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concerning his closest associates, his travels, or other activities. On one occasion some three or four years ago, RUBY asked him to go into partnership with him in the operation of one of the night clubs, but he considered this simply a promotion deal and did not enter into a serious discussion with him.

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CECIL HAMLIN, 3227 San Paula, Dallas, Texas, furnished the following information:

HAMLIN is presently union representative of Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, AFL-CIO, Dallas, Texas.

HAMLIN met JACK RUBY in the latter part of 1948. At that time RUBY was operating the Silver Spur Club on South Ervay Street, Dallas, and HAMLIN was residing at the old Abbott Hotel located nearby. He began frequenting the Silver Spur Club and was on very friendly terms with RUBY until about 1950. Most of his contacts with RUBY were at the Silver Spur Club on South Ervay Street. In 1950, HAMLIN remarried and he visited the club less frequently but has been a good friend of RUBY since. At times while RUBY was operating the Silver Spur Club, HAMLIN would help out at the club. Subsequently, when RUBY operated the Vegas Club, HAMLIN and his wife would assist RUBY at this club on infrequent occasions. HAMLIN and his wife assisted RUBY on the night RUBY opened the Carousel Club on Commerce Street in downtown Dallas.

HAMLIN knew that RUBY was originally from Chicago but RUBY seldom discussed his background except to mention that he had some pretty hard times when he was young in Chicago.

HAMLIN recalled that while RUBY was operating the Silver Spur and Vegas Clubs in Dallas, he discovered a young Negro boy called "Little Daddy" about four years of age who played drums and danced. RUBY used this boy on shows at his clubs and on one occasion, took the boy to Chicago where RUBY obtained bookings at various clubs. HAMLIN does not recall when this was except probably in early 1950's and he was gone several weeks.

HAMLIN and his wife have attended shows and gone out to dinner with RUBY on a number of occasions since they have known him and he has always acted as a gentleman on these occasions and they never knew him to mistreat or be abusive toward anyone.

RUBY was impulsive and quick tempered and on occasion

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would argue with and berate employees at his clubs, however, he would get over this quickly and would be sorry for his actions. RUBY also acted as his own bouncer and would occasionally have to throw some unruly customer out of his club.

Since about 1950, RUBY has visited in the HAMLIN home a number of times and has called him frequently at his home. He had not seen RUBY for approximately two months prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY. On Friday night, November 22, 1963, RUBY called HAMLIN and mentioned what terrible thing that had happened. He seemed very emotional at the time of the call and said something to the effect "things are all messed up." He said he was closing his clubs until Monday since he thought people would not feel like going to the clubs. He also mentioned how sorry he felt for President KENNEDY's "kids". He was very fond of HAMLIN's small child and inquired about her. HAMLIN received the impression from this phone call that RUBY was considerably "broken up" over the shooting of the President. HAMLIN does not recall that RUBY even mentioned LEE HARVEY OSWALD during this call. He had never previously heard RUBY mention OSWALD and to his knowledge, RUBY did not even know OSWALD. HAMLIN was not acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD and never saw OSWALD or anyone resembling OSWALD at RUBY's club.

HAMLIN and his wife were deeply shocked when they heard of the shooting of OSWALD by RUBY and could not believe it for some time thinking there must have been some mistake.

Subsequently on Monday, November 25, 1963, RUBY called HAMLIN from the Dallas County Jail. He said he was feeling very "low" and seemed to want to know how HAMLIN and his wife felt toward him. He said he guessed he had ruined his life in just a few minutes and that if he had it to do over again, he sure wouldn't do it. He asked HAMLIN to visit him if he could. He mentioned during this call that he had just parked his car before going to the police building prior to shooting OSWALD and had left the dog in the car. HAMLIN gathered from this remark that RUBY had planned to return to the car in a few minutes and that if he had actually planned the shooting of OSWALD, he would not have taken the dog with him.

HAMLIN does not know of any connections RUBY had in Chicago or elsewhere except other members of his family. He does not know of any extensive travel by RUBY except occasional

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trips to Chicago. He never mentioned any trips out of the United States. In early November, 1963, RUBY talked about going to New York to contact the AFSA about bookings for shows and he later mentioned that he had gone to New York. HAMLIN believes that some years ago, RUBY may have taken a brief trip to Nevada but he is not certain of this.

HAMLIN has never been an employee of RUBY, except to help out occasionally at his club and has never had any financial interest in any of RUBY's business enterprises.

RUBY is widely acquainted in the Dallas area and knows a number of policemen but HAMLIN does not know of any particular policemen RUBY was friendly with. He would occasionally have policemen at his club but these would be from the "dance hall detail". HAMLIN does not know any of the policemen who worked on this detail.

Although RUBY seemed to be well known in Dallas, he had few close associates. HAMLIN recalled RALPH PAUL and BRECK WALL as associates of RUBY. He does not know the nature of their association.

After RUBY was placed in the Dallas County Jail, HAMLIN requested permission to visit him, however, he was denied permission until Saturday, November 29, 1963, when he received a call from Sheriff BILL DEWEY who told him RUBY was feeling "low" and that he could visit with him.

HAMLIN stated he expected to be called as a character witness for RUBY when he is brought to trial for the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

HAMLIN advised that he visited RUBY again at the County Jail on about November 31, 1963 and at that time RUBY asked him to handle telegrams, messages and funds relating to the defense of RUBY. HAMLIN at first agreed to do this for RUBY but later after talking to his, HAMLIN's supervisor, he decided that he could not handle this matter for RUBY. He then told RUBY and RUBY's attorney, TOM HOWARD, that he could not handle the messages and defense funds for RUBY. HAMLIN said that in view of his employment he does not intend to become further involved in this matter.

HAMLIN advised he could furnish no additional information.

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