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Mr. LAWSON L. JAFFE, President, Mayor's Jewelers, Third and Main Streets, Dayton, Ohio, residence address, 3733 Wales Drive, Dayton, Ohio, advised he was born September 12, 1905, at Chicago, Illinois. He was reared in the Chicago area and later was self employed as a jewelry salesman traveling out of the Chicago area. In 1935 he moved to Muncie, Indiana, where he owned and operated six jewelry stores in Muncie and other nearby Indiana cities. In the spring of 1945, he sold these jewelry stores and moved to Dayton, Ohio, where he purchased Mayor's Jewelers. JAFFE suffered a stroke in the spring of 1961, and is partially paralyzed on his entire left side. In addition, his brain was slightly impaired.

LAWSON JAFFE advised that he is the nephew of SAM JAFFE, who was born in Russia. His father, LOUIS, and SAM JAFFE were brothers. SAM JAFFE died about five years ago, and his widow, SONIA JAFFE, currently resides at 7301 Harding Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. SAM JAFFE had two daughters, CHARLOTTE, married to SEYMOUR CHAZIN, who reside at an unknown address in Highland Park, Illinois, but have a listed telephone. MARION, married to MAX PRITZKER, resides on Sheridan Road, Chicago, and operates Cindy Sue Restaurant, located near Sheridan and De Von, Chicago. MAX and MARION PRITZKER moved from Chicago to Muncie, Indiana, in the late 1930's. They owned and operated a small restaurant in the Muncie area for about five years, and then returned to Chicago, as they were unsuccessful in this operation. Occasionally they returned to the Muncie area for visits during the period LAWSON JAFFE resided in the Muncie area.

SAM JAFFE moved to Muncie, Indiana, from Chicago, in about 1936, and operated a jewelry repair shop on the second floor of the building located at 214 Walnut Street, over Lawson's Jewelers, which was owned by LAWSON JAFFE. After LAWSON JAFFE moved to Dayton in 1945, SAM JAFFE operated the Sam Jaffe Jewelers, 110 Adam Street, Muncie, for about two years, after which he retired and moved to Florida.

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LAWSON JAFFE denied ever having been a member of the Communist Party or in sympathy with communism. He advised that there was a group in the Muncie area whom he suspected of being sympathetic toward communism; however, to his knowledge, these persons were not Communist Party members. This group consisted of SAM JAFFE, MAX PRITZKER, PHILLIP and SONIA JASSER (PHILLIP JASSER is deceased), HARRY PAZOL, and his sons, MORTON and HERBERT PAZOL. To his knowledge, no meetings of this group were ever held in the second floor office of SAM JAFFE, or in any union hall in the Muncie area.

LAWSON JAFFE advised that he was formerly married to ETHEL STANDT, sister of MORTON STANDT. MORTON STANDT was for a short time his business partner in the operation of his jewelry stores in the Muncie area. He felt that STANDT was not a member of the above-mentioned group, nor did he feel that he was sympathetic toward communism. JAFFE is currently married to RUTH JAFFE, nee ARMSTRONG, age 46, who was born at Albany, Indiana.

LAWSON JAFFE stated the names MORRIS ADELMAN, JACOB RUBENSTEIN, JACK RUBENSTEIN or JACK RUBY were not familiar to him, and to his knowledge, neither PRITZKER or CHAZIN ever brought friends on visits to the Muncie area from Chicago. He recalled no one by the name RUBENSTEIN visiting the Muncie area during the period he resided there.

He stated he was not acquainted, nor did he have any information concerning JACK RUBY, also known as JACK RUBENSTEIN or LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the person who assassinated President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

LAWSON JAFFE stated that the only person he recalls having been employed by SAM JAFFE in the Muncie area was REX JELLY, a jewelry repairman and watchmaker, who would now be about seventy years of age. The name GEORGE WILLIAM FEHRENBACH was not familiar to him, and, to his knowledge, this person was never employed by SAM JAFFE.

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