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CHARLES STRAIGHT, 531 Gilpin, employed Ridgewood Barber Shop, 10012 Monroe Drive, furnished the following information:

In 1961, he was employed for seven months as a band leader by JACK RUBY at the Silver Spur. He and RUBY did not get along well during his employment. He has only seen RUBY occasionally on the streets of Dallas, since 1961. The last time he saw RUBY was November 15, 1963, at about 4:00 PM, in the afternoon, at the Merchants State Bank in Dallas. He is definite regarding the above time and place since he, STRAIGHT, was in the bank signing papers regarding the purchase of an automobile.

He stated RUBY always had a short temper and acted on impulse frequently. He was not particularly surprised when he heard RUBY had shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He does not know of any political organization or other club or association that RUBY was associated with.

He does not know OSWALD and does not know of any relationship between RUBY and OSWALD.

on 12/12/63 at Dallas, Texas DL File # 44-1639  
by Special Agent SA R. NEIL QUICLEY :lp Date dictated 12/14/63

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On November 30, 1963, Houston advised as follows:

On November 30, 1963, ROBERT MILLER, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Jim Wells County, Texas, stated he was informed that JACK RUBY was a member of a hunting party shortly after the opening of the season, November 16, 1963, at the ranch of BUCK SHEARER, well known Texas rancher.

On November 30, 1963, San Antonio advised as follows:

LEE SHEARER, Oak Grove Ranch, Mason County, Texas, advised Special Agent JOSEPH C. WEBB, JR., that JACK LEON RUBY was not known to have been a member of a hunting party at his ranch this year. He stated that the San Saba Ranch, five miles north of Pontotoc, Texas, is owned by SHEARER and leased for hunting to W. H. COOPER, 3017 Valwood, Dallas, Texas, for six members. The members include GUDWON OCEE, 1552 Eastus Drive, ROLAND WRIGHT, 2438 Southwood and W. G. WRIGHT, 1731 Timber Grove, all of Dallas. The other two members of the lease were unknown to SHEARER. SHEARER stated that ROLAND WRIGHT had indicated to him that he knew RUBY and considered RUBY to have a poor reputation and to associate with prostitutes in Dallas.

AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

On December 6, 1963, W. H. COOPER, 3017 Valwood Parkway, operator of Ship's Lounge, Dallas, advised Special Agents EDMOND C. HARDIN and ROBERT J. WILKISON as follows:

He and the other members of his hunting lease have never hunted with JACK RUBY and JACK RUBY has never hunted on this lease during the current season or at any other time to his knowledge. COOPER identified the other two members of his hunting lease as RICHARD L. KOSTER, Ft. Worth Avenue, Dallas, and JACK H. EASON, street address unknown, Dallas.

COOPER stated that he met RUBY about three months ago at the Carousel Club where he was a customer. RUBY introduced himself and inquired as to whether COOPER was enjoying himself. COOPER added that he did not engage RUBY in any further conversation and has not seen him since.

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COOPER advised that he does not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and has no information concerning any possible relationship which may have existed between RUBY and OSWALD. He stated that during a recent conversation with LEE SHEARER and others on about November 24, 1963, he mentioned that he had met RUBY and thus may have given the impression that he was familiar with RUBY's background and activities. COOPER stated that he has no additional information concerning this case.

On December 7, 1963, ROLAND O. WRIGHT, 2438 Southwood, who is owner of the Day and Night Automotive Motor Company, 505 West Commerce Street, Dallas, advised Special Agents EDMOND C. HARDIN and ROBERT J. WILKINSON as follows:

He has never met JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD and has no personal knowledge of either individual or of any relationship which may have existed between them. He stated that on November 24, 1963, he recalls discussing RUBY and OSWALD with LEE SHEARER and others and did not indicate that he was acquainted with RUBY but may have volunteered the information that W. H. COOPER, also present, had stated to him that he had met RUBY. Mr. WRIGHT stated that he has no information concerning this case.

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On December 3, 1963, Miss SMOKEY TURNER advised that she is a dancer presently employed at the Gay 90's Bar and Restaurant, 408 Hennepin, Minneapolis. She said that her non-stage name is GLORIA MERRIFIELD.

She was employed at the Gay 90's on November 16, 1963. Between 8:00 and 8:30 P.M. on that date, she received a long distance telephone call from a man identifying himself as JACK RUBY of Dallas. RUBY told her that JOY DALE, one of his dancers had recommended SMOKEY to him and he wanted to know if she desired to come to Dallas and work in one of his clubs. She said that she was interested and RUBY asked her to send photographs of her and some publicity material. She said that she did send this and the next thing she heard from RUBY was she saw him on television involved in the LEE OSWALD matter.

She said that she had never met RUBY and knows nothing about him. The only discussion on the telephone had to do with an offer to work in one of his night clubs and the condition of the work.

On 12/3/63 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # MP 44-248

by SA GEORGE C. BURTOS and SA RAY W. Date dictated 12/4/63

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