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IRENE ZASCODA WARD, of 145 Skyline Apartments, Grand Prairie, Texas, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. She was advised that she did not have to make any statement, and that any statement she made could be used against her in a court of law and that she had the right to consult an attorney. She furnished the following information.

WARD stated she arrived in Grand Prairie approximately four months ago from Waco, Texas, where she resided at 1916 Barnard with telephone number PL 2-7365. She stated that she was formerly employed as a hostess and waitress at the Falcon Club, Waco, and the House of Mole, Waco.

She met JACK RUBY in Dallas, Texas, in a cafe - coffee shop and was introduced to him by a TOM RILES, who plays in the bar of CLYDE MCCOY, "the Sugar Blues Man." This meeting took place in July, 1963. RUBY asked her what she was doing in Waco and WARD advised him what she was doing and also that she was thinking of going to Dallas to seek employment. RUBY offered WARD help in finding employment and gave her his telephone number, both at home and at his club. In July, exact date unknown, WARD called RUBY, telling him that she and a friend named HELEN (LNU), were going to Dallas and RUBY agreed to meet them and help them find a job. They met at Kips, believed to be located on Route 77 and went to RUBY's club downtown. RUBY furnished WARD and HELEN (LNU) with lists of names to call and allowed them to use his office to make these calls.

WARD could not find employment from any of the names on the list and returned to Waco and believed that she later called RUBY at his home, advising him that she was going back to Dallas. WARD could not recall RUBY calling her at home or at the Falcon Club. She believes that the last time she saw RUBY was sometime in the middle of July, 1963.

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JAMES H. RHODES, 719 Estabrook Street, advised he is the subscriber of telephone 885-4323 in Sulphur Springs, Texas, and he remembered a telephone call placed to his residence from JACK RUBY about two months ago. RHODES explained that RUBY has called him numerous times on business since RHODES is a photographer and RUBY occasionally asks him to make photographs of new acts at the Carousel Club.

RHODES stated he was employed by RUBY about two years ago when RUBY first opened the Carousel Club. He advised he worked as a bartender, photographer and booking agent for RUBY and once RUBY got the Carousel Club established, RHODES quit and began working as an independent photographer.

RHODES said RUBY was not liked by his employees due to his "high temper" and sudden outbursts of criticism to employees. RHODES said RUBY has always been a "publicity hound" and would stop at nothing to advertise his business.

RHODES further stated that he had never seen or heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD until he saw his picture on television and had never observed OSWALD in the Carousel Club. RHODES added RUBY has never expressed his political views or governmental affairs to him.

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