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L. S. BROTHERTON, 10537 Fern Drive, Dallas, was interviewed at his place of business, Service, Inc., 4336 Columbia, Dallas. He said he had never owned the DuCharme Club in Dallas, did not know the owner, and had never visited the place.

He said that in about the late spring or early summer of 1963 he had been approached by three individuals at the Beachcomber Club on Lovers Lane in Dallas, which he then owned. He remembered that one of them was named LARRIE SCHMIDT, but he could not remember the names of SCHMIDT's two friends. These men represented themselves as having a great deal of money at their disposal and being interested in buying a night club in Dallas. BROTHERTON said that at the time he was losing money on the Beachcomber Club and would have been glad to have sold it, but from the first approach made to him by this trio he had them tabbed as "phonies," who probably had no money.

BROTHERTON said thereafter one or the other of the three would drop into the Lavender Room in Dallas, which BROTHERTON was then operating and which he still owns, to discuss the possible purchase of the Beachcomber Club. This went on for a matter of four or five weeks. No serious negotiations were ever entered into and BROTHERTON felt that the three men had no money and were not in a financial position to buy any business. Accordingly, he never took their talk very seriously. After a few weeks, BROTHERTON said he got tired of talking to the three, and told them he had had a firm offer for the Beachcomber Club and was not interested in talking further with them. He did not thereafter see them again.

BROTHERTON said the three of them never mentioned JACK RUBY, nor did they discuss with BROTHERTON any club other than the Beachcomber which they might be considering buying. He said he had no reason to believe that any of the three had ever met or talked with RUBY.

BROTHERTON said he had known JACK RUBY as a fellow night

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club owner for many years, that he first got acquainted with RUBY about eight years ago when the latter tried to get BROTHERTON to put some money into a night club venture which he recalled may have been the Vegas Club. BROTHERTON said that at the time he did not have any money and was not able to go into this business with RUBY. He said he had seen RUBY a number of times at a place RUBY owned on South Ervay Street in Dallas. However, BROTHERTON explained, he is crippled, has trouble climbing stairs, and seldom saw RUBY at the Carousel Club, where he had to climb stairs to get to the club.

BROTHERTON said he now owns the Lavender Room, the Purple Room, the Cops Club, the Streamliner Club, and the Roadrunner Club in the Dallas area, but has the latter three clubs leased out. He said that he made it a practice to go two or three times a week to night clubs owned by other individuals to keep up with what was going on at the clubs, and from time to time visited RUBY's clubs in this way. He said he was never a social friend of RUBY's, however, and never visited in RUBY's home or had RUBY to his home.

He said he last saw RUBY about a month before RUBY shot OSWALD in Dallas. He said he had never known OSWALD, nor did he have any reason to believe RUBY had ever been acquainted with OSWALD.

BROTHERTON said HENRY LEM BROTHERTON is his cousin. He said he had no knowledge about a liquor violation charged to JACK RUBY which had been dismissed at the instigation of HENRY LEM BROTHERTON. He also said he had no reason to believe that any one of the three men who purported to be interested in purchasing the Beachcomber Club had ever contacted HENRY LEM BROTHERTON in any connection whatsoever.