

Date December 1, 1963GEORGE WILLIAM FEHRENBACH

FEHRENBACH went on to say that he feels that MARIE SHAW may have some knowledge of the meetings in Muncie, but he doubts if she could remember JACK RUBY. He said that he feels that BILL MILLER would not recall JACK RUBY.

On November 25, 1963 GEORGE WILLIAM FEHRENBACH, Jeweler, Medical Center Building, Medford, Oregon, volunteered the following information:

"Ashland, Oregon  
November 25, 1963

"I, George William Fehrenbach, make the following voluntary statement to James J. Mullaney and J. Eldon Dunn who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I am not required to make a written statement but do so of my own free will and I am willing to testify in a court of law to the information contained herein.

"I was born March 8, 1926, in Muncie, Indiana.

"When I was sixteen years old I left school and took a job with Sam Jaffe as a jeweler apprentice. His store was located on Walnut Street between Jackson and Adams Streets in Muncie, Indiana. There was a group of men in the neighborhood who talked to me about the Communist Party and about Russia and I believe that they were members of the Communist Party. They were Phillip Jasser, of Jasser's Clothing Store on Mulberry Street; Lawson Jaffe, who owned Lawson's Jewelers on Walnut Street; and Morton Standt, who owned Standt's Jewellery Store on Jackson Street, and he also owned Roger's Jewelers on Walnut Street.

"About six months to a year after I started work for Sam Jaffe a group of people came down from Chicago and I believe they were going to hold a meeting in Muncie. The group I have named were going to attend the meeting and I believe the meeting had something to do with the Communist Party or with Russia. It was to be held in a union hall upstairs from the store where I worked or in the Jewish meeting hall. The son-in-law of Sam Jaffe was one of the people who came from Chicago and he brought with him a man who was introduced to me as Jack Rubenstein (ph).

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by SA's JAMES J. MULLANEY & J. ELDON DUNN/LB Date dictated 11/28/63

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"Last night I saw the picture of Jack Ruby on television and at that time I did not think any more about it. Today while I was at work it came to me suddenly that Jack Ruby is the name person who was introduced to me in Muncie, Indiana, as Jack Rubenstein.

"As I remember it Jack Rubenstein came to Muncie, Indiana, twice with the son-in-law of Sam Jaffe before I went in the Navy. Both times they were there to attend a meeting with the group that talked to me about the Communist Party. I recall that Jack Rubenstein was in show business in Chicago as he showed me a few card tricks and reading from a folded paper something I had written. He also brought with him a very tall blond girl who was in show business.

"I went in the Navy on 6-14-44 and was discharged on 6-21-46. I then went back to my job with Sam Jaffe.

"Shortly after my first boy was born in June 1947, there was another meeting held and Jack Rubenstein came again from Chicago with the son-in-law of Sam Jaffe. This meeting was held in the union hall above the Jaffe store. The next morning after the meeting I was sent up to the union hall to get a chair that had been taken up there from the store. Up in the hall I saw a list of names on a table. There were two typewritten pages of names. The first names as I remember them were Lawson Jaffe, Phillip Jasser, Herbert Pazol, Morton Pazol, Morton Standt, and Jack Rubenstein. I took this list of names to Marvin Collins, an uncle to my wife, who was on the Muncie Police Department. He said he would turn the list over to the FBI.

"Tonight I have been shown the picture of Jack Ruby in the Oregon Journal, 11-25-63, and this is a very good likeness of the person who was introduced to me as Jack Rubenstein. He appears older and the hair line is a little higher. I have also been shown the picture of Jack Ruby on page twelve of the Oregonian, 11-25-63, and this picture does not look like Jack Rubenstein. I have also been shown the picture of Jack Ruby in the San Francisco Examiner - page D, 11-25-63, and this picture looks like Jack Rubenstein except the hair line is higher and Ruby appears heavier.

"After the meeting when I got the list I never saw Jack Rubenstein again.

"I never saw any membership cards of the people who talked to me about the Communist Party and they did not directly say

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they were members but they told me I should join the Communist Party and 'get on the right side of the fence before it was too late.'

"The last time I saw Jack Rubenstein I would describe him as follows: 30 to 35 years of age, height about 5'10" to 6', 165 to 175 pounds, no scars or marks or anything unusual I can remember but he almost always wore a hat.

"When the son-in-law of Sam Jaffe and Jack Rubenstein traveled from Chicago to attend the meetings I think they came by auto but I do not remember seeing it.

"I have read the above statement & to the best of my memory it is true.

"/s/ George William Fehrenbach

"Witnessed:

/s/ James J. Mullansy, Special Agent, FBI, Medford, Oregon  
/s/ J. Eldon Dunn, Special Agent, FBI, Medford, Oregon"

FEHRENBACH advised that SAM JAFFE died in 1959 or 1960 at Miami Beach, Florida, but was buried in Chicago where FEHRENBACH believed his widow still lives. FEHRENBACH said that SAM JAFFE had two daughters, CHARLOTTE and another, name unknown, who was married to the above son-in-law. FEHRENBACH believed that the PAZOLS and STANDT are still in Muncie where the PAZOLS once operated a jewelry store at Jackson and Walnut Streets. FEHRENBACH believed that LAWSON JAFFE sold his store in Muncie and went to Dayton, Ohio, about ten years ago and that JASSER is deceased.

FEHRENBACH stated that in addition to serving in the Navy, with honorable discharge, he also served in the Korean War, 1950 to 1951, with hardship discharge. He married PHYLLIS SWALLOW, a native Muncie girl, on July 27, 1946.

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