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MAURICE KAHN, also known as Maury Kahn, 20 East Delaware, was reinterviewed, at which time KAHN advised he first met JACK RUBY, whom he knew as SPARKY RUBENSTEIN in about 1931. At that time, RUBY was employed as a clerk at a clothing or shoe store on West Roosevelt Road near Halsted Street in Chicago. He believed this store was operated by a LOUIE SCHWITZ.

In about 1932, RUBY's family moved to the vicinity of Independence Boulevard and Roosevelt Road in Chicago, which was in KAHN's neighborhood. He and a group of young men, all of high school age, frequented the Lawndale Restaurant located in the 3700 block of West Roosevelt Road. Included in this group were BARNEY ROSS, famous prize fighter, who now resides somewhere in New York City; IRA COLITZ, now a furniture manufacturer with offices in the Chicago Furniture Mart and Vice President of the Lake Shore Synagogue, Chicago; JOE and MORRIS KEILMAN, who now operate the Globe Glass Company in Chicago; JOHN MC DONALD, who later became a bookmaker and is now deceased; SOLLIE SHULMAN, a prize fighter who is now deceased, and FRENCHY and DON MEDLEVINE. FRENCHY MEDLEVINE was operating a saloon in Los Angeles, California, since moving there some years ago and DON MEDLEVINE is now operating the new Chez Paris Night Club in Chicago.

Between the years 1931 and 1939, various members of this group went to the prize fights almost every Monday night at the Marigold Gardens, Grace and Broadways Streets, in Chicago. Prize fights have not been held there for some years. A HAROLD RYAN was the Chief Inspector for the Illinois Boxing Commission at that time and became well acquainted with the group.

He believed that RUBY attended Marshall High School in Chicago; however, he did not recall seeing him there during the time he was in attendance. During the time he was well acquainted with RUBY, which was up until 1939, RUBY was employed by the clothing store previously described for a short period of time, and like the rest of the group, later "hustled" to make a living. This included such activities as scalping football tickets in South Bend, Indiana, and Chicago, selling carnations and other flowers at night clubs and on the streets of Chicago's Loop, selling song sheets for 5¢ a piece at factories and in The Loop, and any other type of job that was available. He never knew of any other employments RUBY might have had.

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A favorite haunt of the group was the lobby of the Sherman Hotel in Chicago during the latter 1930's.

In 1939, KAHN was married and RUBY was invited and was in attendance at the wedding. After his marriage, KAHN moved to 6930 South Lake Shore Drive in Chicago. He saw RUBY only a few times after that, possibly either at the Sherman Hotel Lobby or at the Clover Lounge in Chicago operated by IRA COLITZ.

The last time he saw RUBY was five or six years ago in Chicago. He could not recall whether this was at the Clover Lounge or in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel. RUBY told him at this time that he was living in the southwest and possibly gave him ~~his~~ business card, which he is certain he no longer has. He had heard prior to that time that sometime after 1946 when RUBY was discharged from military service he had left Chicago to operate a saloon somewhere in Texas for his sister. He could recall nothing further concerning RUBY's activities since his departure from Chicago.

During 1939, he vaguely recalled that RUBY may have dated his former wife's cousin a few times and possibly double-dated with him. He could not be sure of this and he would have no way of verifying it, since he is no longer in contact with his ex-wife or her family.

He never personally knew of RUBY living anywhere but in Chicago. He has never heard of any mention of RUBY living in Chicago Heights or any other Chicago suburb. He never met any member of RUBY's family and could not recall any woman RUBY was romantically involved with.

As concerns the character of RUBY, he recalled him as being an extremely quiet individual, who avoided arguments and clashes of any kind. He, therefore, had no idea of how RUBY picked up a nickname of "SPARKY." RUBY was emotional to the extent that when discussing his readings of sports events or current issues he would take them very seriously. He would earnestly discuss these matters with his acquaintances and would often inquire as to their feelings or attitudes on the subjects discussed. He was not the least bit vicious and he is the last person he would suspect of committing murder. He never carries a gun to his knowledge. RUBY almost always had a big smile on his face and was always immaculate in appearance.

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He never knew of RUBY being arrested and if he had been it would probably be for scalping tickets or peddling without a license. He doubted records would be kept of these arrests, as when such arrests were made, the men would usually be brought to the police station and released shortly thereafter.

RUBY never gambled to his knowledge, drank very little, did not smoke, and if he had any vices it was women. At that time he knew RUBY was anti-communist and he believed he may have been one of the members of his group who broke up what was thought to be a communist meeting in his neighborhood during the late 1930's.

He could recall nothing further at this time concerning RUBY, his associates, or activities.

KAHN advised he is the editor of a weekly news publication containing information relative to events of the week for the convenience of Chicagoans and visitors, called "Night Life in Chicago."

From a review of this publication, it appears that ads are solicited and published from various night clubs, restaurants and "strip tease clubs" in the Chicago area. KAHN stated he has numerous friends and contacts among Chicago saloon keepers, liquor store owners and night club owners, and public officials.

MICHAEL LEVIN, Attorney, 30 North LaSalle, Suite 614, advised that he has known the RUBENSTEIN family, also known as, RUBY, since 1919. Due to the age factor, he was closer to EARL RUBY, SAM RUBY and HYMAN RUBY than he was to JACK or the sisters, however, feels that he knows JACK RUBY well.

LEVIN and RUBENSTEIN family grew up on "East side of Chicago", which he said was generally the Roosevelt and Maxwell Street and Halsted areas. As youngsters, the boys, including JACK RUBY, engaged in street brawls and were members of gangs, however, JACK RUBY was not prone to pick fights or go out of his way to find trouble. Conversely as a youngster and even more so as he matured, JACK RUBY was more inclined to make friends.

During the years RUBY was in Chicago, he was employed by his brother, EARL RUBY, as a salesman for a while and was characterized as a "promoter" pushing whatever he could find to make money with. LEVIN characterized RUBY's personality as friendly, volatile, and industrious.

EARL RUBY was characterized as the most intelligent member of the family and LEVIN indicated that the other members of the family including JACK RUBY, appeared to be mentally slow, but not retarded or necessarily deficient.

Concerning the political feelings of JACK RUBY, LEVIN stated that he was not strongly inclined toward either Democrats or Republicans, Socialists or Communists, but due to the circumstances and environment of the 24th ward wherein he was raised, JACK RUBY was probably a Democrat.

LEVIN stated that neither JACK RUBY nor any member of his family have, to his knowledge, been affiliated with any party or organization which would be deemed subversive. It was his opinion that the family was not of sufficient intelligence or interest to be politically involved.

LEVIN said JACK RUBY was not connected with any "hoodlum" element nor did he owe allegiance or ties to any known "hoodlums". He flatly stated that RUBY was not "run out of town", but left some 16 years ago of his own accord for

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