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IRA COLITZ, 1000 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, Owner, folding chair concern, Green Bay Wisconsin, with offices in Furniture Mart Building, Chicago, furnished the following information:

JACK RUBY grew up in Halsted Street, Roosevelt Avenue area of Chicago and in 1930's moved to the Roosevelt, Kedzie, Independence Avenues section of Chicago along with other Jewish people from the former area. BARNEY ROSS was a prominent boxing figure in the area and COLITZ met RUBY there due to mutual friendship with ROSS. Due to ROSS' notoriety, he attracted a group of people with like interests in that these individuals gained a livelihood from various endeavors involving sales and promotion of a legitimate but somewhere "shady" nature. RUBY was no exception and was a promoter of various sales products. He could have been described as a "hustler" and interested in anything to make a "buck." He was also a "ticket scalper" and if he was ever arrested it was probably in connection with ticket scalping.

COLITZ knew RUBY from the early 1930's until 1946 when he last saw him. At that time, RUBY was in business with his brother, EARL, and was selling salt and pepper shakers. During the latter 1930's, this same crowd, who were all of the Jewish faith, but not necessarily staunch subscribers to same, congregated in the vicinity of the Sherman Hotel, Chicago.

RUBY never exhibited an interest in political matters; however, he was somewhat overbearing regarding the rights and feelings of others. He was greatly upset at slang language, phrases made about people's origins and was ready to fight or protect in some way the recipients of same. RUBY had a strong feeling regarding civil rights and was extremely proud of his country. Following his discharge from military service, he carried a chip on his shoulder, so to speak, in that if anyone spoke in a derogatory nature of the military service of the United States he immediately was ready to fight or receive apologies. He was not so strong, however, regarding his religious convictions.

RUBY could not agree with his brother in the operation of their business and this prompted him to leave Chicago in 1946 or shortly thereafter. He supposedly took over

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his sister's bar business in Texas. His sister whom he, COLITZ, had met, was strictly a businesswoman and unlike her brothers. COLITZ also knew RUBY's other brother, HY, who was employed by the city or state in an unknown capacity. He did not know RUBY's parents.

COLITZ is certain RUBY was never connected with the rackets or with hoodlum matters in Chicago. Due to various promotions in which RUBY was involved, it is possible that they could have been assumed as being somewhat shady but he, COLITZ, was involved in some capacity and only a living was obtained, which is unlike the financial success usually attributed to the rackets. He never knew RUBY to make other than a normal type living. Several years ago he heard that RUBY was still in the bar business in Dallas, Texas, and had not heard of him until the most recent publicity given him.

Their only mutual friend is (FNU) PEINGOLD, who operates a novelty shop on the northwest corner of State and Randolph Streets, Chicago. COLITZ has lost all contact with other common associates.

According to COLITZ, RUBY's killing of LEE OSWALD was unbelievable from his past knowledge of him. He could easily understand, however, the possible emotions felt by RUBY toward OSWALD and his desire to inflict pain on him but would never have believed he would resort to such drastic action.