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RFH:aaa(1)RE LEO BLUMIN - BACKGROUND OF JACK LEON RUBY

The Cincinnati Office by communication dated November 29, 1963, furnished information reflecting that on that date one HARRY BEECHER, 1021 Longbourne, Cincinnati, telephonically advised that EDNA at Peggy's Beauty Salon, Keith Building, Cincinnati, knows a jewelry salesman who claims he knew JACK LEON RUBY in Poland before RUBY came to Chicago. This communication indicates that one LEO BLUMIN, jewelry salesman, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, was watching a newscast on November 25, 1963, with ALBERT M. COOPER, Cooper and Company, 817 Main Street, Cincinnati. When RUBY was observed on television, BLUMIN allegedly commented that he looked like someone he had known in Warsaw, Poland. He said he lived in the home of one JACK RUBENSTEIN in Warsaw and that this individual resembled JACK RUBY. BLUMIN allegedly told COOPER that the RUBENSTEIN he knew in Poland was a devout communist and had fought on the side of the communists in Spain. Mr. COOPER stated that BLUMIN left him with the impression that RUBY and the JACK RUBENSTEIN he had known in Poland were two different individuals who in some way resembled each other.

On December 2, 1963, LEO BLUMIN, Owner, K and B Sales, 489 State Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, told SAs PHILLIP S. STEWART and PETER J. BARNES, JR., that while in Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 25, 1963, he was watching television with ALBERT M. COOPER, a business associate in Cincinnati. Upon viewing pictures of JACK RUBY on the television screen, BLUMIN remarked to COOPER that RUBY resembled a JACK RUBENSTEIN whom he had known in Warsaw, Poland. He explained that he knew this JACK RUBENSTEIN during the period 1918 and 1923 when RUBENSTEIN was attending school.

Mr. BLUMIN added that he left Warsaw in 1923 and returned in 1936 or 1937. He said he remembered hearing stories that JACK RUBENSTEIN was a high-ranking officer in charge of a communist international brigade fighting in Spain. He stated that this RUBENSTEIN and JACK RUBY had similar facial structures; however, if he had definitely felt they were identical, he would have personally contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Cincinnati.

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Mr. T. V. STEPHENS, Proprietor, "The Click Studio," a camera shop, Altus, Oklahoma, furnished the following information:

On February 18, 1964, an individual identifying himself as MORRIS TANNEHILL appeared at "The Click Studio" with a business card showing he was a factory representative of the Noel R. Chapin Company, 4136 Commerce, Dallas 26, Texas, a company which sells picture frame molding and frames. TANNEHILL stated he had recently taken over the route which includes Altus from his predecessor with the Chapin Company, who had retired.

TANNEHILL appeared very highly educated, very well read, and had an excellent personality. He stated he was a member of two anti-Communist organizations in Dallas; that JACK RUBY is "dead either way he goes unless he gets a life sentence because somebody will rub him out." He further stated it is well known that RUBY had been mixed in with the Communists and that RUBY had a plane chartered to go to Mexico the day of LEE HARVEY OSWALD's assassination, but did not go.

TANNEHILL remarked that he always got "carried away" when engaging in political discussions but TANNEHILL appeared serious and did not appear to be a "show off" or a mental case.

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On 2/19/64 at Altus, Oklahoma File # 7C 44-43C  
by WILLIAM T. HAZELWOOD:bnm Date dictated 2/24/64

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