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WALTER EUGENE "GENE" LAWRENCE, Gene's Music Bar, 307 S. Akard, Dallas, furnished the following information:

LAWRENCE has known JACK RUBY for about 15 years. RUBY's sister, EVA, contacted LAWRENCE and asked if he could recommend someone to help her run the Silver Spur. LAWRENCE recommended PAT PADGETT, who at that time was a recently retired enlisted man from the service. Shortly thereafter, JACK RUBY came to Dallas and ran PADGETT off from the club. In fact, LAWRENCE saw PADGETT with a banged up head and learned RUBY had allegedly attacked PADGETT with a black jack for no reason.

LAWRENCE usually ran into RUBY whenever LAWRENCE went to the courthouse or police department on business. LAWRENCE last saw RUBY as he recalls in December, 1962, when LAWRENCE went to the Police Department to renew his dance license.

LAWRENCE, a little over a year ago, would frequently give RUBY a ride home when both would be leaving their night clubs in the early morning. At that time, RUBY lived in a house in back of the Holiday Inn Motel.

LAWRENCE never seen RUBY with a gun, but has heard he always carried one and was quick to pull it when he had trouble with a customer at his club.

RUBY and LAWRENCE always got along and the only difficulty which ever came up was when RUBY opened his Carousel Club and came to LAWRENCE's Lasso Bar and was passing out free passes for his Carousel Club opening. LAWRENCE asked RUBY not to give passes to his customers while in the Lasso Bar and RUBY slapped him on the back, saying he could not blame RUBY for trying.

LAWRENCE never heard RUBY was a homosexual and since

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most of the "gay crowd" hangs out at LAWRENCE's Music Bar, he doubts RUBY is an active homosexual. LAWRENCE never saw RUBY with anyone in particular to his knowledge and never recalls RUBY being on a date with a girl. LAWRENCE has seen RUBY in the early morning after the closing of the Carousel Club walking several dogs in front of the club.

RUBY never mentioned any out-of-town trips. However, PAPPY DOLSON, booking agent for theatrical people would have had more contact with RUBY and might be able to furnish further information.

LAWRENCE stated he did not know RUBY owned a car and never saw RUBY in a car to his knowledge. LAWRENCE advised he presently operated the following businesses:

Gene's Music Bar
307 S. Akard

Lasso Bar
215 S. Akard

Jungle Hut Lounge
415 N. Harwood

Golden Steer #2
301 S. Akard

Chiffon's Beauty Salon
305 S. Akard

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