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THOMAS J. O'GRADY, 898 Bluswood Drive, Dallas, who is employed as a guard at the General Motors Parts Division, 10738 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas, furnished the following information:

He formerly worked as a patrolman for the Dallas Police Department from about 1946 to 1950. During this period, while patrolling on South Ervay Street, he became acquainted with JACE RUBY, who was at that time, operating the Silver Spur on South Ervay. Mr. O'GRADY left Dallas in 1950 and did not return until about 1955. About 1956, he first ran into RUBY again at the Vegas Club. He began working for RUBY on Saturday nights at the Vegas Club as a bouncer and continued working in this capacity until about 1958 or 1959. Since 1959, he has seen RUBY only on infrequent occasions. He would occasionally go to the Carousel Club with a group of people on a party and he was always welcomed in a friendly manner by RUBY. He recalled that about two years ago, he worked for RUBY on only one night at the Carousel Club, at the time of the Oklahoma - Texas football game. He did not visit RUBY socially and did not call upon him. They had no discussions about political matters and so far as he knew, RUBY was not intensely interested in political matters. He did not seem to be more than a normal admirer of President KENNEDY. There was never any indication that he was affiliated with any particular political party or group of persons interested in political activities.

O'GRADY advised he had no knowledge of trips that RUBY may have made away from Dallas, except for two trips to Chicago to visit his ailing father, and to subsequently attend his father's funeral.

O'GRADY advised to his knowledge, he had no affiliation with gambling or bookie interests in Dallas or elsewhere.

He had no knowledge of the identities of persons who may have been affiliated with RUBY in the operation of various clubs in Dallas.

O'GRADY advised RUBY's closest friend appeared to be

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RALPH PAUL, who worked with RUBY in the operation of the Vegas Club.

At approximately 8:30 PM, on November 23, 1963, RUBY telephoned O'GRADY and talked to him for approximately five minutes. He did not seem unusually agitated or emotional during these conversations and at no time mentioned the name of OSWALD. He seemed to be particularly interested in two points, first, he told O'GRADY that he was closing the Carousel Club since he did not believe there should be any revelry in the City of Dallas because of the assassination of the President. He complained because some of his competitors were keeping their places of business open, and secondly, he complained about a poster on a building in Dallas, which was critical of Chief Justice WARREN. O'GRADY said that it was unusual for RUBY to call him by telephone and the only reason he believes RUBY called him was that O'GRADY came originally from Boston and is of the Catholic faith, and also, that he has always been able to exert a calming influence on RUBY when the latter became agitated. He advised that RUBY is very hot tempered and would occasionally shout at people when he became angry, however, on the occasion of his telephone call, he did not seem to be agitated and gave absolutely no indication that he intended to do physical harm to OSWALD.

Mr. O'GRADY advised that he had never seen OSWALD in person and had no information indicating a prior connection between RUBY and OSWALD.

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