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FERDINAND KAUFMAN, Aka FERD KAUFMAN, 608 Downing Drive, Dallas, Texas, advised as follows:

He is employed as a photographer with the Associated Press with office at Room 353, Dallas News Building, Dallas, Texas. In this capacity he was present during the evening of November 22, 1963, at a show-up in the show-up room of the Dallas Police Department when LEE HARVEY OSWALD was brought in, in order that members of the press might photograph him. He does not recall seeing JACK RUBY present in that group. He does recall seeing MIKE SMITH, an Associated Press photographer from Los Angeles, who was present and who was situated on the other side of the room from KAUFMAN.

KAUFMAN advised that he has no information or knowledge that JACK RUBY was present at a press conference during the evening of November 23, 1963, held by the District Attorney, Dallas, but does recall that later he read in a Dallas newspaper, the name of which he has forgotten, an article stating that RUBY was reportedly present at this press conference and had a camera crew there.

KAUFMAN stated that on November 22, 1963, immediately following the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, he, KAUFMAN, proceeded to the City Hall in Dallas to perform his official duties. He recalls that sometime between 4 and 4:30 p.m. on that date he was in a corridor on the 3rd floor of City Hall, and someone called to him by saying "EDDIE." This individual, who then was unknown to KAUFMAN, walked over to him and stated that he had made a mistake; that he thought KAUFMAN was EDDIE BENEDICT, who KAUFMAN knew to be a Dallas free-lance photographer, residing on Lippitt Street, to the best of his knowledge. The man introduced himself as JACK RUBY and stated that he was the owner of the Carousel Club. He gave KAUFMAN a business card bearing this club's name and RUBY's name and told KAUFMAN that this card would entitle him to be a guest of his at the Carousel Club, and he invited KAUFMAN to come visit his club.

RUBY then stated, to the best of KAUFMAN's recollection, "I'll be the only Dallas businessman who will have an ad in the

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morning paper saying that his places of business will be closed for 3 days in memory of the assassination of the President." KAUFMAN stated that he felt that this was most improbable inasmuch as he knew the deadline for placing an ad in the Dallas morning paper was 5 p.m. He talked to RUBY for about three minutes and left inasmuch as he had pressing matters to attend to.

KAUFMAN advised that he did not see RUBY again prior to the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and that he was not present at the time OSWALD was shot. He further stated that he was not acquainted with OSWALD and has no information indicating or establishing that there was a personal connection between RUBY and OSWALD, but added that he has personally felt since the shooting of OSWALD that OSWALD and RUBY must have known each other and must have conspired in some manner with each other in the assassination of the President.

KAUFMAN further stated that on December 4, 1963, he was contacted by an English reporter, BRIAN PARK, of the London Daily Express, who is presently staying at the Statler Hotel, Dallas, for a few days longer. He had known and had been associated with PARK for a few days at Dallas. PARK stated to him that he had heard a rumor to the effect that JACK RUBY had a display ad in the Dallas Morning News, a Dallas daily newspaper, concerning RUBY's night clubs and at 5 p.m. or a moment before on November 22, 1963, RUBY allegedly called the Display Advertising Department of that newspaper and cancelled his ad and substituted another ad in its place to read that his clubs would be closed due to the assassination of the President.

BRIAN PARK further told KAUFMAN that he had heard that shortly before the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, RUBY appeared at the office of the Dallas News Display Advertising Department located on the second floor front of the building. He allegedly went there to conduct business concerning placing an advertisement in the paper and wished to see the advertising man who usually helped him in this regard. The advertising man was not present and when RUBY was told that he would return at 12:45 p.m., RUBY allegedly waited in the office for him. BRIAN also stated that he had heard that RUBY was present in that office when President KENNEDY was assassinated.

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and that the windows from that office afforded a perfect view of the front of the Texas School Book Depository Building located two or three blocks away, from which building OSWALD shot President KENNEDY. BRIAN informed that he desired to get a story concerning this situation and wanted to take pictures from a window of the Dallas News Display Advertising Department office of the Texas School Book Depository Building and surrounding area.

KAUFMAN stated that BRIAN was subsequently refused permission to take such photographs which refusal was made by the manager of the Dallas News Display Advertising Department.

KAUFMAN stated that he felt that BRIAN was of the opinion that RUBY had made it a point to be present in the above described office when President KENNEDY was driven by in order to witness his assassination; that is, to witness the actual shooting on the part of OSWALD. KAUFMAN said he believed BRIAN was also of the opinion that there must have been a personal connection between RUBY and OSWALD and for this reason BRIAN was most anxious to take the photographs described above.

KAUFMAN said he personally feels that there must have been a personal relationship between RUBY and OSWALD but added that he has no concrete evidence other than what he has stated above, and that his feelings are based merely on opinion.

KAUFMAN advised that he does not know the identity of anyone in the advertising room with RUBY at the time he was allegedly there to place an ad in the paper on November 22, 1963. He also stated he knows of no other newsmen who may have talked with RUBY on November 22 or 23, 1963, or to whom RUBY may have given business cards or invited to visit his clubs.

KAUFMAN advised that prior to interview on December 4, 1963, he had just returned from Fort Worth, Texas, where he was present, with other newsmen, at an interview with LEE HARVEY OSWALD's mother. He added that while in Fort Worth he met a Secret Service Agent whose name he believes was PARR, first name unknown. He related to PARR the information which he furnished interviewing FBI Agents.

KAUFMAN advised he cannot recall any other pertinent information concerning this case, but stated that he will immediately advise the Dallas Office in the event any additional information is received by him.

JERRY LEE KUNKEL, 1818 Stevens Force, telephone WH. 1440, was interviewed at the Dallas FBI Office, at which time he furnished the following information:

KUNKEL is employed as a Radio Announcer for Radio Station KROX and has been so employed since about May, 1963. KUNKEL was not at the Police Department on Sunday, November 24, 1963, when RUBY shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD and, consequently, could furnish no information concerning the shooting of OSWALD or security measures maintained by the Dallas Police Department.

KUNKEL met JACK RUBY approximately eighteen months ago while visiting in Dallas. This meeting took place at the Carousel Club where KUNKEL had gone to see the show. KUNKEL has had no contact with RUBY since that time. The last time he saw RUBY was on Friday night, November 22, 1963, or early Saturday morning, November 23, 1963, when he saw RUBY standing on a chair at the Dallas Police Department Show-up Room, where OSWALD was appearing before a local Justice of the Peace and being charged with the assassination of President KENNEDY.

He subsequently saw RUBY in the hallway on the third floor of the Police Department and overheard RUBY ask an unknown local newsmen for the number of Radio Station KLIF Newsroom. RUBY wanted this number so he could contact the newsmen as he had sandwiches which he wished to give them.

KUNKEL observed RUBY hand out cards advertising the Carousel Club and handed one of these cards to KUNKEL, although KUNKEL is positive RUBY did not remember him from their previous meeting about eighteen months ago.

KUNKEL could furnish no information indicating any association between OSWALD and RUBY.

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