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RONALD B. SAFRAN, whose name was furnished by RUBY during interview on December 21, 1963, as an individual with whom RUBY spoke by phone during the afternoon of November 22, 1963, advised as follows:

Mr. SAFRAN advised that he is employed as an Amusement columnist by the "Dallas Times Herald". He stated that by virtue of his position, he has known JACK RUBY on a business basis during the past five years and has visited his clubs on a number of occasions. He stated that he last saw RUBY in person about six weeks ago when RUBY appeared at the "Times Herald" office requesting that SAFRAN publish in the "Times Herald" paper a photograph of a comedian then employed at one of RUBY's clubs.

Mr. SAFRAN stated that he last talked with RUBY on November 22, 1963, by phone on three separate occasions between approximately 2:30 PM and 3:15 PM. He stated that he, SAFRAN, first called the Carousel Club and requested to speak with RUBY. The purpose of his call was to inquire of RUBY if he planned to close his clubs in view of the assassination of President KENNEDY. RUBY was not present but the individual answering the phone stated he would get in touch with RUBY and have him call SAFRAN. RUBY called SAFRAN a few minutes later and when he was asked if he was going to close his clubs, RUBY stated he planned to close the Carousel Club. RUBY called back a few minutes later and stated that he had decided to close both the Carousel and Vegas Clubs. About 3:15 PM, RUBY called the third time and requested SAFRAN not to mention to the others, i. e., the operators of other clubs at Dallas, that he, RUBY, was closing his clubs, explaining that he wanted to get a "scoop" on them.

SAFRAN stated that during the three telephonic conversations he had with RUBY on November 22, 1963, RUBY briefly mentioned the assassination of President KENNEDY by explaining that he felt terrible over this and that this was a terrible tragedy. He also stated that he had been crying because of the assassination of President KENNEDY. SAFRAN added that he does not recall that RUBY mentioned OSWALD by name on any occasion.

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SAFRAN stated that RUBY has, in his opinion, a persecution complex and has often complained to SAFRAN of being given unfair treatment in respect to publicity of his clubs as compared to publicity given other clubs in Dallas.

Mr. SAFRAN advised that he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and has never received any information indicating a connection or association between RUBY and OSWALD. He advised that he has no information concerning the shooting of OSWALD by RUBY or the manner in which RUBY gained access to the basement of the Dallas Police Department prior to this shooting.

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by Special Agent EDMOND C. BARDIN - 61 Date dictated 12/30/63

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