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WALTER JAMES CARLSON, Jr., 2103 North 24th Street, advised that he was a technical sergeant in the U.S. Army from November, 1939 to September, 1945, under the Army Serial Number, ASN 693 7723, but was on duty with the U.S. Air Force during the latter part of his service time. He stated after he came back from overseas duty, he was assigned in about September, 1943 to the Alachua Air Force Base at Gainesville, Florida with the 521st Fighter-Bomber Group, in the Communications Section. He stated he does not recall the Squadron number. He stated he was then transferred with his unit to the Kissimmee Air Force Base, Kissimmee, Florida arriving there about December, 1943 and probably in about February, 1944 he was transferred with his unit to the Pinecastle Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida, where he stayed until about September, 1945. In his Communications Section, probably beginning at Kissimmee Air Force Base, was a man named RUBY, whose first name may have been JACK. He stated this man may have been at Gainesville, too, but he does not specifically recall it. He stated the man named RUBY was an enlisted man, possibly a sergeant or a staff sergeant in the Communications Section, purporting to have knowledge of radio and/or telephones. He stated some of the photographs of JACK RUBY, the man who shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD, appear to him to resemble the man named RUBY in the 521st Fighter-Bomber Group at the base named above. He stated the man in his unit was short, stocky build, dark hair with bald spot on top and the man gambled a lot, having talked about betting on sulky races in Detroit, Michigan, on his furlough. He stated the man was from Chicago, Illinois as he recalls. He stated the man smoked cigars a lot. He stated the man had not been overseas, and appeared to be in a clique at the 521st Fighter-Bomber Group, along with a Master Sergeant BUMPAS (first name not recalled), and a Technical Sergeant CALLAHAN (first name not recalled), and they seemed to have their own way in the Communications Section. He stated the man called RUBY was rumored to be associated with a Colonel ROGERE, base commander of Pinecastle Air Force Base, who he heard had tried to solicit Communist Party Memberships from officers at the Officer's Club there. He stated he has no specific knowledge of this but he had heard rumors about this matter. He stated that in September, 1945, he recalls the footlockers of the men at the Communications Section were searched by men who he heard were from the intelligence unit.

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of the service, and they were supposed to be looking for subversive material. He recalls vividly that the man called RUBY protested vigorously the search of his locker. He stated he inferred from such activities that perhaps the man named RUBY was associated with subversive elements at the base.

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