

FEDERAL BUREAU OF

Commission Exhibit No. 1493

Date December 18, 1963

FRED B. ASCHE, JR., 1725 Coral Gardens Drive, Wilton Manors, Florida, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, advised that he was born on February 28, 1929, at Houston, Texas. He stated he operated an import-export business from his residence. He advised that he formerly resided in Dallas, Texas, and worked for LINK CHANCE VAUGHT in that area. He left there in May, 1960, but his divorced wife, BARBARA MOODY ASCHE, still lives there with their two children, ages 4½ and 3. Mrs. ASCHE maintains an apartment at 3020 Knight Street, Apartment 102, Dallas, Texas. ASCHE advised he has gone back to Dallas several times since 1960 to visit his children and the last time he was there was in August, 1963.

ASCHE advised he has known JACK RUBY since about 1956. He said RUBY owned the Las Vegas Club on Oak Lawn Street just off Lemon Street in Dallas and featured good jazz entertainment. He visited this club because he was a jazz buff and got to know RUBY. ASCHE advised he also lifted weights at Hugh McKenzie's All American Gym near the Dallas Police Department and RUBY also worked out at this gym. He stated this helped to develop their acquaintance.

ASCHE advised that after the Las Vegas Club venture RUBY opened the Carousel Club on Commerce Street in Dallas. This is a private club that did not do too well and RUBY converted it into a strip club about 1958.

ASCHE stated that RUBY never discussed politics in his presence, but he was sure he had no communistic or erratic political tendencies. He stated that RUBY was an excitable, impetuous man. He did not believe that RUBY had any real close friends, although he had a long list of acquaintances. He said he understood that RUBY had the reputation of knowing a "toughcrowd" from Chicago,

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but as far as ASCHE knows, RUBY had no criminal record. ASCHE stated that he had taken the trouble to check into RUBY's background a little bit because he, ASCHE, was active in the Chamber of Commerce in Dallas, and they ran several functions at RUBY's club.

ASCHE advised he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD, had never seen him and knew of no connection between OSWALD and RUBY, and, in his own mind, he is sure that there was none.

ASCHE described himself as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	February 28, 1929
Place of Birth:	Houston, Texas
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Height:	5'9½"
Weight:	185 pounds
Wife (Divorced):	BARBARA MOODY ASCHE 2 children
Residence:	1725 Coral Gardens Drive Wilton Manors, Florida
Education:	Graduated from Amherst College
Occupation:	Import and Export Business.

On 12/17/63 at Wilton Manors, Florida File # Miami 44-1412
by SA JAMES J. KEARNEY:jlt Date dictated 12/18/63

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