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SHERWIN JACK BRAUN, Architect, 6238 North Hoyne, business address 140 East Ontario, Chicago, Illinois, advised on the Labor Day weekend of 1959, he, JACK MARCUS and JAY BISHOV visited Havana, Cuba for three or four days while on a Florida vacation prior to returning to school in Chicago, Illinois.

On the first or second night in Havana, the three men had visited the Tropicana night club in Havana, Cuba and were standing by the roulette wheel or crap table when a man walked up and introduced himself. BRAUN advised he thought the man gave his name as JACK RUBY but was not sure. BRAUN stated he did not know the man who said he had originally been from Chicago, Illinois, but now owned some sort of night club or gambling establishment in Texas, possibly Dallas. The man invited the three men to visit his night club whenever they got to Texas.

BRAUN stated he believed RUBY was alone but appeared to know his way around and was familiar with the employees of the Tropicana. BRAUN stated RUBY did not give him a business card nor did he know how long RUBY stayed in Cuba nor where he stayed.

BRAUN described the man known as JACK RUBY as a white male American, large or heavy build, with round or oval face, had a "Jewish appearance", and did not have a Texas or southern accent. BRAUN stated no radical or political type statements were made, nor were any comments made other than the above casual remarks made by RUBY.

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JAY (NMI) BISHOV, Attorney, 6060 North Ridge, business address 5152 North Clark, Chicago, Illinois, advised he visited Havana, Cuba for three or four days about the first of September, as it was the Labor Day weekend in 1959. BISHOV stated he was with two other companions, a JACK MARCUS and SHERWIN BRAUN, both of Chicago, Illinois.

BISHOV stated that the second or third night in Havana, Cuba, he, BRAUN and MARCUS were standing near a crap table or roulette wheel at the Tropicana night club when a man approached and introduced himself by a name which BISHOV believed was JACK RUBY. RUBY asked where the three men were from and when BISHOV stated he was from the West Side of Chicago, Illinois, RUBY stated that he was also from that section of Chicago, Illinois, but had moved to Dallas, Texas some years before. BISHOV stated RUBY did not specify any particular street names or individuals with whom he had been acquainted in Chicago, Illinois.

BISHOV stated JACK RUBY extended an invitation to the three men to visit him at one of his night clubs in Dallas, Texas. BISHOV stated he was under the impression RUBY owned more than one night club in Dallas, Texas and indicated that these clubs were somewhat plush.

BISHOV stated RUBY appeared to know his way around the Tropicana night club, Havana, Cuba and may have been familiar with some of the employees. BISHOV stated the conversation lasted only about ten minutes and nothing other than the above casual comments were made. BISHOV stated no radical political type statements were made nor was there any indication RUBY belonged to any particular organizations. BISHOV stated he did not know how long RUBY had been in Havana, Cuba, where he was staying nor when he was supposed to return to the United States.

BISHOV stated he was not sure of the name nor of the picture appearing in the daily newspaper, that it was identical to the JACK RUBY he met in Cuba but described this individual as a white male American, of average build, 5'7" - 6', 165 - 200 pounds, dark hair, with a "Jewish appearance", and was in his mid or late forties. BISHOV stated RUBY was an extrovert and loud talker but appeared to be friendly.

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