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SHERIN met RUBY's sister, EVA GRANT, who ran the "Las Vegas Club" in Dallas for RUBY, but SHERIN did not know her well, or become acquainted with her friends or associates. SHERIN said he feels that if RUBY determines where SHERIN resides he will try to call SHERIN as a character witness. SHERIN feels RUBY is a nice person and he would consider being a character witness for RUBY if he could first talk to RUBY. He feels RUBY would tell him why he killed OSWALD.

RUBY did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD, or have any association with OSWALD, to the best of SHERIN's knowledge. The only close associate of RUBY known to SHERIN was RUBY's roommate, GEORGE SENATOR. SHERIN departed Dallas about one week prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY. He recalled that about one week prior to his departure he observed the owner of the "Largo Club", a Los Angeles, California club, in Dallas visiting with RUBY. SHERIN did not recall the name of the owner of the "Largo Club."

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JOE CAMPISI, 4445 Ashford Drive, Dallas, partner in the ownership of the Egyptian Lounge, 5610 Mockingbird Lane, furnished the following information concerning his knowledge of JACK RUBY, owner and operator of the Carousel Club in Dallas:

CAMPISI stated he has known JACK RUBY since about 1949 when RUBY was operating the Spur Club in Dallas, also known as the Silver Spur. CAMPISI described RUBY as a "very high-strung, very excitable person" who would "belt someone at the drop of a hat." CAMPISI stated that if RUBY disagreed with somebody or had trouble with them concerning anything, RUBY would immediately take the offensive and assault the person with his fists.

CAMPISI stated RUBY is probably well known to every businessman and restaurant owner in Dallas, through RUBY's operation of night clubs since his arrival in Dallas in about 1949. CAMPISI cited that RUBY goes to every football game in the Cotton Bowl simply for the purpose of meeting people, "glad-handing" and promoting his night club, by inviting these people to come to them. CAMPISI stated that RUBY does not know the first thing about football. RUBY would also, according to CAMPISI, attend the fights and the musicals for the same purpose. CAMPISI described RUBY as "one hell of a hustler who would do anything to earn a buck."

CAMPISI advised that RUBY had a great love for dogs and would have as many as three dogs living with him at his apartment or house. Also CAMPISI described RUBY as quite a "ladies man" but that for a few years in about 1955 to about 1958 RUBY spent most of his social time with one particular girl whose name CAMPISI could not recall. CAMPISI was of the opinion that this girl's name would be known to CAMPISI's partner RALPH PAUL.

CAMPISI stated that during the 14 years he has known RUBY, RUBY has never mentioned politics and has never expressed any great dislikes or likes concerning any particular political party. He further stated that RUBY "operated out of his hip pocket" meaning that RUBY would carry money received at the club in his pocket and pay his bills with this money in cash.

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This was CAMPISI's explanation of why RUBY had over \$2,000 in his pocket at the time of his arrest on November 24, 1963. CAMPISI stated that when it was announced that RUBY had shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD, this announcement did not surprise CAMPISI based on his knowledge of RUBY and RUBY's temperament.

CAMPISI stated that RUBY made a practice of becoming acquainted with all police officers and he, RUBY, would cooperate with the police in the operation of his night club. CAMPISI stated RUBY did this for his own protection as police officers would, at RUBY's request and cooperation, keep undesirable characters and prostitutes out of RUBY's club. Police officers would also advise RUBY whenever he would hire a girl to work as a stripper who also had a record for prostitution. CAMPISI was of the opinion RUBY gained entrance to the City Hall basement on November 24, 1963, through this friendship with his knowledge of numerous Dallas police officers.

CAMPISI stated that he has been in RUBY's clubs, both the Carousel on Commerce Street and the Vegas on Oak Lawn Avenue, numerous times and he had never observed LEE HARVEY OSWALD at either place. He had never heard RUBY ever mention anyone by the name of LEE or LEE HARVEY OSWALD or G. D. LEE or ALEK HIDEELL.

CAMPISI was asked to identify persons that he knew were acquainted with RUBY. He again stated that RUBY would be known to every night club operator and beer hall operator in Dallas and probably numerous Dallas businessmen. When asked if RUBY was ever known to partake in gambling CAMPISI stated he had never heard of RUBY ever gambling or engaging in bookmaking either as a bookie or a person placing bets. CAMPISI did state that RUBY was acquainted with Dallas gamblers JOHNNIE ROSS PATRONE, BOBBY CHAPMAN, RUSSELL DOUGLAS MATTHEWS and JIMMY VOURIS. He also stated that he was of the opinion RUBY was acquainted with known Dallas police character MARVIN RALPH PRESTRIDGE. He also stated that he had never observed RUBY at any time "flash" the money he was carrying. CAMPISI estimated that the receipts from RUBY's club would easily total over \$2,000 in any one week.

CAMPISI advised he would attempt to ascertain the name of RUBY's former girl friend and immediately furnish same to the FBI.

Patrolman JOHN WAYNE BARNETT, Dallas Police Department, Northwest Sub-Station, 2828 Shore Crest Drive, Dallas, furnished the following information:

He stated he has known of JACK RUBY for an unrecalled period of time and that he operated the Carousel Club. Continuing, he stated prior to his assignment to the Northwest Sub-Station, he worked District 114 out of the downtown station, and while on duty one evening, approximately one and one-half years ago, specific date unrecalled, he met JACK RUBY for the first time with two unknown individuals, attempting to enter the Top Hat Club, a "private Negro Club," located on Hall and Thomas Streets. BARNETT related that he stopped RUBY and his companions and "asked them to leave, as they had no business in that club." BARNETT advised that "RUBY stated he would, and returned to a parked car with the two unknown individuals." BARNETT stated that he then left the area of the Top Hat Club and returned approximately ten minutes later to find the car that RUBY and his companions had gotten into parked in front of the Top Hat Club, and thus assumed that "they had returned and gone into the club." BARNETT stated he did not enter the club to contact RUBY the second time inasmuch as the Top Hat is a private club and he could not enter.

BARNETT related that he also worked District 104, which covers the downtown area, a short time before being assigned to the Northwest Sub-Station. He continued that while on duty, he occasionally entered the Carousel Club to make a "check." He advised that whenever he entered the Carousel Club, RUBY would offer him coffee or cokes. He further advised that RUBY on some occasions would appear to be "overly friendly" and on other occasions would say nothing to him. He stated that RUBY, in his opinion, was the type that liked to be "in the spotlight." He said he never saw RUBY lose his temper, and that RUBY never asked favors of him. BARNETT advised he had heard that RUBY did not permit his "girls" to go out with any of the police officers, but could not elaborate further.

BARNETT related that in his contact with RUBY, he never conversed with him at great length. He further related that to his knowledge, he has never heard of RUBY being interested in political affairs or being a member of a political or any other type of organization.

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