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INVESTIGATION MADE AT Dallas, Texas	PERIOD COVERED December 3, 1963	George Senator
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DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Results of interview with George Senator, Ruby's roommate.

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DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to previous reports.

George (MNN) Senator (White; male; 5-7½; 192; brown eyes; brown-grey hair; dark complexion, mole left cheek; appendectomy scar, cut scar tip of ring finger of left hand) was interviewed at the Dallas Office December 3, 1963, for the purpose of ascertaining his background and association with Jack Ruby, who shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald.

George Senator stated that he was born of Jewish parents at Gloversville, New York on September 4, 1913. He has one brother living in Gloversville, another brother at Rochester, and three married sisters living in New York City. He completed his formal education upon graduation from grammar school at Gloversville in June 1929. He went to New York City and worked in a hat factory, for Western Union, in the wholesale silk industry, and was unemployed at times. About 1932 he developed lung trouble and returned to Gloversville for about one year, part of which he worked for a brother who operated a small restaurant. He returned to New York City and again worked in the silk industry. About 1934 he again returned to Gloversville and left there with neighbors, the Sebring family, to go to Florida. He worked at Miami in various resorts as a kitchen worker. Between 1934 and 1941 he lived and worked in both New York City and Miami.

On August 21, 1941, he entered the Army Air Force and was assigned serial number 12,006,042. He served mainly as an aerial armorer with the 5th Bomber Command, 33rd Group in Australia and Pacific Theater during World War II.

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He was discharged as a Staff Sergeant on September 9, 1945.

He then operated a lunch counter in New York City for about one year. In January 1946, he married Shirley Baron of the Bronx. A son, Robert, was born of this marriage on October 6, 1947. He was divorced in 1956 in Dallas and his former wife later married a man named Wexler.

Senator went to Miami in 1947 and worked as a lunch counterman for about two years. He then became a dress salesman for the Reha Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee for about nine months. The next ten years he sold dresses for Smoler Bros. of Chicago and moved to Dallas for that company about May 1954. He traveled considerably as a clothing salesman out of Dallas until about 1959 - 1960. He then worked at odd jobs and in selling various lines, including novelties for the Volume Sales Co. of Dallas. He worked for Jack Ruby at the Carousel Club from March to August 1962, and at various other short periods since. He is presently a salesman of colored post cards for Dexter Press, West Nyack, New York.

About one and one-half years ago, Senator moved into an apartment with Jack Ruby, however, he stayed only about five months. He explained that Ruby "isn't very neat about the house." Senator then moved into the Grandbury Apartments on Maple Avenue with Stanton Corbat, a dress buyer. In November, Corbat and Senator moved to Apartment 206, 223 S. Ewing Street, next to Ruby who by then occupied Apartment 207. Corbat married on August 10, 1963, and on November 1, 1963, Senator moved into Apartment 207 with Ruby. The apartment had a living-dining room, kitchen, bath and two bedrooms and rented for \$125.00 a month.

Senator stated that Ruby is a big-hearted man who has helped many people who were down on their luck. He said that Ruby was very emotional and, although he did not appear to be very religious, took his faith very seriously, observing all the Orthodox Jewish Holidays and particularly the memorial services for the dead. Ruby, he said, was a clean living man; did not smoke; rarely drank; liked to exercise by bar bells with occasional golf and swimming; and was concerned about the fact that Senator drank too much in his opinion. Senator said he had heard rumors since "the trouble" that Ruby is a homosexual and felt that such ideas cast a reflection him as he had lived with Ruby. He said he could assure anyone that Ruby is not a homosexual and has a normal man's interest in women. Ruby has no firm political convictions but regarded himself as a Democrat. Senator said Ruby was a man who liked people and had a strong desire to be liked. He sometimes talked rough but actually was a gentle person. Senator discounted reports that Ruby is a "street brawler" but said that he can "handle himself" if necessary as he often had to act as bouncer at his club. Senator stated that he did not know Oswald and that he was certain that Ruby did not.

Senator was questioned regarding his movements from November 22 to the 24th. He stated that he left the apartment at 223 S. Ewing Street at approximately 8:30 A.M., and that Ruby was still asleep when he departed. He made business calls and stopped for lunch at a place called Jacques, believed to

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be at Carol Street and the Expressway. It was there that he learned of the shooting of President Kennedy. He said that he did probably what everybody else did that day, listen to the news and grieved over the President's death. He returned to the apartment and went to bed at approximately 10:30 P.M. He does not recall seeing Ruby again that day.

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At about 3:00 A.M., Saturday, November 23, 1963, Jack came to Senator's room and woke him. Jack told him he had been at his sister Eva's place, said that he had bought food for her, and that both had cried over the death of the President. Ruby then phoned a man known to Senator as Larry at the Carousel Club and told him to get out the polaroid camera and meet them on the street in front of the club. In the meantime, Ruby had asked Senator to get up and go some place with him. Ruby and Senator drove to the Carousel Club where they picked up Larry with the camera and drove to Hall Street and Expressway where Ruby took three pictures of a poster bearing the words, "Impeach Earl Warren." Senator said that Ruby was quite incensed about this poster and that he could not understand how anyone would have the nerve to put up such a sign and that whoever they were they would have to be 'commies or birchers.' At the same time Ruby was carrying an ad which he had cut from a newspaper in which a number of questions were put to President Kennedy by a Bernard Weissman. Senator said that Ruby was also very "hot" about this article and commented that Weissman did not spell his name as a Jew, but if he were a Jew he should be ashamed of himself. They went to the Southland Hotel Coffee Shop and had coffee, Ruby drinking grapefruit juice. While there, Ruby reread the ad and made comments about it. They left the Coffee Shop and went to the Main Dallas Post Office on Ervay Street where Ruby rang the night bell. A postal clerk responded and Ruby asked him who Bernard Weissman was and who had rented the Post Office Box, the number of which appeared in the article. The postal clerk told Ruby that he did not know anything about the matter and the only person who could answer Ruby's questions would be the Postmaster. After this Ruby took Larry back to the Carousel Club and both Senator and Ruby went to their apartment at approximately 5:00 A.M.

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Senator said that he awoke about 10:30 A.M. and shortly after woke Ruby. They fixed breakfast and watched television. Senator said that Ruby was very emotional and kept asking what would happen to the President's family, his wife and his children. He also expressed sorrow for the policeman who had been killed by Oswald. Ruby said that both the killings were in cold blood, but Senator could not recall that at any time he expressed any hatred for Oswald. Ruby repeated over and over "Why did this have to happen?" and expressed pity for the entire Kennedy family, time and time again.

Nov 23

Senator left the apartment along about noon on Saturday and spent the afternoon shopping for food and drinking beer at various places where he talked with different people regarding the shooting. At about 7:30 P.M. he went home and prepared dinner, however, Ruby did not come in for dinner. Senator left about 8:30 P.M. and visited with friends named Bill Downey and Mike Barkley.

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Senator returned to the apartment about 10:30 P.M. and found that Jack was there and had eaten some of the food the Senator had cooked earlier. Ruby, he said, had been crying and was brooding without saying very much. Ruby went out and Senator went to bed. Senator awoke on Sunday morning at approximately 9:00 A.M. and spent some time doing laundry while Ruby was asleep. At about 9:30 A.M. Ruby awoke. They had breakfast and Senator said that Jack was "worse in his grief" and described him as being very upset with a strange look on his face, almost as if he were in shock. During the morning a stripper, Little Lynn, telephoned to Ruby from Fort Worth as she needed money. Jack said he would send her some by Western Union. After that Ruby took his dachshund Sheba and said he was going to drive to the club. Senator did not see Ruby again until after his arrest for shooting Oswald.

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Senator said that it was his opinion that there was no premeditation on the part of Ruby in shooting Oswald and that he must have done so on the spur of the moment. Senator said he had heard later that Ruby had spent some time at the Carousel Club just sitting around and crying on Saturday. He added that Ruby was the first club owner to announce that he would close for three days. Senator said there were several things that may not have come to the attention of the authorities which would indicate to him that Ruby had not planned to shoot Oswald. He said the fact that Ruby had the dog Sheba, to which he was very attached, in the car when he went to the police station alone would indicate that he intended to return soon. Also the fact that he had the cash receipts from the club in the car. Senator said he was convinced that Ruby had emotionally worked himself up to such a pitch that when he saw Oswald in the basement of the police station he went out of his head.

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Senator said that he did not think that Ruby carried a gun at all times as he had seen Ruby's revolver stored in a blue canvass bag at both the club and at the apartment. He said Ruby always carried the gun when he carried money from the club to the apartment or to the bank. Senator stated that it was ridiculous to think that Ruby had any connection with subversive organizations or with Oswald.

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