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RICHARD WILLIAM PROEBER, 410 Westheimer, Houston, Texas, advised that he has been in Houston for about three years. Prior to his arrival in Houston, he had lived in Dallas. He had moved to Dallas in 1958 from Wisconsin, and left Dallas in 1961 for Houston. He advised he was employed at the Merchants State Bank, and, as a part-time job, had worked as a waiter in one of JACK RUBY's private clubs. He could not quite recall the name of RUBY's club, but he thinks it was the Vegas Club.

PROEBER said that he only worked for about two months at RUBY's club and left because he was afraid that his job at the club would be harmful to his position at the bank.

PROEBER said that he first went to JACK RUBY's club as a Stage Manager for an All Girl Review. This review was a stripper production run by BRECK WALL and JOE PETERSON. These two men were under a contract with RUBY for girl entertainment.

PROEBER advised that he did not personally know JACK RUBY, but had waited on him on many occasions in RUBY's club. He said that RUBY was a very rough character and was always very nervous. He said that RUBY would "fly off the handle" at the least little thing.

PROEBER advised that on one occasion JACK RUBY severely beat JOE PETERSON over a contract dispute. He said that RUBY had two of his associates hold PETERSON while RUBY beat him. It was after this incident that PROEBER quit his job as a waiter.

PROEBER advised that, to the best of his recollection, he had never seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD in JACK RUBY's club, or anywhere else. He knows of no connection between JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

PROEBER advised that he never heard JACK RUBY discuss politics in the night club or anywhere else. He

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said of all the times he heard RUBY talking, it was about gambling, girls or booze. He said RUBY was a loud-mouth and liked to belittle people in public. He said that RUBY would constantly "druss down" his help.

When asked of JACK RUBY's association with Dallas Police Department, PROEBER advised that RUBY's club was frequented by Dallas Police officials. He said it was talk amongst RUBY's help that RUBY was "paying off" the Dallas Police Department for special favors. PROEBER had no idea of what these special favors consisted nor did he know the identities of any Dallas Police Officers involved.

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