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She stated that HEDRICK, in 1956, was in his 30's and had already completed 15 years of various penal servitude. She said that HEDRICK was, at that time, employed in a print shop in Dallas, Texas, and was active in some type of lecture tour wherein he spoke about his criminal background before youth groups. CUNRY advised that she had no knowledge as to whether BREKEN would have confided in HEDRICK or whether HEDRICK would have known RUBY but felt that HEDRICK was BREKEN's closest friend in the Dallas area.

CUNRY advised that she had heard rumors in Dallas, Texas, the source not now recalled, to the effect that BREKEN's contact and protection in Muskogee, Oklahoma, was allegedly the Chief of Police of Muskogee.

JACK HARDEE, JR. was interviewed at the Mobile County Jail, Mobile, Alabama, where he is incarcerated in federal custody. He was advised that he did not have to speak with interviewing agents; that anything he said could be used against him in a court of law; and that he could have the advice of an attorney prior to the interview. No threats, promises, or duress were used to induce him to make this statement.

HARDEE stated that he was born near Memphis, Tennessee, and he was 38 years old. He stated that he has travelled extensively throughout the southern part of the United States.

HARDEE stated that he had spent some time in Dallas, Texas, and he had met JACK RUBY during the course of his contacts in Dallas. He stated that approximately one year ago, while in Dallas, Texas, he attempted to set up a numbers game, and he was advised by an individual, whom he did not identify, that in order to operate in Dallas it was necessary to have the clearance of JACK RUBY. He stated that this individual, whom he did not identify, told him that RUBY had the "fix" with the county authorities, and that any other fix being placed would have to be done through RUBY.

HARDEE stated that he did not like RUBY upon their first contact, and this, coupled with a change in his plans, which was unrelated to this, caused him to change his mind about operating the numbers game, and the plan fell through.

HARDEE stated that he had also met JACK RUBY because a girlfriend of his, whom he refused to identify, went to the Bent Elbow Club in Dallas in an effort to obtain a job as a stripper. He stated that she was referred to the Cow Girl Club, and, from there, to JACK RUBY, where she went to work. He stated that he was out of town at the time, and, upon his return, he learned from an undisclosed source that RUBY was "messing around" with his girlfriend. He stated that he felt fondly towards this girl, because she is the

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mother of an illegitimate daughter by him. He stated in the course of the interview that the girlfriend was a Canadian Citizen and the adopted daughter of an American woman. He indicated that she had had some trouble with Immigration Authorities in Dallas recently and was granted her citizenship approximately three years ago.

HARDEE stated that when he heard that RUBY was attempting to have sexual relations with his girlfriend, he, with two friends of his, went to RUBY's business place, and he personally warned RUBY to keep his hands off the girl. He stated that at that time RUBY exhibited to him a nickel-plated .357 Magnum Revolver, which he was wearing on his left hip tucked inside his trousers. Because HARDEE had two friends with him, and RUBY had only two of his friends present, the encounter was a "Mexican Stand-Off", and RUBY accepted HARDEE's warning.

HARDEE stated that upon his insistence his girlfriend quit working for RUBY as of that time.

During the period that HARDEE was in Dallas approximately one year ago, he was in RUBY's presence on several occasions. He stated that RUBY impressed him as being the type of individual who would kill without much provocation.

HARDEE also stated that the police officer whom HARVEY LEE OSWALD allegedly killed after he allegedly assassinated the president was a frequent visitor to RUBY's night club, along with another officer who was a motorcycle patrol in the Oaklawn Section of Dallas. HARDEE stated from his observation there appeared to be a very close relationship between these three individuals.

HARDEE also stated that he had seen RUBY in the Dallas Police Department wearing a gun, and officers there, whom he did not know, were aware that RUBY was wearing a gun at the time.

HARDEE stated that he knew TOM LASSISTER, the "Second Floor Shoe Buyer" for Volks Brothers Shoe Company,

and his wife, whose name he could not recall, a former barmaid for RUBY, were well-acquainted with RUBY and could furnish information about him.

HARDEE stated that he knows of his own personal knowledge that RUBY hustled the strippers and other girls who worked in his club. RUBY made dates for them, accepting the money for the dates in advance, and kept half, giving the other half to the girls. These dates were filled in the new hotel in downtown Dallas and the Holiday Motel in Irvington, where RUBY had an associate, whom HARDEE could only identify as a Negro who drove a big Cadillac.

HARDEE also stated that an individual he knows only as SOL, who operates and owns SOL's Bar And Restaurant on either Main Street or Elm Street in Dallas, Texas, was well-acquainted with RUBY.