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Nancy Powell, 1217 Clarence Street, Fort Worth, Texas, advised on August 17, 1964, that she has performed in the past in a strip-tease act at the Carousel Club in Dallas, Texas, when that club was operated by Jack Ruby. Upon viewing photographs of Bernard Weissman and J. D. Tippit, Miss Powell stated that she has never seen either Weissman or Tippit in a meeting together at the Carousel Club with Jack Ruby or anyone else. She does not know Weissman or Tippit.

On August 7, 1964, Mrs. Marie Tippit, 238 Glencairn, Dallas, advised that she is the wife of deceased Dallas Police Officer J. D. Tippit, who was killed on November 22, 1963. Mrs. Tippit viewed two different photographs of her late husband which had been obtained on August 6, 1964, from the Dallas Police Department, and she noted that the photograph of her husband in plain street clothes was taken in 1952, and the other photograph of Officer Tippit in a policeman's uniform was a snapshot taken in 1957. She noted that the latter photograph is the better likeness of her deceased husband. Mrs. Tippit stated that she has no additional good photographs of her husband as he had always neglected having a studio photograph made of himself.

Mrs. Tippit advised that Bernard Weissman is unknown to her, and she does not recall her husband ever having mentioned his name or having known such an individual.

On December 16, 1963, Gayle M. Tippit, Detective, Special Service Bureau, Dallas Police Department, advised that he first began working for the Dallas Police Department in 1950, and soon thereafter, he met Jack Ruby, who was at that time operating the Silver Spur Night Club at 1717 South Ervay, in Dallas. Tippit was assigned to this area, and it was his duty to periodically check the Silver Spur, which was a combination dance hall and beer tavern. During this period of time, he became very well acquainted with Jack Ruby. He noted

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that Ruby acted as his own bouncer and would forcibly expel anyone who caused trouble at the club. Ruby was very friendly and helpful to the patrolling officers and requested no special favors of the officers.

In subsequent years Gayle Tippit had occasion to contact Ruby while the latter was operating the Vegas Club and the Carousel Club although his contacts in recent years have been infrequent. Tippit personally had no knowledge of any illegal activities on the part of Ruby, such as gambling, narcotics or prostitution.

Detective Tippit advised he had not known Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination of President Kennedy and had no information indicating a connection between Oswald and Ruby.

Detective Tippit stated that on November 24, 1963, he was on duty on the second floor of the Municipal Building at the time Oswald was slain by Ruby. Tippit was in the office of the Special Service Bureau and had no opportunity to see what was going on in the basement of the building. He did not see Ruby on that date. Tippit was not aware of the security plans concerning the transfer of Oswald to the County Jail but did note that he had to identify himself to patrolmen on duty on the third floor when he had occasion to go to that floor on the morning of November 24, 1963.

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