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RALPH PAUL, also known as Raphael Paul, which he advised is his true name, was located at 9:20 p.m. at the residence of Mrs. JACK R. GABLE, 1601 Daniel, she being the sister of JOHN W. JACKSON, who manages the Bull Pen, a drive-in restaurant in Arlington, Texas.

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Set # 5319 regarding  
Robert Paul from 6/2/62*

RALPH PAUL voluntarily accompanied SA's DAVID H. BARRY and ROBERT C. LISH to the Arlington Police Department, at which place interview was commenced at 9:30 p.m. and at which time PAUL voluntarily supplied the following information:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

RALPH PAUL, a white male, said he was born at Keiv, Russia, December 17, 1899. He gave the following physical description of himself:

Height	5'6"
Weight	156
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray, bald
Education	Public School #109, New York City
Occupation	Owner, Bull Pen, Arlington, Texas, being sole owner since 1/1/63, and president of the Texas Corp., which owns this drive-in restaurant; former partner with CHRIS SEMOS in the Miramar Drive-In, located 1922 Ft. Worth Avenue, Dallas, from April, 1954 to February, 1956, at which time he sold out to CHRIS SEMOS for \$15,000 and on which transaction SEMOS still owes him \$3,500.

Prior to the above business connection, he had owned the Blue Bonnet Bar, located in the Blue Bonnet Hotel, Dallas, being so engaged from November, 1948 to September, 1953, at which time he sold this business to JOE BONDS for \$3,000, which amount was never paid by BONDS. They had a verbal agreement. Prior to that, PAUL was part-owner of the Sky Club, located on West Commerce Street, Dallas, being so employed between January, 1948 until May, 1948.

Ex.No.5319 PAUL,Ralph Deposition-  
Fort Worth 4-15-64

on 11/24/63 at Dallas, Texas

File # 44-1035

by Special Agent ROBERT C. LISH and DAVID H. BARRY

Date dictated 11/25/63

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From May, 1948 until November, 1948, he was unemployed at Dallas, Texas.

RALPH PAUL said he had come to Dallas on December 27, 1947 from New York City, at which place he was owner of Ralph's Fruit Exchange, 161st Street, between Walton and Girard Streets, Bronx, New York. He was there twenty years. From 1919 to 1927, he was in partnership with his father in Paul's Fruit Exchange, 159th Street, off Amsterdam Avenue in New York City. Prior to 1919, he had worked for his father, SAMUEL PAUL in the retail fruit business in New York City at the above address. 17-47

As to his marital status, PAUL stated he divorced in 1931 BEATRICE SHULL, now remarried, name and address not known but residing in Manhattan. He had married her in 1920 in New York City, a marriage ceremony having been performed by a rabbi in a "Jewish hall."

From the above union, two children were born, they being MARILYN and RITA, both married, addresses unknown, their ages being approximately 37 and 40 years respectively.

His father, SAMUEL PAUL, died in 1945. His mother, TILLIE PAUL, resides at 2265 Sedgwick, New York City, telephone CY 5-1623. His brothers are DAVID PAUL, address unknown but living in the Bronx and operating a parking lot on Brook or Brooking Avenue, and LOUIS PAUL, whose address is unknown but who is employed as a salesman of women's belts. LOUIS formerly operated the Pleasant Finance Co., Inc., 25 Main Street, Lodi, New Jersey, New Jersey license 857. His sister is LEE BERRY, 2565 Sedgwick; her husband is deceased. His aunts are "BUNNY" (LNU) and ETHEL PAUL, widow of RAFAEL PAUL, a paternal uncle. He has a cousin, MACK PAUL, address unknown, employed as a clerk in a grocery store in the Bronx, New York.

PAUL stated that he has an operational scar of a hernia on his right side and it was noted from observation there appears a growth of some kind on the upper lid of his right eye.

He claimed no military service and admitted only the following arrests, such being by the Dallas Police Department in 1952, at which time he was charged with selling beer to minors, the case being dismissed.

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He supplied the following current address and previous addresses:

Presently resides	In care of BERT BOWMAN, Copeland Road, Arlington, Texas
Mailing Address	In care of Bull Pen, 1936 East Abram, Arlington, Texas (has been here for past four years)
Previously resided	2026 Wilbur Street, Dallas, 1951-58  Blue Bonnet Hotel, Dallas, 1948-51  1152 College, Bronx, New York 1922 - December, 1947.

PAUL claimed his parents were naturalized in New York City, year not known, and claims a derivative citizenship through his father's naturalization. The other children of his family he claimed were born in the United States. He said his father arrived in the United States in 1901 or 1902 and that his mother came in 1907 or 1908.

RALPH PAUL produced the following documents from his billfold which he carried:

A Social Security card in the name of RALPH PAUL, #475-54-2288.

A card showing he was a member of the Estacado Investment Association, Dallas, which he claimed was a group of about 25 persons who were banded together for the purpose of making investments in the stock market. He was unable to furnish any definite address or names of any of the members except that of a Mr. SMITH, who he said was employed as a salesman by the Lone Star Wholesale Grocery, Dallas.

He exhibited a card reflecting he was insured with Farmers Insurance Group, policy # 19-76231670.

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He holds Texas driver's license #3517406, issued October 21, 1963 on which his birth date is shown s December 17, 1904.

Deposit slips indicated he transacts business with First National Bank, Arlington, Texas.

The billfold contained a note dated October 17, 1961 reflecting a loan of \$10,000 to LEE BERRY, who PAUL advised was his sister, and said the full amount of this loan had been repaid.

He possessed a statement reflecting the purchase of a 1962 Cadillac Coupe de Ville, Engine No. 62J090216, purchased from Butts Olds-Cadillac Co., Arlington, Texas, March 24, 1962, in the amount \$5,925.

In the billfold was found a duplicate copy showing the issuance of cashiers check #61186 dated February 13, 1963, by First National Bank in Arlington, Arlington, Texas, showing purchaser to be RALPH PAUL, the check being payable to S&R, Inc., in amount \$2,200. PAUL identified S&R, Inc. as the Carousel Club, 1312 $\frac{1}{2}$  Commerce Street, Dallas.

He stated that in addition to the above amount loaned to S&R, Inc., he has invested approximately \$3,000, owning 50 percent of the stock in the Carousel Club, which is operated by S&R, Inc., a Texas corporation in which JACK RUBY gave to him 50 percent of the club stock in exchange for the approximately \$5,200 which PAUL has invested. He declined any knowledge of names of incorporators of S&R, Inc.

Mr. PAUL produced a record of the following telephone numbers which he had written over some period of time on numerous bits of small paper and had retained them. He stated he was unable to supply the significance of many of the names except that some represented persons with whom he dealt. Following are the numbers which are found in the exchange at Dallas, Texas: (The names are indicated as available.)

RI 2-4247  
FL 1-0227  
AN 2-4855  
WH 2-5601  
FL 2-8146

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John Garner, (home telephone  
BL 4-5362, Irving, Texas);  
Coca Cola, P. O. Box 2186, Dallas

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DL 44-1639

RI 7-2362  
WH 1-5601  
FL 1-2539  
RI 7-6251

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The following numbers were found to be in the Arlington exchange:

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The following business cards were disclosed in Mr. PAUL's billfold:

Pleasant Finance Co., Inc., 25 Main Street, Lodi, New Jersey, operated by LOU PAUL, Gregory 1-1717, license number 857

Magnolia State Builders, Complete Remodeling Service, 136 South Broad, New Orleans, Louisiana, NORMAN ROGERS, Co-owner, telephone PA 529-4427.

David and Co., 433 Main Street, Metuchin, New Jersey, Real Estate Insurance, DAVID L. KUSHINSKY, President, telephone Liberty 8-1020. (On reverse side is written MARILYN KUSHINSKY, 86 Thomas Place, Metuchin, New Jersey, Liberty 8-3401.)

J. W. "MAC" MC DOUGAL, Jas. K. Wilson, 610 Wynnewood Village, WH 3-4365, Hart, Shaffner and Marx Clothes

AL CHARLES, Public Relations, 601 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone Dunkirk 8-7104. (On reverse side of card was written Main 1-4600, Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, and Stardust Club, 309 DeBalaviere, telephone PA 6-6711.

Additionally, there was found a note representing \$300 loan on November 3, 1961 by RALPH PAUL to WINNIE FAY FLOYD, 846 Peavy Road, Dallas, Texas, telephone DA 4-4218.

A slip of paper on which was written Sherring Drug Co., New Jersey, was also found, which PAUL said some girl had given to him about three years ago in order that he could pick up some drugs for her.

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The name DROTHA SHIVE was found written on a slip of paper.

ASSOCIATION WITH JACK RUBY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS JACK RUBENSTEIN

RALPH PAUL stated he first became acquainted with JACK RUBY, also known to him as JACK RUBENSTEIN, in 1948 at Dallas, Texas and recounted the following manner in which they first became acquainted. RUBY had introduced himself to PAUL at the Mercantile National Bank, where he, PAUL, was then doing business. This he said was a chance meeting, at which time RUBY asked "Are you connected with the Sky Club" and when PAUL told him he was, RUBY asked if he could come out to see the show and PAUL extended the invitation. RUBY accepted this invitation, saw the show at the Sky Club, and then RUBY invited PAUL to see his show at the Silver Spur night club which was being operated by RUBY. PAUL accepted this invitation.

Their relationship afterwards continued on a personal basis, each seeing the other often. RUBY sold the Silver Spur in 1956 and continued to operate the Vegas Club, Dallas, and is still owner of that night spot. About 1959 or 1960, JACK RUBY opened the Carousel Club, being a partner with JOE SLATON, a bar business owner in Dallas. SLATON and RUBY had been friends, however in the operation of the Carousel Club business they had disagreed and following this falling out, RUBY came to him (PAUL) and requested a loan of \$1,000 with which to carry on the business of the Carousel Club. This was about 1960 or 1961. Since that time, RUBY has continued to ask for loans which were granted by PAUL without security, no note or any evidence of this indebtedness to him, except cancelled checks reflecting the amount of loans made.

JACK RUBY has never repaid any money loaned to him and/or the Carousel Club.

PAUL stated he believes JACK RUBY transacts his business with the Bank of Commerce, Dallas, Texas.

RALPH PAUL considers himself as the closest friend of JACK RUBY. Any acquaintances or friends of JACK RUBY he could not recall, advising the man had no close associates or friends except possibly the two following persons who have worked for RUBY: WALLY WESTON and EARL NORMAN, both comics.

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As to relatives of JACK RUBY, he had knowledge of only a sister, EVE GRANT, who operates the Vegas Club, Dallas, and a brother (FNU), who owns a washateria.

About 6 p.m., Friday, November 22, 1963, JACK RUBY called at the Bull Pen and asked PAUL to go to a synagogue with him, RUBY advising he was going there to pray for President KENNEDY, who had been assassinated about noon on that date. PAUL stated that he declined this invitation inasmuch as he does not attend any synagogue. He believes JACK RUBY attends a synagogue located on Northwest Highway, Dallas. At the time of this conversation, RUBY said "You are going to hate me for this, I'm going to be closed for three days". RUBY informed he had placed in both Dallas daily newspapers notices to the effect the Carousel Club would be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday, November 23-25, 1963. RALPH PAUL reminded RUBY his competitors would be open and he (PAUL) considered this act of closing foolish but advised RUBY if he wanted to do it that way, to go ahead, whereupon RUBY stated that was the way he felt about the President.

RUBY next called by telephone about 3 p.m., Saturday, November 23, 1963, and asked if he (PAUL) had seen the advertisement in the papers and PAUL again reminded him he thought the closing of the Carousel Club foolish.

PAUL advised he had no further contacts with RUBY in any form since the above contacts, which were made by telephone.

JACK RUBY continued informing PAUL he thought the assassination of the President was a terrible thing and repeated this many times, to which PAUL agreed. RUBY did not in any way reveal any plans he might have or his intentions with relationship to what had happened to President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

PAUL advised RUBY had never discussed with him his political philosophy or views and in the past had objected to the master of ceremonies of the Carousel shows making any sarcastic remarks to the President personally.

PAUL said he regards RUBY as a loyal citizen of the United States and could not explain why RUBY shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He further advised that he found it difficult to believe the news when he first heard it and after being later informed by HOWARD (LNU) this was true, he, PAUL, attempted to call JACK RUBY's home in Dallas, telephone WH 1-6501, but was unable to get any answer.

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PAUL then called TOM HARMON, his and JACK RUBY's attorney, Dallas, and informed HARMON of the news which had been received and requested HARMON to find out about the matter. Within about 45 minutes, HARMON returned the call and requested PAUL to come to his, HARMON's office. Accompanying him to HARMON's office that afternoon on November 24, 1963, were JOHN JACKSON, manager of the Bull Pen and TAMMY TRUE, a former entertainer at the Carousel Club, now residing in Fort Worth, Texas and who had come to the Bull Pen, she first calling PAUL and advising she wished to accompany him to the City Hall, Dallas. After arriving at the Dallas City Hall that afternoon on November 24, 1963, the three were informed by the Dallas Police Department they would not be permitted to see JACK RUBY. They then went to TOM HARMON's office, where they remained about two hours, this being between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., after which JACKSON and TAMMY TRUE left Dallas and he, PAUL, went to the Majestic Theater, Dallas, where he saw a picture show, name of which he could not recall or the general theme, but in which he said JOHN WAYNE was an actor. He claimed he left the Majestic Theater about 7:30 p.m., drove to the home of JOHN JACKSON, 1602 Browning, Arlington, Texas, where he remained one hour and then drove to the residence of JOHN JACKSON's sister, Mrs. JACK R. GABLE, 1601 Daniel Street, Arlington. He remained there until he was contacted by SA's DAVID H. BARRY and ROBERT C. LESH.

RALPH PAUL described JACK RUBY as an emotional, impulsive individual who talked loudly and whom people think of as being a person of high temper, this being based on his reactions and loud speech.

He claimed that RUBY has taken needy people off the streets of Dallas, has fed them and taken them into his home and has provided jobs for persons without employment. PAUL said RUBY is not a wealthy person but has made the remark that he would divide what he has as long as he has a dollar.

He could not recall any particular hobbies of JACK RUBY except of his interest in dachshunds, a breed of dogs.

He stated JACK RUBY never dates any girls performing at the club, however does date outside women but does not have a steady girl friend.

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He commented that JOE BONDS, presently confined to the Texas Department of Corrections, and JACK RUBY were close friends at one time but later became enemies and it was JOE BONDS, who at New York City had induced him, PAUL, to come to Dallas originally. PAUL had known JOE BONDS in New York about one and one-half years, BONDS' wife being an entertainer known as DALE BELMONT. It was through her that he first met JOE BONDS in New York City.

A photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, New Orleans Police Department No. 112723, was shown to RALPH PAUL. He claimed he does not know OSWALD, failed to identify the photograph, and said he had never heard of this person prior to the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He maintained he had never seen OSWALD and JACK RUBY together, had never heard RUBY mention OSWALD's name or give any indication of any acquaintanceship with OSWALD.

The above interview was terminated at 11:55 p.m.

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