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RICHARD G. NESS, Service Consultant, Dun & Bradstreet, third floor, Oil & Gas Building, 318 North St. Paul, advised that a check of his records on JACK RUBY, JOE SLATON, and the Sovereign Club reflected the following information which is set forth below:

"NOVEMBER 18, 1958

"HISTORY

"The trade style was registered in Dallas County Assumed Names Records as Vegas Club Certificate #45817 on April 20, 1955 showing Jack Ruby as owner. Outside sources consulted during current investigation orally confirmed ownership.

"Jack Leon Ruby, about 50, married, is a native of Chicago, Illinois. At Chicago he was known as Rubinstein and operated a business under the style Superior Products Company in about 1936 and 1937. He was then employed by scrap iron and junk handlers union for a period of time and in 1938 operated a business known as Victory Productions Company which he continued until 1940 as an individual enterprise. In 1940 his brothers are reported to have become associates in the business however, full details could not be obtained. He served in the U. S. Armed Forces during World War II and in about the latter part of 1945 began operating a business under the style Earl Products Company which he continued until 1947 when the business was sold, reportedly for a good price. Ruby moved to Dallas in 1947 and began operating a tavern under the style Silver Spur Cafe. That business was started by Ruby's sister in 1946. Details regarding change in ownership could not be determined. Operations of the Silver Spur Cafe encountered difficulties and the business was discontinued with Ruby then identified as a principal in Ruby Enterprises, Inc., a Dallas \$10,000 corporation which operated a tavern under the style Bob Wills Ranch House for a short time.

"Club Vegas was started by Irving Alkano in April, 1953 at above address. In the latter part of April or the early part of May, 1955, Jack Ruby became identified as owner of the business, however, details regarding the change in ownership have not been obtained.

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"For about 10 months in 1954 and 1955 Ruby operated a business under the style Hernando's Hideaway at 6854 Greenville. That business was discontinued at the approximate time Ruby became identified as owner of Club Vegas.

"OPERATION-LOCATION

"Operates nightclub, serving beer, wines, soft drinks and some prepared food items. Volume is drawn from general trade for 100% cash, about four full time employees assist Ruby in management of this business.

"Operations conducted from one story masonry building, located in outlying semi-commercial district. Premises orderly.

"FINANCIAL INFORMATION

"Recent attempts to contact Jack Ruby have prove unsuccessful. Repeated attempts to contact Ruby in recent years have been unsuccessful. The last time Ruby was contacted was December 21, 1956. At that time Ruby declined submitting any information regarding his financial affairs stating that he would not submit such information until his financial affairs were in better order.

"Current outside investigation failed to reveal full details regarding the assets and liabilities of the business however, net worth appears to be nominal with investment in the business only moderate. Full extent of indebtedness could not be determined however Dallas County court records revealed tax liens and judgments totaling \$7,336 unreleased as of November 18, 1958.

"A check of Dallas County court records on November 18, 1958 revealed the following judgments: Volume 93, page 304 against Jack Ruby trading as Erway Theatre in the amount of \$140 in favor of Associated Popcorn, Inc., filed May 15, 1954; and Volume 110, page 312 against Jack Ruby dba Silver Spur in the amount of \$11 in favor of the City of Dallas filed December 28, 1955. Tax liens shown unreleased were as follows: Volume 22, page 215 Jack Rub dba Vegas Club in the amount of \$4,776 for excise taxes filed July 13, 1955; Volume 24, page 172 against Jack Ruby dba Vegas Club in the amount of \$991 filed August 31, 1956; and Volume 26, page 560 against Jack Ruby (individually) in the amount of \$1,418 for income taxes filed

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"September 17, 1957. In addition approximately five other tax liens were shown dating from 1952 through 1956, all of which had been released.

"Details regarding the volume being transacted by the business could not be determined during current investigation. One outside source contacted expressed the opinion that at the present time volume was sufficient to provide fair profits.

"Under Texas laws a portion of the fixed assets of the business as well as a portion of the personal assets of Ruby could be claimed exempt.

"PAYMENTS

"A list of trade suppliers has not been received on this business; however, one outside source contacted expressed the opinion that major portion of purchases are on cash basis. During current investigation no local suppliers could be located that has extended credit to the subject business during recent months."

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"TRADE Judgments and tax liens as previously reported. List of suppliers still unavailable, however, most payments believed to be cash for supplies.

"CONDITION Efforts to contact Jack Ruby, latterly October 4, 1960, were unsuccessful. Those contacted at business location referred to him for all information. An outside source was of the opinion that Jack Ruby is the principal in this business and also that Joe Slatin has some interest, however, whether this business operates as a proprietorship or under a corporation charter, is still not definitely determined.

"The principals of this business have not been available. Information regarding investment and liabilities of this business have not been determined.

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"MARCH 28 1960

"TRADE Trade references have not been submitted, judgments and tax liens would reflect slow payment record. Majority of requirements believed paid on a cash basis.

"FINANCE Jack Ruby, contacted March 28, 1960, declined to discuss the ownership of this business operation other than to state that he was the manager, not the owner. Local sources consulted are of the opinion that Joe Slatin and Jack Ruby have interest in this business operation. Complete information concerning investment in fixtures, and equipment, inventory and other assets or liabilities are unknown.

"In view of numerous tax liens and judgments outstanding, credit appraisal is difficult.

"Check of Dallas County court records under style Sovereign Club March 24, 1960 finds trade style not registered, no judgments no tax liens, no suits, no assignment receivables or chattel mortgages, no real estate registered, no personal property rendered.

"OPERATION Operates private club on upper floor of two-story masonry structure located in downtown area. Admittance to members only. Membership dues, initiation fees and other information has been withheld. Condition of premises undetermined.

"HISTORY A check of charter records, Austin, Texas finds Sovereign Club, Inc., was granted charter December 7, 1959, with following incorporators: Claude D. Merrell, Marvin L. Levin and Joe Slatin. Later information indicates business operates as a proprietorship owned by Jack Ruby. Ruby stated March 28, 1960, that he was manager, not owner. Exact ownership undetermined.

"Local directories do not list a Claude D. Merrell. Marvin L. Levin is an attorney associated with Mayer, Mayer & Levin, Dallas. Joe Slatin is reported to be a principal in the Half Shell and Holiday Bar, both located at Dallas.

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"Joe E. Slatin, born 1915, single, reported to be native of Dallas. Slatin has all along declined to furnish detailed antecedents, however, states he has been identified as a night club proprietor for a number of years. Formerly had an interest in the Turf Bar, Dallas, later operated partnership with Cliff A. Hunsaker, operating at Lakewood Lounge, Dallas, still later operated Club 22 and was proprietor of Band Box Bar. Slatin and Hunsaker also identified as partners in the operation of Holiday Bar and Lounge. Slatin later identified as partner with E. O. Blakeway operating as Vogue Bar. Dallas County Court records checked in December 1958 found the following tax liens outstanding: Volume 28, page 81, Cliff Hunsake and Joe Slatin dba Club 22, \$762 due on withholding tax recorded January 23, 1958, Volume 28, page 570; Cliff Hunsaker and Joe Slatin dba Club 22, \$89 due FICA filed April 2, 1958; volume 28, page 64, Cliff Hunsaker and Joe Slatin dba Club 22, \$791 withholding tax, recorded April 11, 1958; volume 30, page 100, Hunsaker and Slatin, Club 22, and/or Half Shell, \$1,106 due withholding filed August 20, 1958; volume 31, page 77, Hunsaker and Slatin, Half Shell, \$920 due withholding tax recorded November 14, 1958. Check underway to determine if these judgments have been released currently. Slatin is believed to continue to appear as a principal with Cliff A. Hunsaker in the operation of the Half Shell, 1324 Commerce and the Holiday Bar at 1212-A Main Street in Dallas. All information has been declined.

"Jack Leon Ruby, about 51, married, native of Chicago, Illinois. At Chicago, is known as Rubinstein and operated the business under style Superior Products about 1936-1937. Then employed in Scrap Iron Junk Handlers Union for a period of time; 1938 operated a business known as Victory Productions Company which continued to 1940. 1940, brothers reported to become associates in business; however, full details not obtained. Served in U. S. Armed forces during World War II, and later in 1945 began operating under the style Earl Products Company, continuing until 1947 when business was sold, moved to Dallas 1947, operated tavern under style Silver Spur Cafe. That business started by Ruby's sister in 1946. Details concerning change of ownership not submitted. In operating Silver

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"Spur Cafe, encountered difficulties and business discontinued. Ruby then identified as principal in Ruby Enterprises, Inc., a \$10,000 corporation which operated a tavern under the style Bob Willie's Ranch House for a short time. 1955, Ruby became identified as owner of the Club Vegas, Dallas, consideration involved not disclosed. Reported to continue to operate that business at the present time. 1954-1955, Ruby operated business under the style Hernando's Hideaway, later discontinued. Detailed financial information has been withheld by Ruby and as numerous tax liens and judgments continue outstanding, exact financial condition is undetermined.

"Check of the Dallas County court record March 28, 1960 finds the following judgments and tax liens: Volume 93, page 304, Jack Ruby trading as Ervay Theatre in the amount of \$140, in favor of Associated Pop. Corp, Inc., recorded May 15, 1954; volume 110, page 12, Jack Ruby dba Silver Spur in the amount of \$11, in favor of the city of Dallas, recorded December 28, 1955; tax liens described as volume 22, page 215, Jack Ruby dba Vegas Club in the amount of \$4,776, for excise taxes filed July 13, 1955; volume 24, page 172 against Jack Ruby dba Vegas Club in the amount of \$991, recorded August 31, 1956; volume 26, page 560 against Jack Ruby individually in the amount of \$1,418, for income taxes filed September 17, 1957; tax liens recorded January 12, 1960, volume 35, page 64, \$16,879 for excise taxes; volume 3, page 469, March 25, 1960, \$663 due withholding taxes.

"Complete information concerning source and amount of capital unknown."

NESS further advised that a check of his records reflected no additional information on: SAMUEL RUBY, RALPH PAUL, BUDDY TURMAN (or BUDDY RAGAN), JAMES E. DUMNIV, Vegas Club, Silver Spur, Carousel Club, or Hernando's Hideaway, other than the references provided in the information above.

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