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CHARLES ARNDT, Room 516 YMCA, 605 N. Ervay, Dallas, Texas, advised that he is employed at the Contract Electronics Company, 2533 Elm Street, Dallas. Approximately four weeks ago while he was at the shop with DONALD C. STUART, JACK RUBY entered the shop accompanied by a younger man. He discussed with STUART the possibility of installing a new public address system in the Club Carousel. While he was there, ROBERT PATTERSON, one of the owners of Contract Electronics entered the building. RUBY told STUART and PATTERSON that he wished to give them passes to the Club Carousel and wrote their names in a small notebook. ARNDT stated he recalled that STUART gave RUBY his driver's license and RUBY copied his name from the driver's license into a small notebook he was carrying in his pocket. He does not recall specifically seeing RUBY write PATTERSON's name in the notebook.

ARNDT examined a photo of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and advised that he could not definitely state whether or not OSWALD is identical with the younger man who accompanied RUBY.

He described the younger man as a white male, in his 20's, 5'7", 140 lbs. or possibly a little more, slight build, dark brown hair, of average thickness. This man had very little to say. ARNDT could not recall that his name was ever given, but did recall that RUBY stated he worked for him.

ARNDT advised that he was at the shop later in the day when RUBY accompanied by the younger man again returned to the shop with a microphone which needed repairing. He believes it was about 6:30 p.m. at this time and RUBY specified that he had to have the microphone no later than 9:00 p.m. The microphone was repaired and PATTERSON delivered it to the Carousel Club.

MORTON WILLIAM NEWMAN, reporter for the "Chicago Daily News" Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

NEWMAN advised he arrived in Dallas at approximately 7:30 PM, November 23, 1963. He first saw LEE HARVEY OSWALD for some thirty seconds at noon, Saturday, November 23, 1963, at the Dallas Police Headquarters. The only other time he saw OSWALD was on Sunday morning, November 24, when OSWALD was shot and killed in the basement of the Dallas Police Headquarters by JACK RUBY. NEWMAN said he never interviewed OSWALD.

NEWMAN related that on November 24, 1963, he arrived at the Dallas Police Headquarters at approximately 10:30 AM. When he entered police headquarters, he was required to identify himself as a member of the press. He then proceeded to the basement of the building, and he was again required to identify himself. When he arrived in the basement he saw some 100 people gathered. He said about half were uniformed police officers and he presumed the others were plainclothesmen and members of the press, radio and TV.

NEWMAN stated OSWALD made his appearance in the basement, accompanied by two plainclothesmen, at approximately 11:25 AM. He said that in a split second JACK RUBY dashed out of the crowd and fired at OSWALD. NEWMAN added that he had not noticed RUBY before this incident and everyone's attention was on OSWALD as he made his appearance. NEWMAN stated that he did not get a good look at RUBY as he killed OSWALD and only saw him "out of the corner of his eye". He pointed out that he has not until this date seen RUBY's face because the officers converged on RUBY as soon as he shot OSWALD.

He advised that to the best of his knowledge everyone who entered the basement of the Dallas Police Headquarters on the morning of November 24, 1963, was required to identify himself. He added, however, that many were looking about, leaving and re-entering, and in his opinion the police officers did not look carefully at the identification of NEWMAN and other persons entering the basement. He was also surprised that those entering the basement were not "frisked" for weapons.

NEWMAN said that immediately after OSWALD was shot, the basement was in a turmoil. He heard a uniformed police officer, one

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of six guarding the exit to the basement, whose identity was unknown to him, make the comment that he formerly worked for JACK RUBY as a "bouncer" at RUBY's night club.

NEWMAN said he never knew JACK RUBY and has never interviewed him. He advised he learned from LARRY FAINING, editor, "Chicago Daily News", that WILLIAM MOONEY, Assistant City Editor of that newspaper, mentioned that four men were arrested in Chicago, Illinois, on November 2, 1963, for carrying a concealed weapon and he (MOONEY) believed one was named OSWALD. NEWMAN knew nothing further concerning this matter.

NEWMAN advised he heard BOB YOUNG, reporter for "Newsweek" magazine, Chicago, Illinois, who is presently in Dallas, Texas, mentioned that JACK RUBY was in the office of the "Dallas Morning News", Dallas, Texas, immediately before, during and after the President was assassinated and was in a position to observe the scene where the assassination took place.

NEWMAN knew none of RUBY's associates and nothing concerning his activities.

He related that he heard from unrecalled sources that RUBY was in or about the Dallas Police Headquarters some two hours prior to the shooting of OSWALD. He also heard from unrecalled sources that RUBY gained entrance to the basement by helping a TV cameraman move equipment into the basement.

NEWMAN also stated another unrecalled source mentioned he believed JACK RUBY formerly had a roommate in Dallas who was a "Left Winger". NEWMAN said he took this comment to mean that RUBY's former roommate was possibly a member of some subversive organization or one with subversive leanings.

He advised he heard from Lieut. GEORGE BUTLER, of the Dallas Police Department, that JACK RUBY came to Dallas from San Francisco or Chicago in the late 1940's and was involved in an attempt to bribe Sheriff STEVE GUTHRIE, of Dallas. He stated that it is his understanding that the following individuals were involved in this attempted bribe:

One LABRIOLA, also known as "NEEDLENOGE";

One WEINBERG (FNU);

PAUL ROLAND JONES, from St. Louis;

DANNY LARDINO and

FRANK COSTELLO.

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He advised that RUBY was a particularly close friend of JONES. He said that the first two individuals, LABRIOLA and WEINBERG, were supposed to have been killed when they returned to Chicago. NEWMAN informed that as a result of this story, which apparently has been rumored around some, some of the people of the news media think that possibly the "Syndicate" hired OSWALD to assassinate President KENNEDY.

He further stated that it is his understanding that when EVA GRANT was at the police station after JACK RUBY's arrest, as she was leaving the police station, she made a remark to the effect that JACI didn't see why "KENNEDY was killed when a man like VALACHI was permitted to live."

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