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HARRY M. EPSTEIN, 9141 Kilpatrick, advised that he became acquainted with JACK RUBY in Chicago in the late 1920's, when they were both about 18 years of age. They were close friends until approximately 1940, when they drifted apart.

EPSTEIN stated he has seen RUBY no more than five times in the last 20 years, the last time being about five or six years ago when they had a very brief conversation upon the occasion of RUBY'S visit to Chicago to attend the funeral of RUBY'S father, JOSEPH.

EPSTEIN recalled that RUBY made his living as a young man in Chicago by scalping tickets, later becoming engaged in a business venture in Chicago with his brother, EARL, manufacturing aluminum salt and pepper shakers. This business was reportedly quite successful, but eventually RUBY sold out his interest to his brother EARL and went to Dallas where he went into business with his sister, EVA, who was already established there in the night club business.

EPSTEIN stated that RUBY was not a gambler and was never known by him to be involved in any gambling or other criminal activity or association and that to the best of his knowledge, he left Chicago for Dallas voluntarily. EPSTEIN described RUBY as a fairly even tempered individual and not one who would pick a fight with anyone, but who would rather avoid a fight if he could.

EPSTEIN stated he never visited RUBY in Dallas and has no direct knowledge of any of RUBY'S activities there. He stated the only other person known to him to have been close to RUBY was one MARTIN GIMPLE, who died approximately one and one-half years ago. EPSTEIN recalled that GIMPLE had maintained his friendship and association with RUBY until his death and was understood to have lived off and on with RUBY in Dallas prior to the time of his death.

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HERSHEY COLVIN, Bartender, Vertigo Key Club, Lawrence and Broadway, owned by JOE BOCELINO, small-time Chicago hoodlum, advised he was long-time associate of JACK RUBENSTEIN and served in the U. S. Air Force with RUBENSTEIN while both stationed at Kessler, Mississippi. COLVIN stated, upon return from Air Force, he ran Show Time Lounge at Madison and Hamlin, during which time lounge was frequented by RUBENSTEIN'S sister, EVE GRANT and RUBENSTEIN. COLVIN described RUBENSTEIN as a "hustler", who sold numerous cheap types of merchandise in an attempt to make a profit.

COLVIN stated RUBENSTEIN is definitely not connected with Chicago outfit and was a person of good moral standards, although he did display a quick temper on occasions. From his knowledge he, RUBENSTEIN, COLVIN stated in his opinion, was loyal to his country without qualification. He volunteered that RUBENSTEIN, who had a sensitive nature, most probably simply "flipped his lid", subsequent to the assassination of the President and in a fit of passion did what he thought was right in taking the life of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. COLVIN concluded by stating that RUBENSTEIN, during the time he had known him was positively not a radical or extremist, but a loyal citizen of the United States.

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