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BYRD continued that cards to various night clubs in the Dallas area are passed out rather freely and in fact he, BYRD, passes out "courtesy cards" to individuals. BYRD stated he has been giving out these "courtesy cards" since he was a Justice of the Peace in 1951. BYRD stated these "courtesy cards" are addressed to "public officials" and indicate that the bearer should be extended any courtesy that the official is empowered to extend under the laws imposed on him by his office. BYRD continued that these cards mean absolutely nothing and will get the holder nothing but the people who get these cards feel that they are "privileged" or "something special" and they are terrific for "asking friends." BYRD estimated that he has given out over 50,000 of these "courtesy cards" since 1951. He continued that if one of these cards bore the name of JACK RUBY it is quite possible that RUBY could have obtained one from any member of his office or that a card would have been mailed to RUBY in a routine fashion in that RUBY's name may have appeared on one of numerous mailing lists from which cards were prepared and mailed.

BYRD continued that he has seen RUBY only on rare occasions, is acquainted with him, but does not consider him to be a friend or business associate. He has no knowledge of any business activities or business associates or friends of RUBY, nor does he know of any contacts RUBY may have had with the Dallas Police Department. BYRD stated he did not know OSWALD and had no knowledge of any connection or association between RUBY and OSWALD.

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A. L. DAVIS, 6304 Halifax Road, advised his telephone number at home is PE 8-6469. Mr. DAVIS stated that he recently went into bankruptcy with his grocery chain. He stated that about a month ago, after DAVIS' name had been in the papers regarding the bankruptcy, he received a call from a man who identified himself to DAVIS as JACK RUBY. RUBY told DAVIS that he had heard about DAVIS going bankrupt and that RUBY wanted someone with ability to operate a night club in Dallas. RUBY said, according to DAVIS, that he had an idea of opening a club similar to the Playboy Night Clubs and that he knew of a location. DAVIS stated that he was noncommittal and DAVIS ended the conversation that if he were interested he would get in touch with RUBY. DAVIS stated that he has never met RUBY and has never been in any of RUBY's clubs.

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