

Date November 26, 19631

JOE BONDS, Texas Department of Corrections Number 151515, upon interview at Wynne Prison Farm, advised as follows:

BONDS is serving a sentence on a sodomy charge out of Dallas, Texas.

He has known JACK RUBY from 1948 until 1954. Bonds introduced RUBY to the owner of the Silver Spur Night Club in Dallas, Texas in 1948, and RUBY subsequently bought this club. In 1952, RUBY became a partner with BONDS in the Vegas Club, Dallas, but bought BONDS out several months later for \$2500. BONDS described RUBY as not interested in politics, but more interested in money and publicity in connection with business ventures. RUBY had a bad temper, would fight with night club customers, and considered himself a "tough guy". RUBY was very friendly with police officers, and this began when an officer names JOHNNY SIDES was killed. RUBY held a benefit for SIDES at his club and turned the proceeds over to the family of SIDES.

RUBY, according to BONDS, would encourage police officers to frequent his clubs, and he gave some of them off-duty paying jobs in his clubs. He would also give free dinners and drinks to officers, and made women available to officers who were both entertainers and customers. BONDS furnished no identities of police officers so favored, but indicated they were primarily members of the Dallas Police Department. BONDS further commented that during the Korean War RUBY welcomed service men at his club, and he treated them to free meals and drinks.

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TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	Closed - Houston		TITLE OR CAPTION	
Assassination				Lee Harvey Oswald	
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	PERIOD COVERED				
Houston, Texas	November 25-Dec. 3, '63				
INVESTIGATION MADE BY					
SAIC Lane Bertram					
DETAILS					
SYNOPSIS					
Inmate of the Texas Prison System, <u>Joe Bonds</u> , allegedly a former business partner of <u>Jack Rubenstein</u> .					
DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION					
This case originated in the Houston Office on November 25, 1963 upon receipt of a phone call from Dr. C. A. Dryer, Texas Prison System psychiatrist, who advised that a prisoner, Joe Bonds, presently in TDG on a charge of sodomy from Dallas, Texas about 1952, serving an eight to ten year sentence, due to be released in the near future, had advised him that he formerly owned the Vegas Club in Dallas, prior to his arrest and felt sorry for Jack Rubenstein therefore took him in as a partner, and part owner of the Vegas Club. He later received demands from Rubenstein that he get out of the partnership and was offered \$2500. Since this represented a \$500 profit, Bonds accepted the money and got out of the club.					
Dr. Dryer further advised that Bonds stated Ruby was friendly with the police and had refused to attempt to help him in his present case as it might affect his relationship with the police department. He alleged that Ruby's served drinks and food to the Dallas police thinking that his friendship with them would lessen their harassment in the operation of his club. He also advised that Ruby carries a small revolver most of the time.					
On December 3, Inspector Thomas Kelley in Dallas was advised briefly of the above and stated that it would not be necessary to interview inmate Joe Bonds at Wynne State Farm, Huntsville, Texas					
DISPOSITION					
In view of the above this inquiry is closed.					
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