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ART WAYNE, Television Producer and Director, 1970 Mandeville Canyon Road, Brentwood, California, furnished the following information:

He has recently returned from a picture making trip in Africa and was out of the country at the time of ex-President KENNEDY's death. He and JACK RUBY were childhood friends in Chicago many years ago. He resided on the West side of Chicago some four or five blocks from the apartment where the RUBINSTIEN family lived. He and JACK RUBY played sandlot baseball, basketball and a lot of handball together. At one time they were fellow members at the Medina Athletic Club in Chicago. JACK neither drank nor smoked and always kept himself in excellent physical condition.

The RUBINSTIENS were a poor family but were very respectable and to the best of his knowledge, all were very fine individuals. He does not recall how JACK made his living in Chicago as he grew into manhood. JACK had a car when he (WAYNE) was first getting into showbusiness and would drive him around to his various singing engagements at clubs and hotels in Chicago. JACK looked up to him as he became increasingly successful in showbusiness in the Chicago area and on many occasions would be in attendance at his various entertainment engagements. He left Chicago about twenty years ago and during this period has been completely out of touch with JACK RUBY. During this period, however, he has seen JACK's brother EARL on several occasions for brief visits.

He recalls JACK RUBY having a very violent temper and always seemed eager to take the part of the underdog in any altercation that confronted him. In one incident about twenty-five years ago when he and JACK were together on a downtown Chicago street, they happened to come upon a man using abusive language to an old lady. JACK took up for the lady and the two engaged in a bitter fight. Shortly thereafter JACK complained of being dizzy and after walking him around for a while, he took JACK to a hospital for treatment somewhere in the North side Chicago area, the name of the hospital not recalled. JACK spent at least several hours in the hospital and it is his recollection that he suffered a slight concussion.

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JACK would even engage in bitter fist fights with his brother, EARL, over matters which they disagreed upon. He feels that JACK RUBY, as well as they knew each other, would have not hesitated to punch him in the nose if he (WAYNE) had sufficiently aroused RUBY. There were other incidences, he cannot recall the specifics, where JACK would take up for the underdog and become violently aroused and in his opinion a normal individual would not react to similar situations in such a manner. He recalls that at one time, JACK's brother, EARL, took wrestling lessons and he suspects that EARL might have been motivated by reasons of self-preservation.

Because of the above conduct on the part of JACK, he seriously questions JACK's mental health since he does not feel that a normal healthy individual would have acted and reacted to certain situations as did JACK RUBY. He feels that JACK was completely loyal to his country, never knew him to carry a gun or to be involved in any trouble with law enforcement. He never knew LEE HARVEY OSWALD and has no knowledge of JACK ever associating with persons or organizations of questionable loyalty. He has always liked JACK RUBY, would never want to do or say anything that would be harmful to him, but honestly feels that JACK was not a mentally healthy person at the time of their association in Chicago.