

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WALTER ERVIN (BUDDY) HEARD, Manager HEARD and HEARD Insurance Agency, 100 N. Florence, El Paso, Texas, residence Room 109, Hotel Laughlin, 311 W. Franklin, furnished the following information:

He stated that he has been a singer and comedian, but is presently in partnership with his father in the insurance business.

He stated that he was employed as a singer and comedian by JACK RUBY, at the Carousel Club, Dallas, Texas for approximately four or five weeks in May or June, 1961, the exact dates unrecalled. During this period of employment he resided at a hotel, the exact name and location unrecalled.

While employed by RUBY he was friendly with RUBY, and occasionally took his meals with him. He reported that during this employment and social meetings with RUBY, their conversations dealt primarily with the night-club business and the field of entertainment.

He stated that at no time did RUBY mention the name LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Further, RUBY did not mention or discuss politics, or his feelings toward the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

He continued that in approximately September or October, 1962 he was a singer and comedian with the Chuck Cabot Orchestra and during this employment, played an engagement at the Sheridan Hotel, Dallas, Texas for a grocer's, or food convention of some kind.

On one evening, the exact date unrecalled, while in Dallas during this period, he went to the Carousel Club

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and saw and spoke to RUBY for approximately five minutes. This conversation involved an exchange of pleasantries only.

Since last seeing RUBY in September or October, 1962, he reported that RUBY has talked to him on two or three occasions by long distance telephone, one time being November 6, 1963.

During this conversation, and those earlier made, RUBY requested him to make a return engagement at the Carousel as a comedian. He stated that other entertainment, and business commitments have always interfered with his accepting RUBY'S offers.

He stated that RUBY kept a gun in his desk at the Carousel, but he never knew or saw RUBY carrying a firearm.

He continued that RUBY, in his opinion, was a temperamental person, but not violent in nature.

He stated that he was very surprised and shocked when he heard that RUBY was formally charged with the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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