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ROBERT L. GURLEY, 1260 Stevens Ridge Drive, Dallas, Texas, employed as manager at Gene's Music Bar for the past four years, advised that he has known JACK RUBY for about ten years but has never heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He advised RUBY operated the Carousel Lounge on Commerce Street which lounge was backed financially by RALPH PAUL. RUBY in his estimation was the outgoing type in appearance, by that he meant he slapped people on the back, gave them a handshake and always appeared to be in a good humor. He advised, however, that RUBY was impulsive, violent, emotional and erratic and would fight anyone with the slightest provocation. He advised RUBY never came into the Music Bar that he knew of, and he never knew anyone who lived with RUBY although he recalled about a year and a half to two years ago an episode occurred that might indicate RUBY had been living with someone. He said in this regard, RUBY had chased a fellow out of the Carousel Lounge through the Adolphus Garage to the Lasso Bar. He said this male tried to call the police on the telephone, but RUBY got to him first and beat him up. He said RUBY apologized to him for beating up the individual in the Lasso Bar and made the comment that this was gratitude for setting a fellow up with a place to live or words to that effect. He said he did not bother to call police officers, and he did not know the individual's name. He said that there were rumors going around before the assassination of President KENNEDY to the effect that JACK RUBY was playing around with various males and that the rumors increased after the shooting of the President, however, he said there were no homosexual overtones. He said he heard RUBY used to put younger men up in apartments, but he did not know any of these individuals or the reason for RUBY's actions.

GURLEY advised that he did make a statement that RUBY might have killed OSWALD because they may have been "playing around together" and that RUBY might have been embarrassed if his name had been mentioned by OSWALD. He said, however, that this was merely speculation on his part, and he further advised that he had speculated that possibly JACK RUBY was known to a number of police officers since he thought a few of them had visited the Carousel

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Lounge on and off. He added that possibly when the police officers saw RUBY in the police headquarters during the transportation of OSWALD that they did not pay attention to RUBY. He stated that possibly if police officers had not known RUBY they would have asked him to move on as they probably did others.

GURLEY advised when he learned RUBY had shot OSWALD, he was a little surprised but knowing RUBY's violent nature he could understand same.

He stated he had talked to HENRY HENSON, a reporter for the Chicago Daily News, Sunday or Monday night about some background information concerning RUBY.

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