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ROSS has had very little association with RUBY over the past 10 or 12 years. He did see RUBY two years ago when they both met accidentally in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel in Chicago. They only had a brief visit at that time.

RUBY has telephonically contacted ROSS at New York from Dallas several times a year over the past 10 years. These calls concerned RUBY's attempts to secure talent for his club and the problems RUBY was having in securing talent for his club. ROSS pointed out that the advertising agency he works for also handles some talent bookings. ROSS never did actually secure any talent for RUBY. ROSS described RUBY as a well behaved quiet individual whom he did not consider antagonistic in manner or the type of person who was a troublemaker. He had never known RUBY to be involved with any law enforcement agency and also never had been involved in any subversive activities.

ROSS added that he was unable to offer any explanation as to why RUBY shot OSWALD. ROSS had never known RUBY to carry any firearms.

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In view of numerous allegations from various sources that JACK L. RUBY operated night clubs in Chicago prior to coming to Dallas, and the inferences of possible confusion of RUBY with HARRY RUBENSTEIN, the Chicago Office has advised as follows:

HARRY E. RUBENSTEIN, 420 Melrose, Chicago, born 1895, Seattle, Washington, advised Special Agent MAURICE J. WHITE on November 26, 1963 and November 27, 1963, that he has never heard of JACK RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN. He stated he knew or knows of everyone of any consequence in the 1930's and 1940's in this business in above general areas, and is positive subject is not so connected. RUBENSTEIN claimed he operated and partly owner Olympic Hotel, 1015 North Clark, 1925 to 1956, and ran Harry's Royal Palm, a night club in the building. He operated Hollywood Show Lounge, Randolph Street in Loop, under wife's name, 1946 to 1960. Also, he operated Randcroft Hotel, same location, later placed a steak house at this spot, and also operated Sunny Italy Restaurant nearby. The building was demolished in late 1961. He operated and claimed "piece of" breakfast club, a speakeasy on Erie Street, near north area, about 1930 and operated 225 Club, 225 East Superior, about 1934. He also had additional rooming houses in Chicago. He lived at Maple Manor Hotel, 1925 to 1960, at 65 West Maple, owned by now divorced wife.

RUBENSTEIN was arrested 1945 for shooting and killing a man at Olympic Hotel and charged with manslaughter, later exonerated.

RUBENSTEIN admitted knowing or knowing of most of hoodlum element who frequented clubs in this area, many of whom eventually "muscle in" to many of them. He denied personal association with them. He recalled a Police Bergeers Club on Superior Street between Clark and Dearborn around 1940, but it lasted less than a year. It was operated by LEONARD LEON, an old time night club operator in Chicago known to many in the trade. LEON would be about 80 years old, but he is quite sure he is dead. He stated LEON considered to be primarily night club operator, however, naturally would have had to know bootleggers especially during prohibition in an effort to operate his clubs, as did all night spot operators at that time.

RUBENSTEIN believes the French Casino was located on Clark between Erie and Ontario in the mid forties. This club was operated by HARRY BOSHERS and was closed by then Mayor KELLY or KENNELLY and never reopened.

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RUBENSTEIN stated he has never been to Texas and is no relation to the subject. He stated he has never heard of JACK RUBY, also known as "SPARKY", and is sure RUBY never operated, managed or was connected with clubs in Chicago.

RUBENSTEIN stated that he personally was well known in his day to police and politicians in the old 42nd ward, where his hotel was located. He stated it is possible RUBY is being confused with him.

Nineteen Fortyseven Chicago Crime Commission report reflects Olympic Hotel was owned by DORSEY CROWE, 42nd ward Aldermen, and managed by HARRY RUBENSTEIN. HARRY RUBENSTEIN allegedly kill three men although only one killing definitely linked to him. The report also reflects LEONARD LEON, described as ex-convict, operated 5 O'Clock Club, 512 West Diversey, Chicago, at this time.

BEN SHARP, 221 Esplanade, Capitola, California, was interviewed and advised as follows:

He stated he operates Ben's Country Store at 221 Esplanade and also operates a similar establishment at Pacifica, California. During the period 1937 to 1939, SHARP was a crew manager for a group of individuals selling subscriptions for the San Francisco "Call-Bulletin", a daily newspaper. JACK RUBENSTEIN, who was known as SPARKY, was a member of SHARP's crew. EVA GRANT also worked for SHARP for part of this period. Both GRANT and RUBENSTEIN had a good reputation according to SHARP. They occupied most of their time attempting to sell newspaper subscriptions door to door. The group of individuals so employed, including RUBENSTEIN and GRANT, spent considerable time in Foster's Cafeteria then located on the corner of Ellis and Jones Streets in San Francisco. SHARP states that RUBENSTEIN appeared to be an honest forthright person. He did not know him to associate with any hoodlum element although RUBENSTEIN and many of his friends did associate with the sports crowd including those involved in professional fighting. RUBENSTEIN had no radical leanings. He seemed to be completely patriotic. He had a personal liking for law enforcement.

SHARP is of the opinion that had RUBENSTEIN been somewhat larger physically, he would have liked to have been a police officer. SHARP advised that he recognized the photograph of the subject which appeared in daily newspapers and on national television following the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Dallas as being identical with the individual he knew in San Francisco as JACK "SPARKY" RUBENSTEIN.

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