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RE: RUBY's SAN FRANCISCO RESIDENCES AND EMPLOYMENT

The following investigation was conducted by SAs JOHN F. BRESLIN and FRANKLIN S. BURROUGHS at San Francisco:

JACK KANT, Salesman for Baruh Liquor, 6001 Bay Street, advised on November 27, 1963, that he met RUBY in 1932 or 1933 at San Francisco after RUBY had come from Chicago. He states RUBY was close friend of BENNIE BARRISH, who was being managed at the time by KANT. KANT only knew RUBY casually, recalled he lived in Tenderloin Area, San Francisco, and attained income from hustling fight tickets and selling watches. RUBY lived with his sister in San Francisco and departed San Francisco in the late 1940's. His whereabouts thereafter unknown to KANT. KANT stated no indication of any un-American leanings or beliefs on part of RUBY.

ART POSNER, Patrolman, San Francisco Police Department, home address 35 Wanda Street, San Francisco, California, advised SA WILLARD E. BASEMAN on November 27, 1963, he recalled meeting JACK LEON RUBY, whom he knew as JACK and "SPARKY" about 1935 when he, POSNER, worked on a newspaper circulation crew. RUBY, BENNIE BARRISH and BILLY VEPRIN (phonetic) all came to San Francisco from Chicago together at the same time and all were in the newspaper circulation business. He recalled RUBY was a circulation crew manager but he did not recall which San Francisco newspaper RUBY was affiliated with. In those days, there were four newspapers in San Francisco, "The Evening Call", "The News", "The Chronicle" and "The San Francisco Examiner" and a good circulation man, although working for one newspaper, could sell a subscription to another paper and still receive the commission. He was only a casual acquaintance of RUBY and believes that he saw him around San Francisco until around 1936 or 1937. BILLY VEPRIN, he believed, went to Guam prior to World War II and became quite wealthy in the laundry business, returned to San Francisco and was a partner in Tommy's Joynt, a Hoffbrau Restaurant, in partnership with TOMMY HARRIS in San Francisco. This restaurant was sold subsequently to SAM GORDON, a former friend of RUBY from Chicago. He has not seen RUBY since the late 1930's and had not heard anything of him until November 24, 1963.

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On November 27, 1963, Mr. REUBEN ARIAN, residence 3789 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, owner "Supply Sergeant", a surplus store at 1550 El Camino Real, Redwood City, California, advised SA WARRENT W. RICHMOND as follows:

Mr. ARIAN in the 1930's resided in San Francisco and worked as a circulation supervisor for the "San Francisco News". He stated that in this capacity, one of the people that worked for him was EVA GRANT. He said that also working off and on for the "San Francisco News" during the Depression was a person he recalled as EVA's brother and known to him as "SPARKY" RUBENSTEIN. Mr. ARIAN stated that SPARKY, as he knew him, was then a good looking, well liked young man with a good personality who was able to earn two or three dollars a day by door-to-door sales of newspaper subscriptions. Mr. ARIAN advised that he was not particularly close to SPARKY at that time and knew EVA GRANT much better since she worked directly under him attempting to get newspaper subscriptions for the "San Francisco News". Mr. ARIAN stated that RUBENSTEIN was nicknamed SPARKY because of his short temper, but none the less he was well liked and a good, door-to-door salesman. ARIAN recalled that EVA GRANT, when he knew her, lived on Jones Street in San Francisco between Ellis and Eddy in an apartment above Foster's Cafeteria. At that time she was married, lived with her husband and son RONNIE, then six to eight years of age.

Mr. ARIAN recalled that SPARKY, whom he recognized from recent newspaper articles and pictures as JACK RUBY, resided nearby, perhaps on Eddy Street in The Herald Hotel. ARIAN recalled EVA to be an excitable person, always talking and agitated. ARIAN stated that to his recollection SPARKY had no interest whatsoever in politics and did not recall that SPARKY had ever expressed admiration for President ROOSEVELT or any criticism or any other person or any other philosophy of government. According to ARIAN, although he did not know SPARKY well, SPARKY was never arrested while in San Francisco. ARIAN advised that he has not seen or heard of SPARKY until the events of the last week end.

AS far as ARIAN could recall, SPARKY was not married and principally associated with a JACK STEVENSON and HARRY SOLLIVANT (phonetic). ARIAN recalled that like SPARKY, SOLLIVANT came from Chicago. It was ARIAN's recollection that SOLLIVANT indicated he had known gangsters in Chicago prior to coming to San Francisco and he did not recall that SPARKY had ever professed knowing any gangsters in Chicago.

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