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ISHAEL HORWITZ, who admitted using the stage name of JACK HOWARD, was contacted at Jack Howard's Music City, 1106 West Lawrence Avenue. HORWITZ stated that he has known JACK RUBENSTEIN for about 30 years but has never known him as JACK RUBY. He stated that RUBENSTEIN was never considered to be a fighter or a "strong armed guy." He advised that to the contrary RUBENSTEIN would always back down when offered a challenge.

HORWITZ stated that he never knew RUBENSTEIN to work as a bookmaker as such, even though he knew him to hang around the lobby of the Sherman Hotel and the Gym Club and accept or make bets amongst the group of individuals who used to frequent both locations. HORWITZ explained that both he and RUBENSTEIN were raised on the West Side of Chicago and both frequented the Sherman Hotel and the Gym Club, as did the majority of individuals of the same age group from the West Side of Chicago. HORWITZ stated that the Gym Club was formerly located behind a cigar store on North La Salle Street and for the most part the group that used to frequent the Gym Club currently hangs around the H & H Restaurant located on North LaSalle Street, Chicago.

HORWITZ stated that he never knew RUBENSTEIN to be employed at 54 West Randolph Street, Chicago, nor has he ever known him to be connected with the entertainment business in any capacity in Chicago. He stated that he knew of no alleged hoodlum connections of RUBENSTEIN in Chicago or had never heard the rumor that RUBENSTEIN was "run out of Chicago."

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EDWARD KASTIL, 7728 North Keeler, Lincolnwood, Illinois, furrier in the Chicago area, advised that he has known JACK RUBENSTEIN as "SPARKY RUBENS" for approximately 18 years. He first met RUBENSTEIN when they both used to participate in physical exercises at the Skyline Athletic Club, 188 West Randolph, Chicago. He has not seen SPARKY for approximately three and one-half years having had dinner with him in Chicago at that time.

He recalls SPARKY as being a "clam-type" of individual, soft spoken and a person who did not have an argumentative or violent nature.

It was a complete surprise to Mr. KASTIL when he heard that JACK RUBY was the man that killed OSWALD because, he reiterated that RUBY was not a violent type of individual. Mr. KASTIL reasons that RUBY possibly became overwrought at the death of President KENNEDY and felt that the best way he could do anything was to kill OSWALD.

Mr. KASTIL advised that HY ZIMMERMAN, owner of Zimmerman Liquors, West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, should know RUBY.

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