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The following investigation was conducted by SA DANIEL B. FLEMING on November 26, 1963:

AT GREAT FALLS, MONTANA:

CARME PITRELLO, 4802 South Westshore Boulevard, Avenue A 20, Tampa, Florida; and PAUL SALOS, 4802 South Westshore Boulevard, Avenue B 19, Tampa, were interviewed at the Park Hotel, where they are presently engaged as entertainers at night club operated by hotel. Both readily admitted to knowing JACK LEON RUBY as the owner of a strip tease night club near the Theatre Lounge Night Club, Dallas, Texas, where they were employed for 40 weeks, beginning Labor Day, 1962. Both stated they met RUBY through the night club he operated, as their club closed an hour before RUBY's did and after quitting work they went to the club operated by RUBY.

Both PITRELLO and SALOS stated that they were fond of RUBY, but described him as emotional, quick-tempered, and an employer who was interested in his help and entertainers. Neither PITRELLO nor SALOS ever worked for RUBY, but stated they observed his treatment of his entertainers, all of whom spoke highly of RUBY's treatment of them. According to the two, RUBY would not permit any rough stuff or abusive treatment of his strippers or entertainers, would not permit prostitutes or "B" girls to work in his club, and maintained good control of the patrons and activities in his club. RUBY would not permit jokes about "Jews" and, if he liked a person, he would do anything for him. Both stated RUBY, they recall, has a terrific memory and could remember behavior of patrons who had been there before, even if a long time had elapsed between their visits.

PITRELLO and SALOS both stated that they had been to RUBY's apartment. He had invited them and their families to come and told them to bring their children, so that the children could swim in the pool nearby, none being available where PITRELLO and SALOS resided. Both stated that RUBY is a night lifter and extremely proud of his good physical condition, which he achieves by constant exercise. According to them, RUBY does not drink, gamble, or dissipate in any manner. Both described RUBY as a lonely man, fair in his dealings with the public, and employes; and they are shocked that he shot OSWALD.

CARME PITRELLO said that he remembered RUBY was an avid follower of former President KENNEDY, never missing a broadcast or TV appearance, but not given to making any public remarks about the policies or programs of KENNEDY. PITRELLO said that RUBY is well known to Dallas, knew many people, and is well known to the Dallas Police Department. PITRELLO said that he did not think this unusual, as the clubs are checked each night by the Dallas police.

In regard to TRUITT WALTON, Dallas Police Officer, PITRELLO stated that he had seen WALTON at the club on several occasions, checking the club while on duty, and said that WALTON had been there off duty with a girl. PITRELLO said he did not think any unusual relationship existed between RUBY and WALTON, and said that he knew that another Dallas Police Officer, known to him as "TEX," had been there several times. He added he knew of no privileges given RUBY by the police, not afforded other club owners.

PITRELLO said he had joked with RUBY about criminal syndicates and remembered that RUBY had remarked that he did not like them or think them funny, but never mentioned to PITRELLO that he knew anything about them. RUBY had indicated to PITRELLO and SALOS that he had been in Chicago, Illinois, in the past, but did not discuss it with them, telling them that it was a "hard life" and to "knock it off" referring to his Chicago life.

PITRELLO said that RUBY had told him that in the past, he had been heckled by a patron who called him a "Jew Boy," but he avoided trouble with this person, until by chance they met at another club, where this same person made the remark, "Look, Jew Boy with a girl." RUBY told PITRELLO that at this point he lost his temper and floored the man with his fist. PITRELLO said that he knew of no girl friend of RUBY, but RUBY frequently took the girl entertainers to dinner and was known as the type of club owner who would go out of his way to help entertainers to get a start or to make good. PITRELLO said that in his opinion, RUBY's only interests in life were his club, his help, and his dogs.

PITRELLO said he knew of no organizations that RUBY belonged to, and he never gave any indication that he was allied with any group opposed to the United States.

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PITRELLO said that he and SALOS had put on a show one night at the Vegas Club, second club owned by RUBY, which they stated was an after-hours club, selling only beer. This club was operated by a sister of RUBY, whom PITRELLO said he knew only as "EDNA," but did not know anything about her. PITRELLO said he remembered that RUBY had told them that he had started his club with but \$3,000. Both PITRELLO and SALOS said that they were shocked at remarks attributed to a business associate of RUBY's, known only to them as "ABIE," who was reported as saying RUBY had shot OSWALD because of "financial loss to his club, and his patriotism was based on the dollar." Neither knew of the true association existing between RUBY and "ABIE," but were perturbed over "ABIE's" remarks.

PAUL SALOS stated that the Dallas Police Officer named "TEX" is GLEN D. NEAL, and he could not think of any friends or associates who were close to RUBY, stating that he thought RUBY to be known to many people, but essentially a lonely man. SALOS also said that he did not know of any groups that RUBY was associated with and knew of no underworld associates or hangeron at RUBY's club.

Both PITRELLO and SALOS said they were thoroughly shocked that RUBY had shot OSWALD, and both said they did not recognize the photograph of OSWALD as that of anyone they had seen at the club operated by RUBY. Both stated they knew of no foreign element that frequented RUBY's club, and described it as a typical Dallas strip tease night club.

PITRELLO and SALOS said that they would be in Great Falls, Montana, at the Park Hotel until December 7, 1963, after which they hoped to go to Calgary, Alberta, Canada, for an engagement and thereafter go to Vancouver, British Columbia. They have an agent who represents them, JACK COLE, 515 Interurban Boulevard, Jackson Street, Dallas, Texas. Both stated they expect their wives to join them next week and, if they could be of further assistance, they would be glad to do so.

IRVIN CHARLES MAZZEI, 12231 Hesby Street, North Hollywood, California, advised that until November 19, 1963, he was Western Regional Director of the Associated Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) with an office at 6513 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California.

Mr. MAZZEI advised that he met JACK RUBY for the first time in Dallas, Texas, during March of 1958 shortly after the Dallas area had been included in the Western Region of AGVA. He was introduced to RUBY at RUBY's nightclub by JAMES DOLAN, the Branch Manager of the Dallas office of AGVA. RUBY wanted to buy drinks and dinner for MAZZEI. However, MAZZEI declined and remained in the nightclub for only about ten minutes. DOLAN said RUBY was a chronic complainer and hot-tempered. No business was transacted on this meeting.

During March of 1961 MAZZEI journeyed to Dallas to address the membership of the Dallas branch of AGVA, the Executive Committee members and to meet various nightclub operators in the Dallas area. He stayed at the Adolphus Hotel one and one-half days, during which time a cocktail party was held at the hotel in his behalf, hosted by Mr. CHARLES HOFFMAN, a national board member of AGVA, and ALTON SHARP, the branch manager of the Dallas office. At the party he again met RUBY and had a runin with him because RUBY tried to monopolize MAZZEI's time. RUBY claimed that his competitors in Dallas nightclubs were putting on amateur shows the same night as RUBY, causing too much spread in the customer potential. RUBY wanted the union to get the competitors to change nights or have the union eliminate amateur shows completely.

RUBY stated he had labor connections in Chicago, that he could pressure MAZZEI. RUBY alleged to be a personal friend of the Midwest Regional Director of AGVA at that time, one ERNIE FAST, who is presently on the Interim Committee of AGVA. RUBY said he would take care of MAZZEI if his demands were not met. MAZZEI stated he did not take the threat seriously, as he frequently receives this type of action from nightclub owners.

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