BROTHERTON, Jack, was interviewed at his place of business, Service, Inc., 4936 Columbus, Dallas. He said he had never owned the Ducharme Club in Dallas, did not know the owner, and had never visited the place.

He said that in about the late spring or early summer of 1963 he had been approached by three individuals at the Beachcomber Club on Lover's Lane in Dallas, which he then owned. He remembered that one of them was named LARRIE SCHMIDT, but he could not remember the names of SCHMIDT's two friends. These men represented themselves as having a great deal of money at their disposal and being interested in buying a night club in Dallas.

BROTHERTON said that at the time he was losing money on the Beachcomber Club and would have been glad to have sold it, but from the first approach made to him by this trio he had them tabbed as "phonies," who probably had no money.

BROTHERTON said thereafter one or the other of the three would drop into the Lavendar Room in Dallas, which BROTHERTON was then operating and which he still owns, to discuss the possible purchase of the Beachcomber Club. This went on for a matter of four or five weeks. No serious negotiations were ever entered into and BROTHERTON felt that the three men had no money and were not in a financial position to buy any business. Accordingly, he never took their talk very seriously. After a few weeks BROTHERTON said he got tired of talking to the three, and told them he had had a firm offer for the Beachcomber Club and was not interested in talking further with them. He did not thereafter see them again.

BROTHERTON said the three of them never mentioned JACK RUBY, nor did they discuss with BROTHERTON any club other than the Beachcomber which they might be considering buying. He said he had no reason to believe that any of the three had ever met or talked with RUBY.

BROTHERTON said he had known JACK RUBY as a fellow night

on 7/2/64 at Dallas, Texas

by Special Agent W. JAMES WOOD

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