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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

LEO DENET, Manager, Club Nineteen, advised SAs WILLIAM A. MEINCKE and JOSEPH G. SHEA on November 25, 1963, that he has been in the strip show business since 1939. He stated he does not know the subject. DENET said he is well acquainted with HARRY RUBENSTEIN, who formerly owned the Olympic Hotel on Chicago's near north side. HARRY RUBENSTEIN shot and killed a man in 1946 and has owned several bars in the Chicago Loop area. DENET stated, when he first heard of the shooting of OSWALD, he thought perhaps the JACK RUBY involved in the slaying was related to HARRY RUBENSTEIN. Since Sunday, November 24, 1963, he has compared notes with other mutual friends of HARRY RUBENSTEIN and now knows that HARRY is not related to the subject. HARRY RUBENSTEIN is from the Seattle, Washington, area originally.

HYMAN GODFREY, 903 New Castle, Westchester, Illinois, advised SAs JAMES D. DEWHIRST and THOMAS B. LANDESS on November 25, 1963, that he had never known the subject RUBY. He stated that he was well acquainted with the KEDZIE ROOSEVELT area in Chicago, where RUBY purportedly had frequented during his years in Chicago. GODFREY admitted knowing BARNEY BOSS, a former champion prize fighter, who, according to previously received information, was acquainted with RUBY.

MITCH WOLCOFF, 3552 North Pine Grove, Chicago, a former restaurateur in the Chicago area, advised SAs ROBERT L. MALONE and JERRY H. BREIDENFELD on November 25, 1963, that he has known JACK "SPARKY" RUBENSTEIN since about 1928, when they were both single and living in the Division and Western neighborhood. He stated that he was well acquainted with "SPARKY" RUBENSTEIN on a social basis and worked with him selling peanuts at ball games. WOLCOFF stated he has stayed with him in WOLCOFF's home on many occasions. WOLCOFF stated that he moved to Florida in 1934 and since that time has seen him on a very infrequent basis. He stated that in 1939, "SPARKY" RUBENSTEIN told him that he was working with LEO COOK in the Wastehandlers Union and when LEO COOK was killed, he wanted very badly to take over that union. WOLCOFF stated that was the last time he had ever seen RUBENSTEIN. He stated he has never known RUBENSTEIN to use the name RUBY.

WOLCOFF stated that he considered RUBENSTEIN to be a true patriot who would defend America at any time and that he loved America very strongly. He stated that his acquaintanceship with RUBENSTEIN was such that he could not believe that RUBENSTEIN could kill anyone and that he never knew him to be armed.

FRANK "BUTCH" LOVERDE advised that he does not know JACK RUBY. LOVERDE said that had RUBY been connected in any way with the organized criminal element of Chicago, he would have some knowledge of RUBY. LOVERDE advised that many people in Chicago have confused RUBY with HARRY RUBENSTEIN, an individual who formerly operated the Olympic Hotel and killed a man in 1946. He stated that HARRY RUBENSTEIN had gotten mixed up with wrong people and had been run out of Chicago. He believed that HARRY RUBENSTEIN had gone somewhere in Texas. LOVERDE declined to elaborate on the above remarks and did not furnish the date or other particulars concerning HARRY RUBENSTEIN's troubles.

LOVERDE indicated that he believed the agents were questioning him in the mistaken belief that the OSWALD killing had some organized crime overtones. He said, "Look at it our way. It's not logical to send a guy in to hit a guy who's stood up for 25 hours. You know you can trust a guy who can stand up for 25 hours, but how do you know you can trust the guy you send in to hit him. He might break in a half hour."

LOVERDE is active in the management of strip shows on Chicago's north side.

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