

Agent ROBERT TAYLOR, Bureau of Federal Narcotics, 433 West Van Buren, Chicago, Illinois, made available on December 5, 1963, their file for the following pertaining to PAUL ROLAND JONES, MAURICE COSTELLO MELTON, and TAYLOR CROSSLAND. These three individuals had contacted and were associated with JACK RUBY and his brother, HYMAN RUBENSTEIN, while in Chicago during 1947:

TAYLOR CROSSLAND was arrested on August 27, 1947, Laredo, Texas, by U.S. Customs for having 48 pounds of raw and smoking opium brought into Texas from Mexico in his possession. CROSSLAND implicated MAURICE C. MELTON and PAUL ROLAND JONES. MELTON and his brother, JOHN MELTON, were arrested October 29, 1947, at Houston, Texas. MAURICE MELTON corroborated the information given by CROSSLAND implicating PAUL ROLAND JONES and JONES was subsequently arrested October 24, 1947, Dallas, Texas, by Federal Narcotics agents as was MELTON.

Prior to these arrests, the above subjects were surveilled during the course of this investigation and they checked into the Central Plaza Hotel, Chicago, on August 2, 1947. While at this hotel, they made several telephone calls which were checked out and the number of Kedzie 1717 was listed to HYMAN and JACK RUBENSTEIN, 3650 West Lexington, Chicago. The RUBENSTEINS were subsequently interviewed by Federal Narcotics agents, Chicago, and the results of these interviews are set forth as follows:

"I, HY RUBENSTEIN, having been informed by ALBERT E. AMAN known to me to be an agent of the Bureau of Narcotics of the Treasury Department of the United States, and ARTHUR R. ADAMS, known to me to be an agent of the Bureau of Customs of the Treasury Department, that I may decline to answer any questions propounded to me by him on the grounds that the answers thereto may tend to incriminate me; and having also been informed that this statement may be used in evidence against me in criminal or other proceedings; and no threats of any character having been made against me and no

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physical violence having been used against my person; and no reward nor immunity having been promised to me in consideration for my making said statements by said AMAN or any other person acting for or on behalf of the United States; I do freely and voluntarily make the following statement:

"My name is HYMAN RUBENSTEIN, I am forty-six years of age, born in Warsaw, Poland, and I was naturalized about 1922, in Federal Building, Chicago, Illinois, my occupation is the candy and novelty business and I am the proprietor of the Victory Products Company, 3650 Lexington Street, Chicago, Illinois.

"I reside with my father, my brother, SAMMY, my sister, MARIAN, and a nephew named RONNIE at 3650 Lexington Street. I lived in Chicago since I have been two and a half years of age, at which time my people migrated from Poland.

"Question: I hand you three photographs, will you examine them and inform me whether or not you know these people?

"Answer: I met TAYLOR CROSSLAND and MAURICE COSTELLO MELTON only once. PAUL ROLAND JONES I have known for about a year or less.

"Question: When was the first time you met PAUL JONES?

"Answer: About ten months ago. He called me at my house and said he was a friend of my sister, EVA GRANT, and that he would like to see me if I wasn't too busy. We met at the Sherman Hotel in the Celtic Room and our conversation was merely general subjects of the day. The last time we met was on a Sunday morning, after he called me at my home and this meeting was held at the Sherman Hotel in the Celtic Room. He introduced me to TAYLOR CROSSLAND and MAURICE COSTELLO MELTON and we all had breakfast together.

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By SA GEORGE MANDICH/jmn Date dictated 12/5/63

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"The latter meeting held at the Sherman Hotel, Celtic Room, took place during the first week of August, 1947. During this period of time, the conversation was about general subjects. We walked around the Loop for about an hour and I pointed out places of interest to the men. Later I suggested driving them to the airport because I wasn't busy and inasmuch as they said they were going to Wichita, Kansas. While in my automobile, MELTON and CROSSLAND asked me if I would get them a connection on steel pipes and I said I would let them know tomorrow, which I did, and mailed them the sample (3/4" pipe) to PAUL JONES at 3904 Junius Street, Dallas, Texas. I also wrote him a letter with specifications and prices. I never heard a word from him since.

"During the period of time spent with JONES, MELTON and CROSSLAND, a discussion came up about lumber inasmuch as MELTON asked me. MELTON suggested that he could get many carloads of lumber at a very good price. I believe a brother of his had a connection in a lumber mill. I suggested if he would cut off a one foot sample slab so that I could show it to some people in Chicago, we might be able to to some business. He promised me he would, but I never got a sample.

"While we were waiting for the plane, TAYLOR suggested something about a gold mine that he had with an engineer partner on the Pacific Coast of Mexico. I told him that it took too much money for a guy like me. He said 'Do you think you can find somebody?'. I told him there was only one party that I knew who was a prospector and a miner and knows more about that business than I do, and I gave him the name of JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM, located at Room 428, Rowan Building, 458 Spring, Los Angeles, office telephone Van Dyke 4044.

"CROSSLAND said he would have his engineer write to CUNNINGHAM as he knows more about the details of gold mining. No more was ever heard on this subject. (Residence telephone Chapman 5-2801).

"During this conversation, PAUL JONES said that he would like to pick up some new cars if any contacts could be made, but I never tried to make any and that ended that.

"The next time I met PAUL JONES was on or about the 15th of October and he remained in Chicago approximately a week. He called me upon his arrival at my home and asked me to meet him in Room 674 at the Sherman Hotel, which I did. He introduced me to a Mr. WAGNER and the importance of my meeting with him each day that he was here was that Mr. WAGNER was the inventor of a new type of rubber fabric to be used for recapping tires. PAUL JONES said that he met and talked with JACK KEESHIN of the Keeshin Motor Express Corp. and that JACK KEESHIN was going to give it a trial. PAUL JONES also said that he made a trip to Canada and attempted to interest the Goodyear Rubber and the United States Rubber Company in this product, but was informed that he would have to take the matter up with the United States Office in Ohio.

"During this week, PAUL JONES asked me if I could get him seven hundred gallons of bulk four year old whiskey. I wrote him a special delivery air mail letter after he left Chicago and I told him I could get him the whiskey--to find out from his people what they would pay and to let me know immediately. I never heard from him on this matter either.

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"During these several meetings that I had with PAUL JONES, he never mentioned opium nor any other narcotics drug to me, nor did CROSSLAND or MAURICE MELTON.

"For the Government's information, I want it to be known clearly that I am a businessman, that I have never been arrested on any charge, and that I absolutely know nothing about opium or narcotics in any shape, manner or form, nor the illicit traffic of narcotic drugs."

"/s/HYMAN RUBENSTEIN"

"Witnessed by: /s/ALBERT AMAN, Narcotics Agent, Chicago, Illinois, October 30, 1947"

A further review of the above Narcotics Bureau file reflected that Agent AMAN of this Bureau interviewed JACK RUEY on October 27, 1947. RUDY was a permanent guest of Room 6-142 of the Congress Hotel, Chicago. RUBY identified the photograph of PAUL ROLAND JONES and has known him for the past four to five months inasmuch as PAUL JONES is a friend of his sister, EVA GRANT, Proprietress of the Singapore Supper Club, 1717 South Ervay Street, Dallas, Texas. He was introduced to PAUL JONES by EVA GRANT.

JACK RUBY had talked to PAUL JONES on numerous occasions while visiting his sister in Dallas but he never had any conversations with him relative to narcotic drugs nor has he ever talked to PAUL JONES in the City of Chicago either personally or via telephone. According to JACK RUBY, he was visiting in Dallas on October 2 and 3, 1947, which are the dates that PAUL JONES, TAYLOR CROSSLAND, and MAURICE MELTON were in Chicago.

JACK RUBY is a sales promoter and calls himself a merchandise distributor. He is 36 years of age, 5' 9" tall, 160 pounds, wavy hair with a high receding hairline, a large pointed nose, a fashionable dresser, born in Chicago. He is also the brother of HYMAN RUBENSTEIN who is previously interviewed.

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The registration records of the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, indicate PAUL JONES occupied Rooms 1024 and 674 from October 10 to 21, 1947, and the telephone calls made by him had been checked and were made to all legitimate organizations.

Files of the Federal Narcotics Bureau and files of the Bureau of Identification, Chicago Police Department, were examined in 1947 and there were no records involving HYMAN RUBENSTEIN, 3615 West Lexington, Chicago, or JACK RUBY, his brother, who resides as a permanent guest of the Congress Hotel, Chicago.

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