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SAM GORDON, 755 Crescent Drive, Palm Springs, California, owner of seven restaurants operated under the name, Sam's, in Sacramento and San Francisco, with office address, 1626 "A" Street, Sacramento, advised on November 26, 1963, as follows:

GORDON, in 1931, met JACK RUBENSTEIN, also known as SPARKY, working around the baseball park, Chicago, Illinois, where they were both selling novelties and scalping tickets to the games. SPARKY lived with his parents, names and address not recalled. SPARKY and GORDON double dated and went to dances together. GORDON could not recall the names of any of their associates.

In 1935, GORDON moved to San Francisco, and by chance, again ran into SPARKY, and they renewed their friendship. SPARKY lived in San Francisco with his sister, EVA (LNU), at some cheap apartment house, address not recalled, which apartments had a common dining room for all the tenants. GORDON recalled seeing EVA around the dining room, but did not know her associates or employment. During this period, SPARKY was employed as a door-to-door daily newspaper subscription solicitor, and had five or six boys working for him, who also resided at the same apartment house. GORDON could not recall any of their names. SPARKY returned to Chicago in 1940, and GORDON has not seen or heard from him since.

He did hear, some years ago, from an unrecalled source, that SPARKY had a "spot" called Silver Spur in Dallas, Texas, but GORDON has never been in Dallas, and does not know any of his associates there. SPARKY, during the time GORDON knew him, never exhibited any extremist or radical views, never carried a gun, was not mixed up in any illegal activity, never exhibited any particular interest in political activities, and never started any arguments or fights even though he was quite "good" with the fists. Neither SPARKY nor his sister, EVA, was ever mixed up with AL CAPONE or anyone in that group, and was not forced out of Chicago by the underworld. SPARKY always

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associated with "Jewish" people, but never exhibited any great interest in religion. GORDON recalled SPARKY as a clean cut, honest kid, and said he would stake his life that SPARKY had no connections or contacts with anyone concerning his killing LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

It is GORDON's belief that, because of his being upset emotionally over the death of the President and being in a position, he, without malice or forethought, had, on the spur of the moment, shot OSWALD. Mr. GORDON said he wanted to cooperate in every way possible with the FBI, especially since his brother-in-law, JACK FLEMING, is an FBI Agent in Seattle, Washington.

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