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Mrs. JOHN P. MANDELL, 4521 Fairfax Street, Dallas, Texas, on November 27, 1963, telephonically furnished the following information to the Dallas Federal Bureau of Investigation Office:

Her maid, ELEANOR BRANCH, informed her that BRANCH's husband who is the booking agent for colored talent in Dallas, commented that on Saturday, November 23, 1963, JACK RUBY was in a local Negro night club. RUBY was in high spirits and was passing out \$5.00 bills.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents EDMOND C. HARDIN and ROBERT J. WILKISON:

Mrs. JOHN P. MANDELL, 4521 Fairfax Street and Mrs. JAMES OLMSTEAD, 4500 Fairfax Street, Dallas, were contacted December 7, 1963, to determine the full name of ELEANOR BRANCH's husband, JOHN HENRY BRANCH, 3722 Greenleaf, Dallas.

JOHN HENRY BRANCH, 3722 Greenleaf, business address Branch Agency, 1710 Hall Street, Dallas, on December 9, 1963, advised as follows:

He is a member of the American Federation of Musicians, Manager of the Empire Room Dancehall and owner of the Branch Agency, booking agent for Negro musicians and entertainers in Dallas.

He has known JACK RUBY for approximately the past 14 years in connection with entertainment business. RUBY has contacted him on many occasions over the past years in connection with BRANCH obtaining Negro musicians and entertainers for clubs operated by RUBY.

He last saw RUBY for about ten minutes about 9:00 or 10:00 P.M., November 23, 1963, in front of the Hall Diner located down the street from the Branch Agency. He had not seen RUBY for about the previous six or eight weeks as he (BRANCH) had been in the hospital. On November 23, 1963, RUBY was alone and had his car parked along the street. RUBY talked to BRANCH about getting a Negro piano player for the Vegas Club.

He did not believe RUBY mentioned the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD. RUBY was calm and appeared perfectly normal. He said RUBY is a very temperamental person who is apt to get mad on the spur of the moment.

BRANCH EXHIBIT No. 1

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He said that he did not see or hear of RUBY being in the Empire Room Dancehall or any other Negro night club passing out \$5 bills on November 23, 1963 or on any other occasion. He did not know of RUBY being in any Negro night clubs on the night of November 23, 1963.

He said he had no information concerning the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY or the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He had no information indicating that RUBY had any relationship with OSWALD.

BRANCH EXHIBIT No. 1—Continued

E. D. Brewer Exhibit A



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