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JOSEPH R. CAVAGNARO, Front Office Manager of the Sheraton-Hilton Hotel, downtown Dallas, who resides at 604 Opal Lane furnished the following information:

He was transferred to Dallas approximately eight years ago and JACK RUBY was one of the first men he met after arriving in Dallas. He met RUBY at the B & B Restaurant in Dallas where they both ate occasionally. A friendship developed between him and JACK RUBY and has continued since that time. He has had JACK RUBY to his home on three or four occasions for dinner and RUBY often stops by the hotel for coffee with CAVAGNARO. After CAVAGNARO married, he did not have as close an association with RUBY as previously but they have continued to be friends. RUBY has given a Dachshund dog to CAVAGNARO for his boys and comes by CAVAGNARO's home approximately once every six months to see how the dog is getting along and to visit with CAVAGNARO and his family.

RUBY has talked politics with CAVAGNARO on occasion at CAVAGNARO's desk in the hotel. CAVAGNARO stated that he, CAVAGNARO, was an ardent KENNEDY man and JACK RUBY apparently was pro-KENNEDY himself. RUBY had made statements to CAVAGNARO that KENNEDY was doing a great job and CAVAGNARO felt that RUBY meant this sincerely. CAVAGNARO and his wife were in RUBY's night club approximately two months ago but have not made a habit of going there often.

CAVAGNARO said that he liked JACK RUBY very much and that he found RUBY to be a "square shooter". He advised that RUBY was very emotional and was very gentle, particularly to his dogs. He advised that RUBY always had two or three dogs with him and seemed to be very fond of dogs. He stated that RUBY "cried like a baby" on one occasion when one of the dogs got hurt.

CAVAGNARO stated that he had seen RUBY at the hotel most of the time and that RUBY would go out of his way to do things for him and his wife. He stated that his wife is very fond of RUBY. He characterized RUBY as being irresponsible and pointed out that he was very irresponsible as far as keeping appointments.

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RUBY did not impress CAVAGNARO as being particularly interested in current events and at no time did he notice that RUBY had any subversive tendencies. RUBY spent a great deal of time, thought and energy in connection with his business and many of his trips to the hotel were for the purpose of ascertaining what conventions were due to be held in Dallas in the near future. RUBY apparently did this so that he could plan his own night club business on the basis of the conventions expected.

RUBY according to CAVAGNARO "knew all the policemen in town". CAVAGNARO stated RUBY was well acquainted with a great number of policemen and particularly the policemen who were in or had been in the Special Service of the Police. He stated that he knew RUBY was a close friend of Lieutenant GILHOE and ERIC KEMINSKI. CAVAGNARO informed that in approximately 1957, RUBY managed a little colored boy who sang and danced. RUBY apparently thought the boy had talent and was helping the boy make a success in the entertainment world. RUBY on one occasion took the boy to Chicago to appear on television. CAVAGNARO has no information as to whether the boy was a success or not.

CAVAGNARO informed that he was certainly surprised at the news when it came to his attention that RUBY had shot OSWALD as he had never observed anything in RUBY's character to indicate that RUBY would do such a thing. CAVAGNARO advised that he knows of no connection between JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD and he never heard RUBY speak of OSWALD. He further stated that he had never seen OSWALD to his knowledge.

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