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Mr. LABRO advised that on November 24, 1963, following the murder of OSWALD, he happened to ride up in the elevator in the Dallas Police headquarters with a woman, who apparently had come to visit RUBY who was then on the fourth floor in the Dallas Police Jail. He presumed the woman to be RUBY's sister. The elevator did not stop en route and thus he saw the woman get off the elevator and walk to the cell to visit RUBY. He recognized RUBY at that time as the man whom he had encountered on the previous day, November 23, 1963, on the third floor. He stated, therefore, that there is no question in his mind as to the identity of the person whom he talked with on November 23, 1963, as RUBY.

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Mr. WILLIAM GEORGE NIKOLIS advised he was born on November 26, 1944, at Vernon, Texas. His permanent address is with his parents, GEORGE and HELEN NIKOLIS, 243-37 72nd Avenue, Douglaston, New York. He is presently a sophomore at Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas, and resides at an apartment at 1926 South Belmont, Tyler, Texas, Telephone LYric 2-6763.

In November, 1963, he was a student at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, and lived at McElveney Hall on the campus.

About 8:30 to 9:00 PM, November 22, 1963, he was at Phil's Delicatessen located Oak Lawn Avenue, Dallas, Texas, and was having a sandwich with his friends, DENNIS PATRICK MARTIN, BOB SINDLER, MARGUERITE VEA RIEGLER and RITA SILBERMAN. All of the above were students at Southern Methodist University with the exception of RITA who was a high school student. He had purchased a DALLAS TIMES HERALD and while sitting at the table, he and his friends were scanning the paper. The front page carried a story concerning the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY that day.

A man, whom he now believes was JACK RUBY, who was wearing horn-rimmed glasses and sitting at another table a short distance from them, walked up and took a section of the newspaper from his hands and at the same time said something to the effect, "Let me borrow your paper". RUBY then walked away with the paper and he is not sure if RUBY sat down at his own table or not, however, a minute or two later the man brought the paper back.

NIKOLIS is unable to recall if RUBY said anything at the time he returned the paper.

A few minutes later this man walked up again and asked to borrow the paper for the second time. NIKOLIS and the others made remarks such as why didn't they give the man a nickel so he could buy his own paper and other similar remarks. RUBY then told them he owned the Carousel and Vegas clubs in Dallas, asked if they had ever heard of the clubs and said something about giving them passes. RUBY said something to the effect he was looking for the club advertisement in the paper, however, NIKOLIS stated it was possible RUBY said he was looking for

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closing notices concerning the clubs. RUBY then walked to a telephone and talked to someone on the telephone, but NIKOLIS and his party were unable to hear any of the conversation. RUBY then brought the paper back to the table. NIKOLIS asked RUBY what effect he thought the assassination of President KENNEDY would have on the city of Dallas and RUBY replied to the effect it would hurt business and that Dallas would get no more conventions.

DENNIS MARTIN asked RUBY several times about the passes to the Carousel Club, but RUBY commented that they were too young and never did give them any of the passes. To the best of his recollection this ended the conversation with RUBY and although he is not certain, he believes that he and his party left the delicatessen while RUBY was still there. They drove around town for a short time that evening, then went home. NIKOLIS continued that he was watching television and saw JACK RUBY shoot and kill LEE HARVEY OSWALD and from many photographs he has seen of RUBY since then, he is almost positive in his own mind that the man in the delicatessen was JACK RUBY. The others of his group who were present at the delicatessen that night were of the same opinion and he was told by BOB SINDELAR that RITA SILBERMAN had called the Dallas Police Department after OSWALD was killed and told them of their encounter with JACK RUBY at the delicatessen. To his knowledge, none of their group were ever interviewed by members of the Dallas Police Department. He continued that to his knowledge, none of his group had ever seen JACK RUBY before, did not know him, and further none of them knew or had ever seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

NIKOLIS continued that he expects to leave Tyler, Texas at the end of May, 1964, and during the summer months of 1964 can be contacted in care of his uncle, NICK ZELIUS, Besco Company, Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas.

RITA LESLIE SILBERMAN advised she resides at 13215 Hughes Circle, Dallas, Texas, where her telephone number is AD 9-5480. She said her stepfather, NORMAN SIEGEL, and her mother, LESLIE RODNEY SIEGEL, reside at that address and their telephone number is AD 9-5546. She said she is a student at Hillcrest High School and she is in the twelfth grade.

She said on November 22, 1963, about 8:00 or 8:30 P.M., she, together with MARGUERITE RIEGLER, DENNIS MARTIN, BILL NIKOLIS and BOB SINDELAR, met at Smith Dormitory at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Thereafter they drove to Phil's Delicatessen, which is located in Dallas, Texas, near the Love Field Airport on Oaklawn Avenue. She said they ordered food and while waiting for it to be served they observed a man talking to other patrons and also making a phone call. She said they paid no attention to this person's conversation, but after he finished his call he came to the table where he took a newspaper from BOB SINDELAR, asking him for it and taking it before he got permission to read it. She said this person took the paper and remarked, "How horrible it is", referring to the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

Then the man made another telephone call and returned to the table, where he took the paper and talked about his night clubs. She said the man turned to a couple of advertisements in the paper and she recalled that they were for the Carousel and Vegas Clubs, and this man said that he owned the clubs and would give passes to the group. Then he looked them over and remarked he could not give them passes because they were too young. One of the boys in the group jokingly said that he was over 21 and thereupon the man, presumably JACK RUBY, said, "Well, come around sometime and perhaps I'll let you in."

She said JACK RUBY seemed to be "upset" and he remarked how horrible the death of the President was and, like everyone else, he talked generally about the assassination and articles which had been published concerning it.

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