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about this conversation of PAUL's that she overheard. She has no other information concerning PAUL's contacts with RUBY on November 22-24, 1963. She has no information indicating that PAUL was trying to hide from the FBI after RUBY shot OSWALD, but does know that employees at the Bull Pen, who answered the telephone, would tell people who called and wanted to talk to PAUL that PAUL was not there, even though these employees would know he was there. She understood PAUL did not want to talk to the many newsmen who were trying to phone him, and this was the reason that employees would tell a caller that RALPH PAUL was not there.

Jack L. Ruby, aka;
Lee Harvey Oswald - Victim (deceased)

Reference is made to the letter dated July 2, 1964, from the President's Commission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine from the files of local and state authorities in Indiana, including any committees investigating "un-American activities", whether or not any lists containing the names of Jack Rubenstein or any persons mentioned by Mr. Fehrenbach were turned over by him to local authorities.

On July 9, 1964, Maurice T. Webb, Director, National Americanism Commission, American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised on July 9, 1964, that his records failed to reveal any information concerning any list of individuals who were connected with the Communist Party (CP) in Muncie, Indiana, and he could not recall the American Legion ever receiving any list of CP members from Mervyn Collins.

James Rowe, State Director, Americanism Commission, American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised on July 9, 1964, the records of his office fail to reveal any list of individuals who were active in the CP in Muncie, Indiana, nor did his files reveal any list of names has ever been received from Mervyn Collins.

Bernice Dickson, Executive Secretary to the Governor of the State of Indiana, advised on July 9, 1964, she had no information in her possession concerning any CP activities in Muncie, Indiana. She further advised she had no records of and could not recall any state investigations concerning the CP in the State of Indiana.

Prudence Douglas, Legal Bureau, Indiana State Legislature, advised on July 9, 1964, a review of her records failed to reveal any hearings by the Indiana State Legislature had ever been conducted concerning the CP in the State of Indiana.

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Katherine Cleveland, Executive Secretary to the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, advised on July 9, 1964, no investigation was ever conducted concerning the activities of the CP by the State of Indiana.

Captain Charles Davis, Investigations Division, Indiana State Police, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised on July 9, 1964, no active investigation was conducted by his department concerning the activities of the CP in the State of Indiana.

Captain Thomas N. New, Juvenile Aid Division, Muncie Police Department, who has charge of pension records for the Muncie Police Department, advised on July 10, 1964, these latter records reflect Mervyn Collins, wife Muriel C. Collins, started on the police department March 4, 1923, and left October 15, 1926. Collins came back on the department January 1, 1930, and retired April 10, 1947. He came back on the department January 1, 1948, as Captain of Detectives and retired for the second time November 1, 1950.

Mr. J. H. Fell, Employment Office, Warner Gear Company, advised on July 10, 1964, records reflect George W. Fehrenbach, Social Security Number 312-20-4062, was hired April 20, 1950, and was called back to military service August 4, 1950. He was released from military service April 30, 1951, and resigned from Warner Gear Company July 9, 1952, as he was going to Florida. His date of birth was listed as March 8, 1926, Muncie, Indiana. He had been in the U. S. Navy from June 14, 1944, to June 21, 1946, honorable discharge, no serial number shown. He was called back to service August 21, 1950, and received an honorable discharge (dependency), April 20, 1951. This record indicated he had previously been employed by Sam Jaffee from 1943 to March, 1949, as a jeweler apprentice under G. I. training.

Mrs. Muriel Collins, 3600 Lilac Lane, advised on July 10, 1964, her husband, Mervyn Collins, had retired from the Muncie Police Department during the first part of 1947. He then returned to the police department as Captain of Detectives in January, 1948, and retired for the second time on November 1, 1950. Her husband died in March, 1952.

She knew a George William Fehrenbach who had married her niece, Phyllis Swallow; however, she had never known him too well. She advised her husband did not discuss his work with her and she knew nothing regarding two typewritten pages of names which would have been turned over to her husband by Fehrenbach.

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Mr. Jack Collins, Assistant Manager, Rogers Jewelers, residence 3600 Lilac Lane, advised on July 10, 1964, his father, Mervyn Collins, retired from the Muncie Police Department and had died in March, 1952. He said he had known George William Fehrenbach, had gone to school with Fehrenbach, and that Fehrenbach had married his cousin, Phyllis Swallow. He recalled Fehrenbach had worked for Sam Jaffee. He described Fehrenbach as an "odd ball", stating Fehrenbach was out of work quite a bit, could not seem to hold a job, and drifted around quite a bit.

He had never heard his father mention any list of names which might have been turned over to him by Fehrenbach.

Mr. Morton M. Pazol, Pazol's Jewelers, 125 South Walnut, was reinterviewed July 10, 1964, and stated he had known George William Fehrenbach. He said Fehrenbach had worked for Sam Jaffee as an errand boy and jewelry repairman, at which time Jaffee's store had been located in the one hundred block of East Adams. He believed there had been a gambling joint on the second floor of this building but never visited it nor could he recall who operated the gambling joint. He knew of no union hall meeting place above this location and said it definitely had not been a Jewish meeting place. B'Nai B'Rith, a Jewish fellowship organization, has operated in Muncie for a great many years but their meetings have always been at their own temple. He said it was possible Sam Jaffee could have been an officer in B'Nai B'Rith during 1947.

Mr. Pazol said Fehrenbach had been in the U. S. Navy and left Muncie sometime between 1948 and 1952. He had no idea as to where Fehrenbach went after leaving Muncie. He described Fehrenbach as a "nut", stating he had no particular reason for making this statement but that is just the way Fehrenbach impressed him.

Mr. James Swallow, Draftsman, Indiana Bridge Company, residence 2920 South Elm, advised on July 10, 1964, his sister, Phyllis Swallow, had married George William Fehrenbach about 1946. Fehrenbach had been in the U. S. Navy prior to marrying his sister and had also been recalled to service during the Korean War. He said they have two children and are presently residing somewhere in Oregon. He has not heard from them for over two years. He never did get along too well with Fehrenbach as the latter always tried to give the impression he was a big shot.

He recalled Fehrenbach had worked for Sam Jaffee, who had operated a jewelry store, and had taken training from Jaffee

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under the G. I. Bill in an effort to become a diamond setter. He said Jaffee's store had been upstairs in the two hundred block of South Walnut and later moved to the one hundred block of East Adams. He believed prior to being recalled to service in the Korean War, Fehronbach had worked for Warner Gear in Muncie.

He said Mervyn Collins, who had retired from the Muncie Police Department in 1950, had been his great uncle. He had never heard Collins speak of any list which might have been turned over to him by Fehronbach.

Sol Grufin, Juvenile Aid Division, Muncie Police Department, who has been in Muncie since 1957, advised on July 10, 1964, he had been president of B'Nai B'Rith in 1961. He said he would attempt to ascertain who the officers and members of this organization were as of 1947.

Mrs. Marie Shaw, 1006 North Jefferson Street, Muncie, Indiana, advised on July 15, 1964, that she worked for Sam Jaffee of Sam Jaffee Jewelers in Muncie, Indiana, for about six and one-half years and her position was that of a bookkeeper. She does not recall the dates of her employment but it would have been in the mid and late 1940s and possibly 1950. When she first began working for him, Sam Jaffee's business was located on the second floor of an unrecalled address on South Walnut Street, and later the business moved to the street floor at 110 East Adams Street. Also, on the second floor of the South Walnut Street address where Jaffee had his jewelry and repair store, there were other offices. She recalled there was a doctor's office, a beauty shop, and also an accountant or collector had an office on the second floor. She does not recall anything being on the third floor of this building except a bingo game. She recalls the local police arrested a number of women who were either operating or frequenting the bingo game on the third floor of the building. At the East Adams Street address, she recalls the upstairs was a storage area.

As to any possible communist leanings had by Sam Jaffee, she advised Jaffee was a religious person and often talked about God. Jaffee was a good, honest, dependable person of good reputation and character and, to her knowledge, Jaffee never

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had anything to do with any communist activities. She believes she would definitely have known of any meetings of any kind attended by Jaffee and she knows of none. The only organization she knows of which Jaffee attended occasionally was B'Nai B'Rith at Muncie and the other members of this organization had a difficult time getting Jaffee to attend these meetings. She noted also that Jaffee had an uncle and aunt killed by the communists in Poland and she is certain Jaffee would have nothing to do with the CP.

She knows nothing concerning an alleged list of names being in the possession of Jaffee or anyone else at Jaffee's place of business or anywhere else on which the name Jack Rubenstein appeared. She knows of no list of names and never saw any such list. She does not recall ever having heard of the name Jack Rubenstein. She has seen pictures in newspapers and on television of Jack Ruby who shot Lee Harvey Oswald and she did not recognize him as anyone she had ever seen or known.

She recalls when George William Fehronbach worked as an apprentice for Sam Jaffe and described him as a "screwball". She recalls Fehronbach was married to a girl, name not recalled, and Fehronbach was dating other women. Fehronbach would talk of the other women and was a boastful, braggart type of person, always trying to be a "big shot". At one time while Fehronbach was working for Jaffee, Fehronbach stole a bracelet of some type and sold it. Jaffee learned of this but would not fire Fehronbach as Jaffee stated Fehronbach would be leaving soon anyway. At about this time, Fehronbach was thinking of quitting and going out West. She added that Fehronbach liked "to feel important".

She recalls a Bill Miller who worked for Jaffee and she last saw him about two years ago at Muncie, Indiana. She believes at that time Miller was selling some type of cigarettes, possibly Camels. She believes Miller's parents reside at Muncie, Indiana, however, she does not know their names or addresses.

She knew all of Sam Jaffee's sons-in-law and thinks two of them had resided at Chicago, Illinois. She does not recall either of them ever bringing anyone to Muncie, Indiana.

William Eugene Miller, 304 East Dayton Street, South Bend, Indiana, and District Agent, Prudential Insurance Company, 2620 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend, Indiana, advised on July 17, 1964, he was employed as an apprentice jeweler for Sam Jaffee

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Jewelers in Muncie, Indiana, for approximately two and one-half years, from about 1944 to 1947. He was unable to recall the exact dates. At the time of his employment, he could recall only one other permanent employee, who was a heavyset woman whose name he could not recall.

During the period he worked there, a George Fehrenbach worked there on occasions on a temporary basis to help out, but never on a permanent basis. He understood Fehrenbach was a permanent employee prior to the time he came there. He recalled Fehrenbach as an individual who talked a great deal and was prone to enlarge on statements he made to the point of exaggeration. He would place very little reliability in what he said.

To his recollection, the store consisted of a jewelry store on the ground floor and the repair shop was on the second floor; however, he was unable to recall whether there was a third floor to this building. He knew of no meetings of any type ever being held in the building, and he knew of no CP meetings being held in Muncie, Indiana.

His impression of Sam Jaffee was that he appeared to be a fine person and recalls he frequently talked about the minority groups giving the impression that he favored the minority groups. He could not recall any organization of any kind and had no knowledge that he ever had any communist leanings.

He recalled Jaffee had two sons-in-law in Chicago, Illinois. One was a Max Pritchard who was in the restaurant business in Chicago, and the other, whose name he could not recall, was in the music business in Chicago. They visited in Muncie, Indiana, on occasions and he had met them in Muncie through Jaffee; however, he did not know them too well. He was unable to recall either son-in-law ever bringing anyone to Muncie, Indiana from Chicago, Illinois on any occasion.

He cannot recall ever seeing anyone resembling Jack Ruby in Muncie or in the company of Jaffee or his sons-in-law. He could not recall seeing or hearing the name of Jack Ruby or Jack Rubenstein while in Muncie, Indiana.

ROBERT L. NORTON, 3414 Manana Street, Dallas, Texas, owner of the Pago Pago Club (formerly known as the Pago Club), 2822 McKinney Avenue, Dallas, was interviewed at his place of residence.

NORTON stated that on Saturday night, November 23, 1963, he had given \$50.00 in cash to JACK L. RUBY at the Pago Club prior to RUBY leaving the club that night.

Concerning this \$50.00, NORTON gave the following explanation regarding his giving RUBY this money:

NORTON stated that some months earlier in 1963, approximately fifteen owners of different commercial night clubs in the Dallas area had formed a group known as the "Dallas Association of Clubs and Lounges" with the purpose of accumulating a small treasury to enable the owners to have a fund to conduct credit checks, locate bad check passers, and, in general to perform different acts to improve the operations of the clubs and lounges and create a better impression of the club owners in the minds of the local citizens.

NORTON stated that he was elected the first President of this group, which did not have any office space as such.

While the organization had good intentions at first, the few members lost interest and the group decided to fold. However, during the short time the association was in existence, it had accumulated around \$400.00 in its treasury.

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on 8/21/64 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 44-1639by Special Agent RICHARD J. BURNETT /itf Date dictated 8/21/64

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