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MARTIN BRAUNER was interviewed at the Hotel Peabody, Memphis, Tennessee, where he is currently a guest in Room #827.

BRAUNER advised that he is a resident of Chicago, Illinois, residing at 1219 North Spaulding Street, Chicago, Illinois. He is employed as a District Sales Manager for the Feldco Publications, Incorporated, 612 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 11, Illinois, and travels throughout the Midwest and South selling telephone book covers to various hotels, motels and business firms.

BRAUNER advised that he has known JACK LEON RUBY of Dallas, Texas for approximately thirty-nine (39) years. BRAUNER pointed out that he is currently fifty-four (54) years of age and estimated RUBY to be fifty-two (52) or fifty-three (53) years of age, stating that they originally met while they were young men both living in Chicago, Illinois in the neighborhood of Division and Oakley Streets in Chicago. He advised that they first met on a playground in this area and that they used to play ball together and used to hang around the same cafes, frequent the same dancehalls, swimming beaches in the Michigan Avenue area in the years immediately prior to 1931. BRAUNER and JACK RUBY used to sell football and other athletic event souvenirs together. They used to visit various Big Ten football games during the fall season and scalp tickets and sell souvenirs. RUBY at that time went by the last name of RUBENSTEIN. BRAUNER knew little about RUBENSTEIN's home life other than that he was Jewish, had an older brother namely HYMAN RUBENSTEIN whose nickname was "Mess." "Mess" was older than JACK RUBY and used to assist them in scalping football tickets in the Chicago area. BRAUNER knew nothing concerning RUBY's parents and did not recall ever having visited in his home in the Chicago area.

BRAUNER worked his way through law school in Chicago and subsequently married in 1931 and practiced law for a period of approximately twenty-five (25) years thereafter prior to taking his present position. Following BRAUNER's marriage he drew away from RUBY and RUBY's associates, names not recalled since RUBY had never married. He would occasionally see RUBY on the street but stated that during the middle and late 1930's he did not know what RUBY did for a living. He did recall that approximately seventeen to eighteen years ago RUBY left the Chicago area to go to Dallas, Texas.

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About one year ago BRAUNER heard through an unrecalled source that JACK LEON RUBY was operating a night club or strip-tease type entertainment establishment in the Dallas area and when BRAUNER went to Dallas on business and stayed at the Baker Hotel, he began calling various night clubs in an effort to locate the one operated by RUBY. When he called the Carousel Night Club he learned that RUBY was operating this club. Thereafter he got together with RUBY; they reminisced concerning their boyhood days; ate supper together and RUBY invited BRAUNER as a guest at his night club which at the time featured a series of strip-teasers. BRAUNER also during this brief Dallas visit visited RUBY in RUBY's apartment, exact address not recalled but he did recall that they had to cross a bridge to get to the apartment. RUBY was living by himself and had approximately nine dogs for whom he was caring at the time including six Dachshund pups.

About five months ago BRAUNER again made a business trip to Dallas, again staying at the Baker Hotel and again contacted RUBY at the Carousel Club. Again RUBY served as host for BRAUNER and they ate several meals together and on one occasion BRAUNER recalled visiting RUBY's apartment and waiting for him to get dressed prior to going out for the evening. A television newscast came on depicting in part the results of a presidential press conference participated in by the late United States President JOHN F. KENNEDY. RUBY who was then in the process of shaving came out and watched with apparent awe KENNEDY's answers at the press conference. He remarked to BRAUNER that he greatly admired KENNEDY and put him in the same category as the late FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, claiming that both of them had been true humanitarians and always stood up for the "underdog" and for this reason he "truly loved them."

BRAUNER explained that RUBY has always been an extreme egomaniac, a very vain individual who never has had much money but has taken his pay in life in the form of any type personal recognition which he could receive from anyone. He liked to hear people call him by name and went out of his way to get to know people, both prominent people as well as the "man on the street." RUBY has always had an "underdog" complex and has always become very emotional when he saw someone who appeared to be destitute. He also became emotional even as a youth when he saw someone in a fight who seemed to be taking a severe beating. He would oftentimes

intervene in the fight and attempt to assault the aggressor or the person who appeared to be winning the fight, particularly if the adversary appeared to be smaller or more handicapped in his approach. He stated that he would not say under any circumstances that RUBY was a bully. He recalled that RUBY as a young man was extremely strong and in good physical condition and could hit "like a mule" with his fists when he had to. He said he would never start a fight but would never run away from a fight. He recalled RUBY as being a "terrific" swimmer and one who had always worked out a lot in various gymnasiums.

BRAUNER stated that being from Chicago he is familiar with much of the general vice and corruption with regard to the so-called underworld in Chicago, much of which has been publicized in various news media and that when he visited RUBY in Dallas he asked RUBY if he had to "pay off" to any of the city or county officials in the Dallas area in order to operate his night club.

RUBY replied that he did not have to make "pay offs" to anyone. He did state that when he first went to Dallas years ago that Dallas was a "wide open town" insofar as vice was concerned and that he had to make small "pay offs" to various unidentified officials but that in recent years Dallas had been an extremely clean city from the standpoint of vice and that he did not have to pay any tribute to anyone. He gave BRAUNER to indicate that he was operating strictly on his own, that he was not in partnership with anyone and gave BRAUNER no indication whatsoever that he had any underworld or criminal syndicate type connections.

BRAUNER recalled that on the last trip to Dallas RUBY briefly introduced BRAUNER to RUBY's older sister, EVA GRANT, who also had a night club, name not recalled, in Dallas. BRAUNER stated that he did not remember EVA GRANT from his earlier Chicago days, although she stated that she thought that she remembered seeing him as a young man. She recalled enough about him to know that his nickname was "Muggsy." BRAUNER stated that he knew nothing concerning EVA GRANT, her background or activities in recent years other than the fact that RUBY told him that EVA had at times helped him in the operation of the Carousel Night Club.

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BRAUNER reminisced that RUBY is a "horn gate-crasher type." He stated that RUBY could cut his way into anything tailgates, dances, political rallies, etcetera. He stated that RUBY was never bashful and he was intrepid almost to the point of being rude when he wanted anything. BRAUNER gathered from his two brief visits with RUBY during the past year that RUBY was extremely well-known in Dallas, explaining his basis as the fact that when they would walk down the downtown streets of Dallas near the Baker Hotel that numerous persons along the street would speak to RUBY, calling him by name. He stated that RUBY was an extreme egotist and that the fact that people remember him, call him by name and show him little courtesies or attentions further fed his ego. On one occasion when he visited RUBY at the Carousel Club, he saw two uniformed officers come into the club and speak to RUBY but they appeared to be merely checking the club for any evidences of drunks or other possible law violations. RUBY gave him no indication whatsoever that he had any tie-ups or connections with the Dallas Police Department or any of its representatives.

BRAUNER has never known RUBY to be involved in any political, economic or sociological type organizations and has never known him to be a "deep thinker." He stated that he has never had any reason to believe that RUBY has had any affiliations with any organizations which could be considered un-American, either to the "right" or to the "left." He recalled that during the late 1920's or possible early 1930's that RUBY was always very emotional in being against any form of totalitarianism.

At no time did RUBY ever mention the name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and based on BRAUNER's knowledge of RUBY he has no reason to believe that RUBY had ever heard of or had ever knowingly seen OSWALD prior to OSWALD's arrest and subsequent charge with the assassination of the late President KENNEDY. RUBY has never given BRAUNER any indication that he has made any trips outside of the United States. He did comment when BRAUNER saw him in 1963 that he had made one or two trips to New York City in connection with working out booking arrangements for various entertainers in his night club. He recalled that RUBY was a very generous individual and that while at the Carousel Club during 1963 visiting with RUBY, a strip-teaser, name not recalled, came to RUBY begging him for money with which to pay her room rent and RUBY gave her \$20.00, commenting after her departure that he would never see the \$20.00 again.

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BRAUNER pointed out that while he realized it had no real significance that he personally feels that RUBY shot OSWALD only for reasons of impulse and emotion and he feels certain that RUBY would have had no ulterior motive in shooting OSWALD. He stated that he felt that this impulse and emotion coupled with RUBY's extreme ego and his alleged strong admiration for the late President KENNEDY probably prompted him to engage in this unfortunate act.

BRAUNER stated that despite the fact that he disapproved of what RUBY did, he still felt sorry for RUBY and sometime back wrote him a letter while he was in jail indicating that he was still friendly with him and would be willing to help him in any normal manner.

BRAUNER was queried as to any knowledge of one VICKIE BRAUNER whose name was found in the personal effects of JACK LEON RUBY following his arrest at Dallas, Texas, November 24, 1963. MARTIN BRAUNER stated that he had no idea as to the identity of VICKIE BRAUNER, that he had no relatives by this name and had never heard of the name previously.

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