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JOE MEDILL, 3263 Castle Heights Avenue, advised that he has not seen SPARKY RUBENSTEIN for the past 20 years, however, he knew SPARKY in Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he, JOE MEDILL, was formerly the third-ranking light weight contender in the world, and that SPARKY used to like to hang around the boxing crowd. He stated that when he terminated his boxing career, that SPARKY contacted him and wanted him to go into the tailoring business, since MEDILL had numerous contacts in Chicago.

He stated that SPARKY assisted him to some extent in referring customers to his shop. In regard to SPARKY's political beliefs, he stated that he is not familiar with them. He knows of no contacts that he had with the underworld. He stated that he realized he has not seen SPARKY since 1942, but does not believe that he is the type of individual to have committed such an act unless he was temporarily insane. He stated that he has no information indicating that SPARKY in any way has contacts with the police department in Dallas or in Chicago.

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by SAA JOSEPH A. ARWINE:gow Date dictated 11/26/63

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NORMAN N. WEISBROD, Partner, Mode Imports, 114 Parkhouse, residence 4500 Cedar Springs, advised he became acquainted with JACK RUBY during about 1948 or 1949, at which time RUBY operated the Silver Spur Lounge or night club in the 1700 block of South Ervay Street. WEISBROD advised he originally came from Chicago, Illinois and while he did not know JACK RUBY in Chicago, a mutual friend, just whom he does not immediately recall, advised him that JACK RUBY operated a night spot in Dallas, that he was having a hard time financially, and that WEISBROD should "stop by and give him some business". He advised at this time he was a traveling salesman, was a bachelor, and was in Dallas only on weekends.

Several months later while residing at the Ambassador Hotel, 1312 South Ervay, he decided that he and his roommate and business associate, SAM LASSER, would stop by this night club.

WEISBROD stated on this first visit to the Silver Spur, he met JACK RUBY and thereafter spent considerable time during the weekends when he was in Dallas at the Silver Spur because it was lively and always had lots of girls.

He advised JACK RUBY is an extrovert, is flamboyant, wanted to be friends with everyone, and eventually during about 1949 or 1950 when RUBY bought or obtained the night club in the industrial area known at that time as Bob Will's Ranch House, he offered WEISBROD and LASSER the opportunity to operate the concessions (popcorn, photographs, etc.). He advised that almost immediately after having made this offer to him, RUBY attempted to renege on this offer, but that HY FADER, who had apparently furnished the capital with which RUBY purchased the Ranch House, made RUBY stick with his promise that WEISBROD and LASSER be allowed to operate the concession. He stated because of this conflict, RUBY treated them very coolly and that this business association with RUBY lasted for about one year or less.

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He advised RUBY had a girlfriend years ago whose name was ALICE and who was secretary or stenographer for some Dallas attorney whose name he did not know.

He believes RUBY is excitable, highly emotional, and a high-strung individual who acts spontaneously without thinking and who is later filled with deep remorse at having lost his temper. He explained that RUBY was in frequent fights with both patrons and employees during the period of their association, and on one occasion, following a fight he recalls that RUBY was so upset that, while not physically hurt during the fight, he held onto an automobile and vomited uncontrollably.

He advised in view of his former knowledge of RUBY and in view of publicity given by television and newspaper coverage pertaining to the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD by JACK RUBY on November 24, 1963, he feels it is logical that RUBY committed this crime due to a highly emotional state of mind into which he may have "worked himself".

WEISBROD advised that any rumor which indicates any connection by JACK RUBY with "Chicago gangsters" is, in his opinion, completely fictional and that this same opinion applies to any rumored suggestion that RUBY may have any subversive connections.

He stated he is certain that RUBY's only interest is in connection with the operation of his night club because of the nature of people that it brought him into contact with in show business. He further stated that during the entire time he was acquainted with RUBY that he, RUBY, "wanted to know everyone in town, and wanted everyone in town to know him". He explained that he has ridden in an automobile with RUBY on occasions when RUBY was driving during which, without any warning, RUBY would slam on the brakes, get out of the car, and hand a business card to someone on the street or sidewalk and introduce himself and invite that individual to his club.

He stated that RUBY has always appeared to do many favors for many people by giving them money or work, but that his own feeling is that RUBY always "had an angle" and that by these gestures RUBY hoped to ingratiate himself

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with the people whom he helped.

WEISBROD emphasized that he has had no current contacts with JACK RUBY and that his appraisal of RUBY is based on his acquaintance with him several years ago.

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WEISBROD advised that during this period he became convinced that RUBY was "crazy" in that he purchased western clothing, attempting to act as a Master of Ceremonies, got up on the stage and attempted to entertain the customers with a guitar, and otherwise attempted to imitate the former owner. He characterized RUBY as wanting more than anything else to be in the movies and stated RUBY seeks to always be in the spotlight and stated further he was a "show off" and a "Damon Runyan type character".

He advised he has never known RUBY to discuss politics and while he has had no contact with him during the past several years (he estimated he has seen RUBY five times in the past five years), he felt certain that RUBY has no political interest and has no subversive qualities or associations.

He said RUBY has always operated night clubs, and once had a lounge called Hernandez's Hideaway which was located on Greenville Avenue, however, he does not recall specifically the period in which he operated this club.

WEISBROD advised he knows that JACK RUBY has a brother named SAM whom he believes also uses the name "RUBY", who resides near the Preston Forest Shopping Center in Dallas, and he does not believe that JACK RUBY "gets along" with this brother. He also knows that RUBY has a sister named EVA who manages or operates the Vegas Club on Oak Lawn Avenue, but he does not know her last name.

WEISBROD stated during the period when he first became acquainted with JACK RUBY, and during the period in which he spent considerable time at the Silver Spur Lounge, he knew one ADRIAN HIGH, whom he described as a "hanger on" at the Silver Spur who "mooched" drinks. He has not seen ADRIAN HIGH in several years, knows that he came from Chickasha, Oklahoma and that he possibly operates a liquor store in Oklahoma City. He does not feel that HIGH was closely associated with RUBY.

He does not know with whom RUBY may have associated closely within the past several years in view of his lack of contact with him and advised the only persons with whom he is acquainted who also associated with RUBY would have done so several years ago.

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