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Mr. SAMUEL SCHWARTZ, 153 North Yarmouth Avenue, advised he is the Vice President and Sales Manager of the Embassy Manufacturing Company, 1910 West Oxford Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He advised his company makes metal stampings for the lighting fixture industry and in his capacity he travels all over the United States. He stated he contacts the General Lighting Company, Kirschner Company and the Columbia Lighting Company in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. SCHWARTZ related that on one of his trips to Dallas, about ten or twelve years ago, he was staying at the Baker Hotel and was watching a television boxing match at the hotel and at that time JACK RUEY was also at the hotel watching the fight. During the fight they began talking together and later that night they went out to dinner together.

Mr. SCHWARTZ advised that RUEY seemed to be a high-caliber type of individual so he called RUBY the next time he was in Dallas and spent some time with him. SCHWARTZ stated from that time on, he would call RUBY whenever he was in Dallas and they would visit together or go out to supper together. SCHWARTZ stated he has not seen RUBY for over a year since he has not been in Dallas for over a year. He advised he was in Dallas about every six months.

He related that RUBY had mentioned he was from Chicago and had talked about going to Chicago for a visit and at one time, he, SCHWARTZ, had given RUBY his home address in Philadelphia so RUBY could contact him in the event RUBY came to Philadelphia. Mr. SCHWARTZ stated he could not recall when this incident had taken place but did know that it had been several years ago. He added that RUBY had never visited at the SCHWARTZ home and had never contacted him in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

SCHWARTZ related as a rule he would arrive in Dallas, Texas, on a Friday night, spend the weekend in Dallas and call on his business contacts on Monday or Tuesday. During this period of time, he stated he might see RUEY once or twice, and they would meet at the hotel and go out for dinner. He stated he had been to RUBY's apartment only once and could not recall where the apartment was located.

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SCHWARTZ also stated that he had been at RUBY's clubs, the Vegas and the Carousel, to visit RUBY but added that these clubs were not to his liking and therefore did not frequent these clubs other than to call on RUBY.

SCHWARTZ related it was his opinion that RUBY did not like the night club business, and he, SCHWARTZ, always felt that RUBY wanted to be a business man and was looking for status in the community. SCHWARTZ stated it was his impression that RUBY thought he could learn something about the business field from SCHWARTZ and that was one reason he, RUBY, liked to associate with him. He added that RUBY very seldom discussed business with him; however, at one time he did mention that he was contemplating going into the hot dog machine business. He stated apparently this business did not come into being.

Mr. SCHWARTZ advised that he makes it a practice not to enter into discussions revolving around politics or religion; however, he stated it has been his experience that anyone who had strong feelings in these matters will make his feelings known and will discuss these fields voluntarily.

Mr. SCHWARTZ added that he could not recall RUBY ever entering into any discussion concerning politics.

He stated RUBY had never discussed President KENNEDY or any political systems, and it was his, SCHWARTZ's, opinion that RUBY had no strong political views.

SCHWARTZ related that RUBY seemed to be well known in Dallas and the acquaintances of RUBY whom he met all seemed to be very highly respected people. He recalled one night RUBY invited him to dinner at the 3225 Club in Dallas, which he described as a very elite club, and while there, RUBY introduced him to GREER GARSON and her husband. SCHWARTZ advised that during his association with RUBY, he did not know him to associate with anyone who did not have a good reputation.

Mr. SCHWARTZ also advised that RUBY appeared to be the type of person he would call a "handshaker" and knew many people, but he did not know of any close friends which RUBY might have.

Concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Mr. SCHWARTZ stated he had seen his photograph many times during the past few days and could

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not recall ever seeing this person in RUBY's clubs or in Dallas and never heard RUBY mention this person. Judging from what he had read about OSWALD, Mr. SCHWARTZ stated it was his opinion that RUBY would not associate with or be affiliated in any way with such a person. He stated he based this on the fact that all the persons he had met when in the company of RUBY had been persons of stature.

SCHWARTZ stated that RUBY seemed to be well acquainted with several police officers in Dallas, but he did not know the names of any of these men. He pointed out that he did not believe this was anything out of the ordinary, since Dallas seems to be the type of town where everyone knows everyone else. He added that the way RUBY spoke to the police officers, there seemed to be a familiarity between them.

SCHWARTZ described RUBY as a soft-spoken and gentle type of person who would never try to antagonize anyone. He added he was a clean-living person who did not drink or smoke and was interested in physical culture and wanted to see how long he could live and be healthy. He was pleased with himself and his success and liked Dallas and people in general. He was not a bitter person and was easy to get along with and a person would feel comfortable in his presence. He never had any show of obvious emotions and never made any derogatory statement or threatening statement about anyone.

SCHWARTZ added that RUBY was the type of person who could take care of himself and could be tough if necessary. He related that RUBY had told him that he had to keep his customers in line and on more than one occasion had to remove them from his place of business. RUBY related to SCHWARTZ that on one occasion, he became involved in an altercation with one person and the person bit off part of one of his fingers.

SCHWARTZ also stated on one occasion, several years ago, he met RUBY at one of his clubs at closing time to go out to dinner. At that time RUBY had a paper sack which contained the day's receipts and in the sack was a revolver. They got into the car and RUBY put the gun in the glove compartment. At that time, he, SCHWARTZ, asked RUBY why he had the gun, and RUBY stated he had the gun because of the money he was carrying and added he needed that protection in Dallas. SCHWARTZ stated he did not question RUBY any further in this matter, but he gained the impression that RUBY carried a gun when he carried large amounts of money. He stated he did

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not see RUBY with a gun after that. SCHWARTZ advised he could not recall any more details concerning this event.

SCHWARTZ advised he was shocked when he learned that RUBY had shot OSWALD and stated that it was inconceivable to him that RUBY would be capable of doing such a thing. He stated as far as he was concerned, this would have to have been a spontaneous act on the part of RUBY, and he was certain that RUBY did not have any dictation from anyone to do such an act.

He added that RUBY was strong willed and egotistical and would not allow himself to be talked into anything. He also added RUBY was not the type who would align himself with any radical group and did not believe he had the education to become involved in any such group.

SCHWARTZ again stated it was his opinion that the action taken by RUBY was due to a spontaneous action on his part and not due to any political involvements.

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