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AT T-1 advised on November 25, 1963, that during the latter 40's, he knew of a racketeer named RUBIN around Daytona, Florida, but knew nothing concerning his activities. T-1 stated he has seen pictures of JACK LEON RUBY and they appear similar to RUBIN as he knew him then.

T-1 suggested that the following persons may have complete knowledge of RUBY if identical with RUBIN:

MATTIE TRACY, Daytona, Florida, a bookie, gambler and procurer.

JOHNNY WHALEN, Daytona, Florida, probably night club operator.

M. T. BROWNING, Daytona, Florida, Police Department.

TOM JOHNSON, former Chief of Police, South Daytona Police Department.

PITT COLE, DeLand, Florida, operating gambling devices in Daytona's largest night club.

(First Name Unknown) KITCHIN, former Chief Deputy Sheriff, DeLand, Florida.

Mrs. MARY THOMPSON, 1155 Dupont, Kalamazoo, Michigan, advised as follows:

On About May 30, 1958, she traveled to Islamorada Florida, accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, DOLORES and RICHARD RHOADS. They visited her brother and sister-in-law, JAMES and MARY LOU "BUTCH" WOODARD, who resided in a cottage, address not known, which was located behind the cottage of TED WILLIAMS, well-known professional baseball player. While there, they met JACK and ISABEL (last name unknown), acquaintances of the WOODARDS. There was not sufficient room in the WOODARD cottage and JACK and ISABEL suggested that DOLORES and RICHARD spend the night at their home. The offer was accepted and it was determined that JACK and ISABEL lived in a small motel situated on a white coral pier, which was reached by crossing an old bridge.

On the following day, MARY LOU WOODARD told Mrs. THOMPSON that she better get DOLORES out of JACK's house, because JACK might try to rape her. MARY LOU said that JACK was originally from Chicago, Illinois, and reportedly had killed a couple of men. He later ran a drinking place in Dallas, Texas, where he became acquainted with JAMES WOODARD, who was a member of the Dallas, Texas, Police Department for a short time about 1954. There had been a knifing in JACK's place and Mrs. THOMPSON obtained the impression that this knifing occurred only a short time prior to her visit in Florida. MARY LOU indicated that JACK and ISABEL had been in Florida a short time only and she said that JACK and ISABEL were not married. She said that JACK's real first name was LEON, but he always went by the name of JACK.

MARY LOU said that JACK had a trunk full of guns and inferred that JACK was going to supply them to the Cubans. Mrs. THOMPSON stated that she was told that there were supplies of guns hidden in the marshes that were being collected by the Indians in the area to be sold to the Cubans. This was at the time of the revolution in Cuba.

Mrs. THOMPSON stated that JACK appeared to be hiding from something and she saw him only at night. ISABEL claims that she had her furs stored in the trunks at her home.

Mrs. THOMPSON stayed at Islamorada one week only and she persuaded Mr. and Mrs. WOODARD to leave Islamorada on the

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same day that she left that area. She has not seen JACK or ISABEL since that time.

Mrs. THOMPSON observed JACK RUBY's photograph on television on Sunday, November 24, 1963, and she believes that RUBY is identical with the JACK (last name unknown) she observed at Islamorada, Florida, in 1958.

Mrs. THOMPSON advised that JAMES WOODARD is divorced from MARY LOU and his present whereabouts is not known to Mrs. THOMPSON, but can be determined from his sister, Mrs. CUBERT (NORA) VOILES, 2112 Needham Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee. DOLORES THOMPSON's marriage to RICHARD RHOADS was annulled in the summer of 1958 and RICHARD RHOADS' whereabouts is not known to Mrs. THOMPSON.

Mrs. THOMPSON described JACK (last name unknown) as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	35
Height	5'9"
Weight	175 - 180 pounds
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Ruddy, rough
Hair	Full head of dark brown hair, graying slightly at the temples
Nationality	Appeared to be Irish
Characteristic	Very nervous

Mrs. THOMPSON described ISABEL (last name unknown) as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	35 - 40
Height	5'7"
Hair	Blond, graying
Weight	155 pounds
Build	Stocky
Characteristics	Wore glasses, cheaply dressed.

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Mrs. MARY THOMPSON stated that JACK was driving a gray car, bearing Texas license plates.

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Miss DOLORES THOMPSON, 208 East Walnut, Apartment 2, Kalamazoo, Michigan, advised as follows:

DOLORES and her husband, RICHARD RHOADS, accompanied her mother to Islamorada, Florida, on about June 1, 1958, to visit her aunt and uncle, MARY LOU and JAMES WOODARD, who lived on a court, which was directly behind the cottage of TED WILLIAMS, well known professional ballplayer.

DOLORES and RICHARD spent the first night in a small two-unit motel operated by JACK and ISABEL (last name unknown), who were acquaintances of JAMES WOODARD. DOLORES was told that JACK and ISABEL were originally from Chicago, Illinois, and she was led to believe that he was part of the "syndicate". JAMES WOODARD had previously known JACK in Texas and JACK and ISABEL had been in Islamorada, Florida, for two weeks only. JACK and ISABEL definitely appeared to be in hiding. They appeared to be accustomed to a higher standard of living than that which they had at that time and she recalled that JACK had an expensive ring, containing diamonds, on one of his little fingers and his hands appeared to be soft and not to have been used in manual labor.

RICHARD RHOADS and JAMES WOODARD got drunk one night and WOODARD said that he and JACK would run some guns to Cuba. JAMES WOODARD had a shotgun, a rifle and possibly one hand gun. He said that JACK had a lot more guns than he did. DOLORES stated that she did not see any guns in JACK's possession. She stated that he had several boxes and trunks in his garage and ISABEL claimed they contained her furs, which had been ruined by mold, due to the high humidity in the area.

DOLORES stated that JACK and ISABEL lived about a mile from the WOODARDS. Their motel was of white stucco, on a white coral pier. She has not seen JACK or ISABEL since leaving Islamorada, Florida, in June, 1958.

DOLORES THOMPSON stated that the AP photograph of JACK RUBY, which appeared in the November 25, 1963, issue of the "Kalamazoo Gazette", daily newspaper, resembles JACK (last name unknown), who was in Islamorada, Florida, in June, 1958, except JACK had a full head of dark brown hair and dark complexioned. DOLORES cannot recall JACK's last name, but said it was not RUBY.

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DOLORES THOMPSON described JACK (last name unknown) as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'11"
Weight	175 - 190 pounds
Hair	Dark brown, not graying
Build	Solid
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Very dark
Characteristic	Very neatly dressed
Nationality	Italian or Greek

DOLORES THOMPSON described ISABEL (last name unknown) as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	35 - 40
Height	5'5" - 5'7"
Hair	Short, dark, not graying
Weight	140 pounds
Complexion	Dark
Build	Stocky

DOLORES THOMPSON stated that JACK was driving a late model Buick.

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The San Antonio Office has advised that Sheriff CONRADO HEIN, Zapata, Texas, has advised JAMES WOODARD has not been in Zapata; that he has an outstanding warrant for WOODARD's arrest.

On December 5, 1963, WALLACE SHANLEY, Assistant Customs Enforcement Supervisor, Miami, Florida, advised SA ROBERT K. LEWIS that JAMES E. WOODARD is well known to his office but his present whereabouts is not known.

On December 3, 1963, PAUL A. WOODARD, 732 Altura Court, Pomona, California, advised SA WILLIAM LEE SCRUGGS that he is a brother of JAMES WOODARD, but has not seen him since 1953 or 1954. He stated "JAMES is such a liar" that he does not believe anything he says and that "JAMES would lie when the truth would suit him better."

LOUIS ROUS, #16 Ideal Motel, Tampa, Florida, advised SAs ONNIE K. WALKER and LIONEL E. BELLANGER, he is the uncle of JAMES WOODARD, that he knows nothing of WOODARD's activities or any connection of WOODARD with Cuban matters. He stated he considers WOODARD a "drifter and irresponsible," and that WOODARD is known as a "black sheep of his mother's family" and an "inveterate liar and gross exaggerator."

CARL C. WOODARD, 243 North Snow Prairie Road, Route #5, Coldwater, Michigan, advised SAs JAMES F. CAMPBELL and CLARE F. CARTER on December 4, 1963, he has not seen his brother, JAMES E. WOODARD, in some 10 years since JAMES stole his car and machine tools. He pointed out he has a strong "enmity" for his brother and would attack him on sight. He said he had never known JAMES WOODARD to reside in Dallas, Texas, and he has never heard JAMES had ever worked as a policeman.

Files of the Knoxville Office reflect JAMES WOODARD, FBI # 255 317 A, has been the subject of previous FBI investigation. An official of the U. S. Customs, Miami, Florida, stated WOODARD should be considered armed and dangerous as he carries a weapon and has a violent temper with drinking.

When interviewed by Special Agents of the Knoxville Office in September, 1963, WOODARD in a somewhat rambling and

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incoherent manner, alleged he had participated in an invasion of Cuba prior to the CASTRO regime; that he had participated in the Bay of Pigs invasion and has furnished ammunition and dynamite to both CASTRO and Cuban exile forces.

On October 8, 1963, WOODARD was questioned concerning certain dynamite found at his residence in South Dade County, Florida, which dynamite had been stolen from a construction company. He claimed such dynamite was stored at his residence by Cubans to be used by Cuban exile forces against the CASTRO regime.

ED ROUSE, 2111 Woodbine Avenue, advised he is the brother-in-law of JAMES WOODARD. He stated he last saw JAMES on the afternoon of November 25, 1963, at which time JAMES stated he was moving to Mascot, Tennessee, that date as he had a job in the mine. ROUSE stated he has no idea of JAMES' present whereabouts and stated that JAMES has told so many lies in the past that he was probably lying when he said he had a job at Mascot, Tennessee.

Mr. ROUSE stated he has been acquainted with his wife's sister, MARY THOMPSON, Kalamazoo, Michigan, for many years. He stated she often makes up stories and that he "Wouldn't believe her on a stack of Bibles".

Mr. ROUSE stated that JAMES WOODARD is a ne'er-do-well who constantly moves around the country and never lives any where for very long. He stated there was no way to tell where JAMES might have gone on November 25, 1963, but expressed the opinion that JAMES would probably contact some of his relatives in the near future for a handout.

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Mrs. ED (WILLA MAE) ROUSE, 2111 Woodbine Avenue, advised she is the sister of JAMES WOODARD and of Mrs. MARY THOMPSON, Kalamazoo, Michigan. She stated she had last seen JAMES on the afternoon of November 25, 1963, at Knoxville, Tennessee, at which time he stated he was moving from Knoxville to Mascot, Tennessee, that day since he had a job in the mine at Mascot. Mrs. ROUSE stated that JAMES was prone to make up stories about almost anything and stated she had no information as to whether or not he actually had a job at Mascot. She stated none of JAMES' relatives at Knoxville had heard anything from him since November 25, 1963, when he moved from the furnished house he was renting at 5302 Marguerite, Knoxville, and stated she had no idea of his present whereabouts.

Mrs. ROUSE stated that her sister, Mrs. MARY THOMPSON, Kalamazoo, Michigan, is, in her opinion, unreliable and is prone to make up stories. She stated she has felt for some years that Mrs. THOMPSON is in need of psychiatric treatment.

Mrs. ROUSE stated that on Sunday, November 24, 1963, JAMES watched television with her while the re-runs of the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD were being shown. She stated that she knew JAMES had spent considerable time in Texas in the past so she asked him if he had ever met OSWALD or JACK RUBY and JAMES stated he had not met either of them. Mrs. ROUSE stated that JAMES likes to be the center of attention and stated she was convinced that if JAMES had ever met OSWALD or RUBY he would have claimed he had known them.

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RE: JACK L. RUDY BEING IN ISLAMORADA, FLORIDA IN JUNE 1958

Mrs. MARY THOMPSON and her daughter DELORES THOMPSON, Kalamazoo, Michigan, stated they visited JAMES E. WOODARD, brother of Mrs. THOMPSON in Islamorada, Florida, in June, 1958. While there they met an individual known as JACK who resembled press and television photographs of JACK L. RUDY. They advised this person allegedly had a trunk full of guns he was attempting to sell to Cubans. They advised this person's identity would be known to JAMES L. WOODARD.

During December, 1963 and January, 1964, the following persons were interviewed by Special Agents of the Knoxville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation relative to the whereabouts of JAMES E. WOODARD. These persons all advised they possessed no information as to the present whereabouts of WOODARD:

Mrs. CUBERT (NORA) VOILES, 2112 Needham Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee, sister of WOODARD;

Mr. ED ROUSE, 2111 Woodbine Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, brother-in-law of WOODARD;

Mrs. WILLA MAE ROUSE, 2111 Woodbine Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, sister of WOODARD;

Mrs. COBA KNIGHT, 2111 Woodbine Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, sister-in-law of WOODARD;

Mrs. EDITH KEY, 1545 Massachusetts Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, sister of WOODARD;

Mr. FRED G. WOODARD, 136 E. Scotts Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, brother of WOODARD;

Mrs. BOBBI STEVENS, 706 Hickory Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, girl friend of WOODARD;

Mr. J. D. WALLACE, Office Manager, Tennessee Department of Employment Security, Knoxville, Tennessee;

Mr. FRANK SHEARL, Sr., Chief Deputy Sheriff, Knox County Sheriff's Office, Knoxville, Tennessee.

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Mrs. W. R. SIMONS, 2701 Washington Boulevard, Venice, California, advised she is the former wife of JAMES WOODWARD, whose location is unknown to her. She said she has not seen her former husband in about four years. She last heard about one year ago that JAMES was in the San Antonio, Texas, area. This latter information was furnished to Mrs. SIMONS by her sister, WINIFRED STEWART, 1437 Santa Barbara Avenue, San Antonio. WINIFRED's former husband is CLAUDE L. STEWART, JR., who is employed at the Southern Pacific Credit Union, San Antonio. She stated that only if JAMES was in the San Antonio area would CLAUDE, or WINIFRED, possibly know of his location as he does not correspond with, or contact, any of his present or former family members.

Mrs. SIMONS stated that she and her former husband, JAMES, were at Islamorada, Florida, for approximately two months during the summer of 1958. She was introduced by JAMES to a JACK (last name unknown) and ISABELLE (last name unknown), best described only as friends of JAMES. She said she did not recall specifically where she was introduced to JACK and ISABELLE, or where they were residing at Islamorada. She said she did not recall any information while at Islamorada from JAMES or anyone else, concerning any guns, connection with Cubans, or that JACK (last name unknown) owned a bar in Dallas, Texas. She could only recall that JACK originally reportedly came from Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. SIMONS was exhibited photographs of JACK L. RUBY and she could not identify JACK as being identical to JACK (last name unknown) met at Islamorada. She described JACK (last name unknown) as white, male, American, 45 in 1958, 6' 3", 185 to 190 pounds, medium build, black hair, black mustache. She described ISABELLE as a white female, in her early 40's in 1958, 5' 7", 160 pounds, heavy build, dark hair, turning grey.

Mrs. SIMONS said she had no indication or information she has ever met JACK RUBY. Concerning the possibility of her husband contacting her, she added she did not expect this to occur inasmuch as she caused a local warrant to be issued for JAMES in 1961 at Santa Monica, California, charging him with

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