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HENRY SEGEL, 2738 Pine Grove Avenue, Apartment 201, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted at his employment in the United States Postal Substation at 227 West Ontario, where SEGEL is employed as a Postal Carrier.

SEGEL advised that he is well acquainted with JACK RUBY due to the fact that years ago, he, SEGEL was a close friend of MARTIN GIMPEL, who was a close friend of RUBY. He recalls that RUBY grew up in the neighborhood of the west side of Chicago and was well known to many people there by the nicknames of "SPARKY".

SEGEL advised that in 1949 and again in 1950, he and GIMPEL visited RUBY in Dallas, Texas, where RUBY at that time was operating the Silver Spur. GIMPEL died in September of 1962 and following that SEGEL went to Dallas to tell RUBY about GIMPEL's death. He lived with RUBY for approximately a week to ten days but spent part of this time.

SEGEL advised that due to the fact that RUBY grew up under hard financial circumstances during the Depression days, he was always hard up for money and as a result "scratched for money all his life." To the knowledge of SEGEL, RUBY never had any kind of a salaried job in his life. He purchased football tickets and scalped them and SEGEL also recalls that RUBY sold little plaster busts of President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. SEGEL recalls RUBY as being a very good street fighter and a man who was very successful with women.

SEGEL also knew RUBY as being a "very, very emotional man and also was very moody and sentimental". SEGEL stated that RUBY could go very quickly from depression to happiness and vice versa. He was a dog lover and very loyal to his friends. SEGEL feels that RUBY's act in killing OSWALD was "his way of expressing a patriotic gesture" and that RUBY "went crazy" about what he felt was a terrible thing and did this on the

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apart of the moment.

SEGEL described RUBY as "100% American". He recalls that RUBY even disliked comedian VAUGHN MEADOR because MEADOR specialized in imitation spoofing President KENNEDY. SEGEL advised that he cannot believe that RUBY acted as a part of a conspiracy or that he was involved with anyone in this act.

SEGEL advised that he wrote a letter dated November 30, to RUBY at the County Jail in Dallas, in which he expressed his continued friendship for RUBY and wished him luck.

SEGEL could think of no mutual friends who might also know RUBY.

SEGEL advised that to his knowledge RUBY never gambled.

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by SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER, JR./dlk Date dictated 12/12/63

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