by the San Francisco Examiner Newspaper.

He related SPARKY left San Francisco about 1938 and he did not see him again until he saw him in Chicago right after World War II, where SPARKY was engaged in a business known as Earl Products, with his brothers EARL and SAM RUBENSTEIN. He stated Earl Products manufactured and sold miscellaneous items such as salt and pepper shakers, screw driver sets, etc. He said SPARKY subsequently left this business following a family dispute and went to Dallas, Texas, where his sister, EVA GRANT, had opened a night club. He related he is not certain when SPARKY went to Dallas, but believes it may have been in 1947 or 1948.

He recalled that he loaned EVA GRANT \$500 to help her open the Dallas night club and SPARKY was not yet in Dallas when he went there in 1947 to see EVA and the club. He advised he did not see SPARKY again until SPARKY's father died and he saw SPARKY at the funeral in Chicago. He said his last personal contact with SPARKY occurred in Chicago about one year after the funeral.

He stated he has never known SPARKY to have had any hoodlum connections or associates and he related he has never known SPARKY to belong to any subversive or hate group type organization. He said to his knowledge SPARKY RUBENSTEIN never gambled, smoked or drank in excess. He said he heard that SPARKY had had some connection with a union in Chicago before he went to San Francisco, but he does not know what that connection may have been.

SOLAVIT was unable to furnish the identity of any associates of SPARKY not already known and interviewed.

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MAURY CAHN, Twenty East Delaware, Chicago, advised SA ROBERT L. BUCKINGHAM on November 24, 1963, that he is a former associate of RUBY. Both, he and RUBY, used to double date. CAHN could not recall RUBY ever being associated with the union, nor could he recall RUBY being connected in any way with the shooting. CAHN advised that the name of LEON COOKE was unfamiliar to him. CAHN added that of all the people he knew, RUBY was the least likely to be associated with violence.

CAHN recalled that RUBY, at one time, worked for his uncle in approximately 1934 or 1936 in a clothing store located near Halsted Street and Roosevelt Road in Chicago. After this employment, he sold premium items, that is, such things as razor blades, and so forth.

CAHN used to see RUBY regularly as both would attend the fights at Marigold Gardens, Chicago, every Monday night. CAHN advised that HAROLD RYAN, member, Illinois State Boxing Commission, IRA COLITZ, owner of the Clover Bar, and LOUIS SCHNITZ were friends of RUBY. In fact, the last time CAHN saw RUBY was at the Clover Bar about five years ago. RUBY at the time was interested in booking an entertainer and was inquiring of COLITZ and CAHN whom he could contact in New York.

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