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RUBY definitely does not have any homosexual tendencies.

RUBY knows almost all of the Dallas Police Department and explained to HOWARD that this was only good business in light of RUBY operating night clubs.

RUBY use to give the Police small gifts and favors, but never did expect any specific favors from the policemen. HOWARD could not recall any specific instances where gifts were given to policemen by RUBY.

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JOHN C. JACKSON, 201 Delphine, Lafayette, Louisiana, who is employed as Vice President of the National Research Corporation, advised that he became acquainted with JACK L. RUBY in November, 1956 in Dallas. JACKSON stated he had gone to Dallas to attempt to obtain financial backing for some experiments that he was conducting on degenerative diseases. He stated that his connections in Dallas had fallen through and that the man he had contacted had turned out to be a promoter who had no money and he was in Dallas then broke, and not knowing which way to turn. At about 3:00 AM, he was in Phil's Delicatessen when RUBY came into the delicatessen. RUBY spoke to practically everyone in the place, both individuals with whom he was acquainted and strangers and as a result, he and RUBY became engaged in conversation. JACKSON stated that he told RUBY his problems and RUBY insisted that JACKSON go to his apartment and gave him the key to his apartment, which was located at about 310 Hawthorne in Dallas. JACKSON said he accepted the key and went to the apartment and ended up living in RUBY's apartment until the end of 1957. During this period, JACKSON stated that he was engaged in trying to raise capital to continue his experiments and his acquaintance and association with RUBY at the Vegas Club provided him with contacts in this regard. JACKSON stated that he worked some at the Vegas Club, usually on weekends, but spent most of his time trying to raise money for his experiments. He stated that he spent quite a lot of time with RUBY during this period, but had had no contact with RUBY since May, 1958. He described RUBY as a "very complex person". He stated that RUBY was a proud person, proud of his Jewish background and became very angry if anyone made any uncomplimentary remarks about Jews. He was a neat dresser, but his apartment and his club were both messy and not well maintained. RUBY sometimes would take two or three showers a day, but his automobile, a 1951 Buick was a dirty "rattletrap" and RUBY would drive this car anywhere.

RUBY did not like violence and could not stand to see people suffer, but engaged in many fights, some that he was responsible for starting. RUBY liked to be recognized

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and liked to appear in a good light and seemed to have a need to be before people. He would often go on the stage at the club to introduce star performers, lead the applause or introduce prominent guests or customers. RUBY seemed to like people and talked to almost everyone. JACKSON related that RUBY seemed to have trouble reaching a decision and related that on one occasion he was with RUBY when RUBY went to buy some toothpaste, at a drug store. RUBY solicited the opinions of all the employees in the drug store and of the customers also before purchasing the toothpaste. On another occasion, JACKSON accompanied RUBY to purchase flashlight batteries and RUBY again went through the same procedure of soliciting opinions before purchasing the batteries.

When RUBY went to downtown Dallas, he would usually walk through the lobby of the Hilton Hotel, which was usually out of his way, just to see people and to be seen.

RUBY had what JACKSON described as a "defender complex" RUBY seemed to like to picture himself as a protector of good from evil and in the operation of his club would let some of the customers go too far in getting drunk, rowdy and creating a scene. After letting things go too far, RUBY would then become abusive with the customers and force the customer to either "crawl" or fight. RUBY was very strong and agile and a very good fighter and usually the customer would have to crawl. RUBY apparently pictured himself as protecting his customers from the rowdy individuals.

RUBY always carried a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson snub nose revolver when at the club and had this pistol in a bank bag when he went to the bank.

RUBY told JACKSON that he was from Chicago and had been raised on Maxwell Street, a tough area in Chicago; had grown up with and had been a lifelong friend of DANNY THOMAS, the television star. RUBY still maintained contact with

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THOMAS and they occasionally talked to each other on the telephone. RUBY had a brother in Chicago whose name was not known to JACKSON, but who, from comments of RUBY, apparently had a lot of money.

While in Chicago RUBY advised that he had been instrumental in organizing the Junk Handlers Union and in this venture, had taken as a partner a "huge" man, whose name JACKSON did not recall. RUBY and his partner were contacted by "The Syndicate" and informed that the organizing of the union would proceed much more smoothly if they would permit the syndicate to furnish the secretary. They agreed to this and as a result were forced out. RUBY and his partner fought back and as a result the partner was killed by a machine gun and RUBY apparently got out of the picture for fear of receiving the same treatment. JACKSON advised that RUBY always seemed to be apprehensive when Sicilians would come to his club or would hang around. JACKSON stated that he felt that RUBY was fearful of harm or trouble from Sicilians either in Chicago or in Dallas, but that he did not know why RUBY had this apparent fear.

JACKSON advised that RUBY was, in his opinion, a poor night club operator who had an income of about \$150.00 to \$200.00 a week during the time that he was in Dallas. JACKSON stated that RUBY gave away a lot of money and drinks which prevented him from making more money at the club. He stated that he did not believe that anyone who knew RUBY would finance him in a night club venture. There was a question in his mind as to the source of the money and the financing of the Carousel Night Club which RUBY was reported to own. He advised that if the financing of the Carousel Night Club could be satisfactorily explained, then it would be his opinion that RUBY had murdered OSWALD in an effort to put himself in a good light in the eyes of the public as an avenger and defender of good from evil. He stated that as RUBY seemed to be quite fond of policemen, it seemed entirely possible to him that RUBY shot OSWALD because OSWALD had shot a policeman and not because he was alleged to have murdered President KENNEDY.

JACKSON advised that RUBY did not, to his knowledge, have any underworld connections. He related that RUBY's friends were very few, though he had lots of acquaintances in all walks of life. In addition to DANNY THOMAS, he mentioned that RALPH PAUL, who worked at the Vegas Club was a friend of RUBY as was GEORGE SENATOR, who hung around the Artists Club and (FNU) MC WILLY, who resided in the Maple Terrace Apartments.

JACKSON stated that he did not recall RUBY ever exhibiting any interest in or discussing politics, communism or the racial situation. He related that RUBY did not have any homosexual tendencies to his knowledge, though he did have some slightly effeminate characteristics, bathing several times a day and being immaculate in his dress. He stated that RUBY had girl friends, but was peculiar in that after he had gone to bed with a woman, he was scornful of her and would not go out with her again.

JACKSON advised that Miniron was composed of mineral water with enzymes added. He stated that this product had been created by him and that he and RUBY were going to try to market it, but that they were unsuccessful in doing so, as Miniron was not a marketable product.

JACKSON advised that he was not acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD and had never heard of him before his name appeared in the news in connection with the assassination of President KENNEDY. He stated that he knew of no connection or association between RUBY and OSWALD.

JACKSON advised that RUBY had been in the Army Air Corps during World War II and seemed to take a great deal of pride in this fact. He said that RUBY had said that he was glad that his family had decided to come to the United States when they immigrated to this country.

JACKSON advised that in 1958, he had been arrested in New Mexico and incarcerated in the County Jail at Aztec, New Mexico in connection with the rental of an automobile which he had kept for a period of time considerably in excess of the rental agreement. While incarcerated in Aztec, New Mexico, JACKSON stated that he had been interviewed by an Agent of the FBI in connection with the matter.