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HERBERT CHARLES DAVID KELLY, residence 7219 Freret Street, was interviewed at his home. At the outset of the interview KELLY was advised of the identity of interviewing Agents at which time he voluntarily furnished the following information:

KELLY advised he was born April 23, 1923, in Brooklyn, New York, and he is a veteran of World War II having been in the United States Air Force. He said he was honorably discharged December 2, 1945 and his Air Force Serial Number is 32726888. KELLY said he receives a disability pension because of a severe ulcer condition which developed during his period of Air Force service.

KELLY advised that since his discharge from the service he has been in the food service field, managing restaurants, country clubs, private clubs and the like. He stated that he went to Dallas in about 1956 and worked in the Dallas area in the food service field until 1959 or 1960 when he was hospitalized in the Veterans Hospital in Dallas because of a condition of paralysis. He stated that he remained in the Veterans Hospital in Dallas for a period of about a year and around 1961 or 1962 he came to New Orleans, where he found employment as manager of the Playboy Club in New Orleans.

He stated he resided at 7000 Rawlins Street, in Dallas, and that while employed as Assistant Food Director at Titches Department Store, he met JACK LEON RUBY in 1959 through an individual known as BIG JIM, later employed as maitre d' at the Sovereign Club which was then a membership supper club operated by RUBY at the site of the present Carousel Club. He advised that he was employed by RUBY as manager of the kitchen and the food service at the Sovereign Club and in connection with this employment hoped to obtain a financial interest in the club. He stated that it was his impression that entertainers BRECK WAIL and JOE PETERSON, an entertainment team playing at the Sovereign Club, had a financial interest in the club. He advised that this team is currently playing at the Adolphus Hotel

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in a show called "Bottoms Up". He advised that another individual, possibly RUBY's closest friend, an individual named PAUL, about 60 years of age, short, medium build, of Jewish extraction, and a banker possibly associated with the Republic National Bank, may have had a financial interest in the club in that RUBY occasionally obtained operating funds from this individual. This individual also counter-signed payroll checks of the club drawn on the Republic National Bank. He advised that EDWARD CASTRO, a busboy, was employed at the Sovereign Club during the time and after KELLY was there and that this individual's father is chef at the Dallas City Club. He stated he believes that LEO (LNU), bartender at the Sovereign Club had been an associate and acquaintance of RUBY for a number of years. He advised he believes that ABE WEINSTEIN, operator of the Colony Club, located near the Sovereign Club, is well acquainted with RUBY even though a competitor in the supper club business. KELLY stated he was of the opinion that RUBY had no close friends although he associated with many individuals. He advised that RUBY was particularly friendly with law enforcement officers and went out of his way to greet officers whenever he met them. KELLY advised he was unable to identify any officer by name whom he observed in the company of RUBY. He stated that law enforcement officers, both plainclothes and uniformed police and deputy sheriffs, frequently came to the Sovereign Club to converse with RUBY and on numerous occasions after receiving a telephone call RUBY would go to the police station, not too far distance from the Sovereign Club.

With regard to RUBY's association with police officers in Dallas, KELLY stated that during 1959 when he was associated with RUBY, each Sunday night RUBY had what was termed "Celebrity Night" when he would endeavor to obtain name entertainers appearing in Dallas to come to the Sovereign Club as his guests and hoped they would provide free entertainment. KELLY stated that each Sunday

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night RUBY would also entertain as many as eight law enforcement officers, furnishing them gratis expensive dinners and drinks. He said he complained on several occasions to RUBY explaining that the entertainment of these law enforcement officers was very expensive and hard on the club finances. He said he pointed out that the latter did not have to cull the favor of the law enforcement officers in Dallas as he was not engaging in any illegal activities. KELLY said RUBY would reply in effect that he wanted to do this as he liked law enforcement officers and these men did not make salaries which would enable them to have this kind of entertainment.

KELLY described RUBY as being hot tempered and very impulsive. In explaining this KELLY said that RUBY would become angered over some incident and hit another person not thinking of the consequences of his act or developments which might result from these acts. He stated that on one occasion he hit KEITH WILLIAMS, a promoter with the Williams Oil Company, because WILLIAMS had given him a \$60.00 worthless check when WILLIAMS was in the club one evening with two other oil men. KELLY stated that on one occasion JOE PETERSON, one of the two entertainers who may have had an interest in the club, insisted to RUBY that he be allowed to examine the club finance records since he did not believe he was getting a fair shake. RUBY became extremely angry and hit PETERSON. He advised that RUBY was not the brooding type who would plan an act of violence against another individual, nor was he the type who would hold a grudge subsequent to such an incident.

KELLY stated that RUBY's hot temper is well known among RUBY's associates and in fact he had heard about this prior to the time he became associated with RUBY. He stated that he went so far as to purchase his own sidearm which he retained for a short time after going to work for

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RUBY and he was guarded in his comments to RUBY during the earlier period of his association with RUBY because he did not want to incur RUBY's anger. KELLY said he since found out that he could actually argue with RUBY over differences of opinion in the operation of the business without RUBY losing his temper.

In this regard KELLY stated that RUBY was extremely sensitive about his Jewish background and resented derogatory remarks concerning Jews. He said he felt RUBY had an extreme persecution complex and thought that everybody was against him. He stated that RUBY resented anyone using personal vulgarities when addressing RUBY.

KELLY stated that during his association with RUBY the latter had a .38 caliber snub-nose Smith & Wesson revolver which was hammerless. He said he learned this because RUBY showed it to him saying it was the very latest thing and it could actually be fired from ones coat pocket because it did not have a hammer. KELLY said he did not believe RUBY ever carried this revolver on his person but had it for protection in transporting the club's cash receipts each night.

In this regard, KELLY said that it was RUBY's habit to close up the Sovereign Club and then go to the Vegas Club carrying the Sovereign Club cash receipts in a small valise and usually this revolver was in the valise with the cash. He said that many times he would go with RUBY to the Vegas Club and stay with him until RUBY closed the Vegas Club each night. RUBY would then take the cash receipts of both clubs in the valise to his home and at this time RUBY was living in an apartment with his sister who lives in Dallas.

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With regard to RUBY's personal habits, KELLY said RUBY did not use tobacco and seldom used intoxicants, however, on occasion he would have several highballs. He said that RUBY was extremely well dressed and neat and loved to eat. He said on many occasions he had fixed RUBY a steak early in the evening and RUBY would be hungry later before the club closed and would want another one. He stated there was no indication that RUBY was a gambler or associated with hoodlum type characters nor was he involved in prostitution activities. He advised that on infrequent occasions he would entertain female companions in his apartment. In this regard KELLY did not believe RUBY had any homosexual tendencies although there had been thought from time to time among people with whom KELLY was in contact that RUBY might be gay. KELLY said he did feel that RUBY was probably under sexed, but he did not think RUBY had homosexual tendencies.

With regard to the Vegas Club, KELLY said RUBY had employed a retired policeman as the bouncer at that club. KELLY did not know this individual's name.

With regard to the extent of RUBY's contacts with municipal employees associated with RUBY, KELLY said he knew of no city officials who were ever entertained by RUBY or friendly with him, claiming that RUBY was a "police buff" who had a natural likeness for police officers. He desired to be friendly with men in this profession and RUBY's associations were restricted to law enforcement officers and no other municipal officials. KELLY stated that RUBY was extremely desirous of making as much money as he could and actually "worshipped a dollar". He said that RUBY liked to hold on to his money and in many instances would not pay his employees each weekend but would sometimes wait as late as the following Wednesday before issuing weekly pay checks. KELLY could not reconcile this trait

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on the part of RUBY with the latter's generosity in dealing with law enforcement officers. KELLY said RUBY had no interest in current affairs and never kept abreast of these through reading daily newspapers and periodicals. He said RUBY would not be capable of discussing such current affairs as United States interest in Viet Nam or the nation's missile program. He said RUBY's only interest in reading Dallas newspapers was to determine all local crime news.

KELLY stated that he did not consider RUBY to be a patriotic person yet on the other hand RUBY was not sympathetic to Communism and was in fact very much a capitalist in that he seemed interested only in financial gain. He said that as a result of RUBY's lack of interest in current affairs, RUBY had no political interest. KELLY said based on his knowledge of RUBY's thinking on current affairs it was inconceivable to him that RUBY would have shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD because the latter had assassinated the president. KELLY said that on the contrary he believed that RUBY shot OSWALD on an impulse and any motive would be that RUBY resented OSWALD having killed Dallas policeman TIPPIT.

With regard to RUBY's views concerning President KENNEDY, KELLY recalled that in 1959 when KENNEDY was campaigning in Texas, he went with RUBY as did many Dallas citizens to the Dallas airport to see President KENNEDY. KELLY recalled that RUBY commented in effect after seeing KENNEDY and listening to his speech, that KENNEDY was young and vigorous and the type of president this country needed. KELLY said this is the only comment he ever heard RUBY make about President KENNEDY.

Concerning RUBY's background, KELLY stated that in conversations with RUBY the latter mentioned he had been in Dallas about 15 years having come to Dallas from the Chicago area. From various comments made by RUBY, KELLY gathered

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that RUBY may have been active in union work in the Chicago area and may have had to leave Chicago because of some difficulty arising out of this union work, although KELLY could recall no specific comments made by RUBY in this regard.

With regard to RUBY's family, KELLY could recall that on one occasion RUBY remarked that he had an older brother in Chicago who was quite wealthy. Later when the club was undergoing a financial crises, KELLY suggested to RUBY that the latter could borrow money from his older brother in Chicago and RUBY replied that he could not do so as he already owed this brother too much money.

With regard to RUBY's financial condition, KELLY believed that during the period he was associated with RUBY the latter may have had some difficulty with the United States Internal Revenue Service as he believed RUBY had to go to Internal Revenue Service on two different occasions concerning his income taxes.

After coming to New Orleans KELLY advised he had no further contact with RUBY until about the middle of October, 1963, when he contacted RUBY at the Carousel Club in Dallas. He stated the purpose of this contact was to determine whether or not he could purchase restaurant fixtures and equipment from RUBY to be used in a restaurant venture KELLY was then considering in Dallas. He advised that no fixtures were available from RUBY and no restaurant was opened.

With regard to any possible association between RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD, KELLY said he had never heard RUBY mention this individual and he had never seen OSWALD in the Sovereign Club, the Vegas Club, or in the company of RUBY. KELLY stated that because of RUBY's lack of interest in politics he did not think RUBY would have been compatible with OSWALD as KELLY has read news accounts that OSWALD was politically minded and was a Marxist and sympathetic to Communist Cuba.

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The following investigation was conducted by
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AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

HERMAN ROSE, former porter of JACK RUBY, Silver-spur Lounge, Dallas, Texas, from 1947 through 1950, was interviewed on November 25, 1963. ROSE described RUBY as a high-tempered individual and not known to be affiliated with any subversive organizations. RUBY reportedly was from Detroit or Chicago before coming to Dallas. RUBY was friendly with the local Police Department, Dallas, but no specific individuals were named.

RUBY, in addition to operating the Silver-spur Lounge, Dallas, sold costume jewelry at discount rates.

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