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Mrs. McWILLIE advised she did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and had never heard his name mentioned by JACK RUBY.

Bill Gus Komodore, 541 East Fifth Street, Apartment 8, New York City, was interviewed by Special Agents Timothy B. Lagrone and Robert J. Lawson on December 30, 1963. Komodore advised that he is an artist and actively engaged in teaching painting and art where he maintains a studio at 410 Grand Street, New York City.

Komodore stated that he does not know Jack Ruby but possibly had worked in one of his night clubs for one night only. He explained that he formerly resided in Dallas, Texas, at 3031 Congress Street for approximately a two year period during 1960 and 1961. During this time, he was employed by the Dallas Museum of Contemporary Arts in Dallas.

During his above employment he used to purchase his art supplies from the Asel Art Supply Store in Dallas and while in that store on one occasion one of the store employees, known to him as "Frenchie", told him if he was interested in working in a night club as a waiter, he could earn from \$50.00 to \$100.00 per night. "Frenchie" told him he, "Frenchie", and another Asel Employee worked nights as waiters at the Sovereign Club, downtown Dallas, and if Komodore would contact the maitre d' at that club, Komodore would probably be employed as a waiter.

Komodore subsequently went to the Sovereign Club, address not recalled, where he was interviewed by the maitre d' and hired as a night waiter at that club. When he reported for work, the maitre d' informed him he would not be paid a salary but would received 15 per cent of the amount of the checks from tables he served. He was also shown a guest list of approximately 30 or more names that would be guests of the club and would not be required to pay for their meals or drinks.

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Komodore worked all night the first night and when he finished his work wanted to collect his pay but was told by the maitre d' he did not have any pay due him because all the customers he served were on the guest list and did not have to pay their checks. Komodore's protests were of no avail and he received no pay for the night's work. Because of this he worked at above club only that one night.

During the night he worked at above club, the maitre d' pointed out a man at one of the tables, stating that this man was the boss and Komodore was to be the waiter for that table. The individual pointed out as the boss was sitting at the table with a girl and Komodore served them. Komodore could not recall having heard the boss's name and could describe him only as short and well-dressed. Komodore further related he has seen pictures of Jack Ruby on television and in newspapers; however, due to the lapse of time and the fact the interior of the club was extremely dark, he could not say whether or not the above individual described as the boss was Jack Ruby. Komodore stated it would only be an assumption on his part, since apparently someone believes that he was at one time an employee of Ruby, that the boss he served at the club would possibly have been Jack Ruby. He could think of no other possible connection he would have had with Ruby.

According to Komodore "Frenchie" had said that above club was the only place in Dallas that could serve mixed drinks to tables and this was possibly only because the club had a deal with the District Attorney. "Frenchie" also told him that the District Attorney's name was on above mentioned guest list and further this list contained mostly names of city officials.

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Komodore described the Sovereign Club as being very exclusive, stating that the silverware was apparently so expensive that the waiters were required to sign for all the silverware they used at their respective tables. He did not, however, like the atmosphere of the club and because of what "Frenchie" had told him, got the definite impression the club was being operated illegally.

In conclusion, Komodore said that unless above mentioned boss of the club was in fact Jack Ruby, or the Sovereign Club was owned by Ruby, then to his knowledge he has never met nor seen Ruby nor been employed by him, and could furnish no information concerning him, his associates or friends.

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