

xiv. James Robert Todd

Biographical Summary

(1324) Todd was born on December 10, 1919, in Groesbeck, Tex. (2165) He held a variety of occupations. He worked approximately 2 years at Sue's Used Car Lot in Dallas as a salesman. (2166) During World War II he was employed by North American Aviation. (2167) In 1978, he was president of Todd Oil Co. and J. R. Todd Oil and Investment Co. (2168) He was residing in Dallas, Tex.

Illegal activities

(1325) Todd had an extensive arrest record, but nothing since 1954. (2169) He had been arrested and convicted for a variety of offenses including burglary, transporting explosives, and murder. (2170)

(1326) It has been alleged that Todd was a well-known Dallas safe-cracker (2171) and known thief and associate of Dallas bookmakers. (2172) In his deposition, Todd did admit knowing two Dallas bookmakers, John Eli Stone and Albert Meadows. (2173) He has also been associated with Dallas criminal figures such as Lois Green, Jettie Bass, Nick Cascio and R. D. Matthews. (2174)

(1327) Todd told the committee that deLois Green was a "personal friend" whom he had known since approximately 1939. (2175) When asked about the deLois Green gang, Todd stated that "gang" was not the proper word to describe Green and his associates. (2176) Todd described them as "just a bunch of fellows that were friends." (2177) Later in his deposition, when questioned by his attorney, Todd indicated he was not aware of any association or organization known as the deLois Green gang. (2178)

Association With Organized Crime

(1328) Todd admitted in his deposition to the committee that he was casually acquainted with Sam and Joe Campisi, Joseph C' vello and Joe Ianni, alleged organized crime members in Dallas. (2179) He also stated that he only knew the Campisi and the Ianni family through their restaurant businesses. (2180)

Treatment by the Warren Commission

(1329) After the notation "Jack, DA8-2635" was discovered in Jack Ruby's automobile, the FBI conducted a brief interview of Todd. (2181) A few miscellaneous references to Todd have been found in other FBI reports in Jack Ruby's FBI file.

(1330) Todd did not testify before the Warren Commission, and he was not interviewed by its staff.

Relationship With Ruby

(1331) When Todd was interviewed by the FBI, he stated he was first introduced to Ruby in the Vegas Club 10 or 12 years earlier. (2182) He explained that the Vegas Club was next door to the B & B Restaurant which he visited frequently. (2183) Todd stated he had only been in the Vegas Club two or three times and had visited the Carousel Club one or two times. (2184)

(1332) Todd had often seen Ruby in the B and B Restaurant. (2185) Describing his relationship to Ruby as "very limited," Todd stated "he has never had any social connections with Ruby and he has no

idea of Ruby's activities, who his associates are, or any of his business dealings." (2186) He could not recall when he had last seen Ruby. (2187) He did admit, however, that the phone number found in Ruby's car, DA 8-2635, was his home telephone number. (2188)

(1333) Two FBI reports also linked Ruby to Todd. An FBI report describing an incident in 1953 when Ruby was in the AGVA offices arguing with Vincent Lee, the AGVA representative, states that Lee said Ruby, Joe Bonds and Todd, "together with other hoodlums and safecrackers," usually "hung around" Sue's Used Car Lot, 3400 Live Oak, Dallas, Tex. (2189) FBI Agent Charles Flynn, after a contact with Ruby on March 11, 1959, listed Todd as an associate of Ruby. (2190)

(1334) When Todd was deposed by the committee, he could not recall being interviewed by the FBI, even after being read the FBI report of the interview. (2191) He stated, "To my knowledge, this is the first time I have ever been asked anything about it . . . I don't recall anybody ever asking me about Jack Ruby." (2192) Todd also claimed his phone number was not DA 8-2635, but was DA 8-2634. (2193) Later, however, Todd stated he had no idea why his phone number appeared in Jack's car, and he could not recall Ruby ever calling him. (2194)

(1335) When asked when he first met Ruby, Todd stated it was when Ruby operated the Silver Spur. (2195) Todd said that "in all probability" he knew Ruby in 1946 and 1947. (2196)

(1336) Todd was also questioned about Sue's Used Car Lot. He informed the committee that he had been employed as a salesman at the car lot for approximately 2 years. (2197) He indicated that as far as he knew, Sue's Used Car Lot was nothing more than a used-car lot. (2198) He did not recall seeing Ruby there. (2199)

(1337) When asked to describe his relationship to Ruby, Todd stated:

To straighten the record out, I never said that I knew Ruby other than just by if he walked down the street, I would recognize him or Jack Ruby, if he walked in that door, I would recognize him as Jack Ruby, and that's it. (2200)

(1338) Later, when questioned by his attorney, Todd stated that he was never a guest at Ruby's home or Ruby a guest at his home. (2201) He had no business association with Ruby and did not know of any of Ruby's activities other than that of being a club manager. (2202)

(1339) Todd did have some common associates with Ruby—he admitted knowing James Dolan, R. D. Matthews, and Lewis J. McWillie. (2203)

(1340) Deposition before the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

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Room 4B40
Dallas, Texas

Tuesday, July 11, 1978
10:45 a.m.

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U.S. District Judge
W.M. Taylor, Jr.

SWORN TESTIMONY OF

J.R. TODD

P R O C E E D I N G S

Whereupon,

J. R. TODD

was duly sworn and testified as follows:

MR. McDONALD: Good morning. My name is
James McDonald.

MR. BIESEL: Mr. McDonald, I am Jerry
Biesel. On the record, I would like to say that it is
now---

MR. McDONALD: Excuse me, Mr. Biesel, just
let me get through some preliminaries.

MR. BIESEL: Okay. Then I want to put all
this on the record.

MR. McDONALD: All right. My name is
James McDonald. We are present in the Federal Courthouse
in Dallas, Texas, to take the Deposition of James Robert
Todd. Present this morning are Mr. Todd and his attorney,
Jerry Biesel.

I have been designated pursuant to House Resolution
222 and Committee Rule Four as a designated counsel and
power to take statements under oath, and the witness has
been previously sworn by Bobbie Gaskill, the Courtroom
Deputy for U.S. District Court Judge William Inglor, Jr.

MR. BIESEL: I think you have got that
wrong, there is no such Judge. William Taylor.

1 MR. McDONALD: Taylor.

2 MR. BIESEL: William Taylor, Jr.

3 MR. McDONALD: Thank you.

4 MR. BIESEL: I am Jerry Biesel. I am Mr.
5 Todd's attorney, and I would like the record to reflect
6 that it is now 11:40, I mean, 10:48, that this Deposition
7 was set at approximately 9:30, and at approximately twenty
8 minutes to ten, Mr. Todd appeared on the scene with his
9 attorney, and that we have spent the better part of the
10 last hour and ten minutes attempting to get Mr. Todd
11 sworn.

12 Mr. Todd and myself, along with the
13 Court Reporter, went to the Federal Court's own fifteen,
14 trying to find a Court Reporter, none were available,
15 and then we went to the U.S. Magistrate, Judge Malloy,
16 to his office, to ask him to swear this witness. Judge
17 Malloy -- We talked to the clerk for Judge Malloy, who
18 then went into Judge Malloy's office and several minutes
19 later, Judge Malloy came to the clerk's desk and told
20 us that he would refuse to swear the witness or any
21 subsequent witnesses, and that they had decided without
22 saying who they are that they would not get involved in
23 this situation.

24 MR. McDONALD: Mr. Biesel, we appreciate
25 your comment, and this committee regrets the attitude
demonstrated by the U.S. Magistrates here in this District,

1 and we regret the inconvenience to you and your client
2 as well as to this Court Reporter and myself, because we
3 also have things to do. And we don't like running around
4 courthouses to get witnesses sworn. And we wish the
5 Magistrate in this District would show a little more
6 courtesy to the Congress of the United States. And it's
7 a situation that we regret as much as you do.

EXAMINATION

8
9 BY MR. McDONALD:

10 Q Mr. Todd, would you please state for the record your full
11 name?

12 A J.R. Todd.

13 Q And your current address?

14 A 6116 North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas.

15 Q And is that your home or business?

16 A That's my business.

17 Q Okay. Would you please give us your home address?

18 A I don't care about giving my home address.

19 Q I'm sorry.

20 A Why do I have to give my home address?

21 Q Just for the complete record.

22 A The 6116 will reach me anytime.

23 Q All right. And what is the name of the business that
24 you occupy at that address?

25 A Todd Oil Company.

1 Q Okay. And the phone number there is?

2 A 369-6585.

3 Q Area code 214?

4 A Correct.

5 Q Mr. Todd, the statement that you are about to give to us
6 this morning is being given to us voluntarily; is that
7 correct?

8 A As far as I am concerned it is voluntary, yeah.

9 Q In other words, you're not under subpoena at this time?

10 A That's correct.

11 Q Okay. As you know, you do have the right to have your
12 attorney present, which he is sitting to your right?

13 A Correct.

14 Q And you and your counsel have been given a copy of
15 Committee Rules and House Resolution 222, 433 and 760,
16 and you have both had a chance to peruse them; is that
17 correct?

18 A We looked at Rule Four, but I don't know about 760.

19 Q Well, this is the blue packet that I passed out. And I
20 directed your attention to Rule Four; is that correct?

21 A Correct.

22 Q And which your counsel read aloud to you a few minutes
23 ago?

24 A Correct.

25 Q Okay. Thank you. Mr. Todd, as you note, the entire

1 Deposition is being recorded, and when we have a transcript
2 we will forward a copy to you and -- Well, to you and
3 your attorney to check it for typographical and grammatical
4 errors.

5 A All right.

6 Q That will be done in the near future.

7 Okay. Mr. Todd, what is the nature of your business,
8 Todd Oil Company?

9 A I drill wells and operate wells.

10 Q Uh-huh. And how many employees do you have?

11 A I only have one employee.

12 Q Okay. Is it also known as Todd Investment Company?

13 A J.R. Todd Oil and Investment Company is another separate
14 entity.

15 Q Okay. And would you please describe that for us?

16 A Well, I drill wells and operate wells under that name.

17 Q Okay. And how many employees do you have under that
18 company?

19 A Just one.

20 Q Okay. Do you contract out?

21 A Contract everything out.

22 Q I see. Okay. And how long have you had this business?

23 A Since back in the 40's.

24 Q And has it been at the same address?

25 A No, at one time I was at 1022 National Bankers Life

1 Building.

2 Q Here in Dallas?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q Okay. Do you have any partners in this -- Do you have
5 partners in these businesses?

6 A No, sir.

7 Q You are the sole proprietor?

8 A My children and myself are, yes.

9 Q And who are your children?

10 A What does that got to do with this?

11 Q Well, we're trying to get just a background and
12 identifying information just for our complete understand-
13 ing of---

14 A My oil company doesn't have anything to do with what we
15 are talking about.

16 Q Well, it would just be helpful for us to know---

17 MR. BIESEL: Counsel, I think this goes
18 outside the purview of this investigation, and Mr. Todd
19 doesn't feel like, you know, getting into his private
20 life. He's volunteered to give any information he might
21 have that would be relevant to this investigation, but
22 as to his private life he doesn't feel like any
23 investigation of his private life is warranted.

24 MR. McDONALD: All right. Well, we are
25 not investigating his private life, but I will respect

his wishes at this point.

Q (Mr. McDonald) Your answer then to the question was that your children occupy some place of responsibility in your company, either partners or---

A Ownership.

Q Ownership. Okay. And just a couple of more personal questions, if I might. What's your date of birth?

A December the tenth.

Q Yes, what year?

A 1919.

Q Okay. And where were you born?

A Groesbeck, Texas.

Q And you are presently married?

A Yes.

Q And what is your wife's name?

A Ann.

Q Ann. Okay. Mr. Todd, as you know, you have voluntarily come here this morning to assist this committee in its investigation of the assassination of John F. Kennedy. And in that regard, we are going to be asking you some questions that pertain to an individual by the name of Jack Ruby.

One further identifying bit of information. Are you the same Jack Todd, James Robert Todd, that was interviewed by the F.B.I. in 1963 shortly after the assassination of

1 John F. Kennedy?

2 A No, sir.

3 Q You are not the same one?

4 A No, sir.

5 Q Were you ever interviewed by the F.B.I. after the
6 assassination?

7 A Not to my knowledge.

8 Q Not to your knowledge or not -- Did you ever live at
9 2438 Oats Drive?

10 A I sure did.

11 Q Okay. And you don't recall being interviewed?

A No, sir.

Q How good is your memory?

A Fairly good.

Q All right. You don't recall being interviewed on
approximately December sixteenth, 1963, by Agent Tom E.
Chapoton, C-H-A-P-O-T-O-N?

A In regards to what?

Q In regards to Jack Ruby and the assassination of John F.
Kennedy?

A I don't remember, no.

Q I will say this, we have a record that you were interviewed
on that day.

A I have---

Q You don't recall?

1 A No, sir.

2 Q Okay.

3 MR. BIESEL: Now, as Mr. Todd's attorney,
4 if you have a copy of that record here, I would like to
5 see it in order to have my client refresh his memory,
6 because that's fifteen years ago, you know.

7 MR. McDONALD: I understand. I am not at
8 liberty to give you a copy of it because it's part of the
9 under documents that are not subject to disclosure
10 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. It's still
11 under an exception in the National Archives, but
12 according to the document that I am reading, it's an
13 F.B.I. 302. I don't know if you are familiar with that
14 term, it's an interview form of the F.B.I. You were
15 interviewed on December sixteenth, 1963, in Dallas, and
16 the person interviewed was James Robert Todd at 2438
17 Oats Drive, Dallas, regarding a notation that was found
18 in Jack Ruby's car that said, "Jack," and then a phone
19 number, "DA8-2635," which was your phone number at the
20 time, that's how they came to you?

21 A No, that wasn't my number.

22 Q (Mr. McDonald) Let me just say this: This was the
23 phone number and they at that time, fifteen years ago,
24 traced it to you, and that's how the F.B.I. came to
interview you?

1 A Well, if he came to interview me, I don't remember it.
2 And that telephone number is almost it, but that wasn't
3 the right number.

4 Q What was your number at that time?

5 A Davis 8-2634. As best I recall it, it was Davis 8-2634.

6 Q Okay. Well---

7 A 35 could have been something to Jack, I have no idea.
8 Mr. Todd, at that time, fifteen years ago, this is the
9 number they found and they traced it to you, and you were
10 interviewed?

11 A I don't remember.

12 MR. McDONALD: You can make a note also
13 present during this Deposition is Committee Investigator
14 Albert Maxwell.

15 Mr. Maxwell, we are in the process of trying to
16 refresh Mr. Todd's memory. I am looking at an F.B.I.
17 302, you may help us, you have interviewed Mr. Todd
18 before; is that correct?

19 MR. MAXWELL: Yes, uh-huh.

20 MR. McDONALD: According to the F.B.I.
21 interview, Mr. Todd was interviewed back in December of
22 1963, and he was located because a number was found in
23 Jack Ruby's car with the notation, "Jack, DA8-2635," and
24 that's how the F.B.I. ultimately ended up talking to Mr.
25 Todd. You're aware of those facts?

1 MR. MAXWELL: Yes.

2 MR. McDONALD: Okay. Mr. Todd is having
3 a problem remembering it.

4 THE WITNESS: I don't----

5 MR. BIESEL: Let me ask you a question,
6 Counselor, let me interrupt you.

7 You talk about these facts as if they're, you know,
8 true. It's my understanding, though, that the only thing
9 you have is no personal knowledge, you are looking at
10 some report that purports to say that these facts are
11 true, so let the record reflect that these statements
12 that these are facts, that's just a supposition on your
13 part, and you keep referring to these facts, those are
14 just some facts that are reported on an instrument that
15 you have that someone else quoted.

16 MR. McDONALD: Let me say this: I started
17 this whole line of questioning out merely as an
18 identifying bit of information which Mr. Todd now has
19 forgotten.

20 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.

21 Q (Mr. McDonald) You don't recall ever being talked to by
22 the F.B.I. after the assassination of President Kennedy?

23 A To my knowledge, this is the first time I have ever been
asked anything about it.

1 Q Have you ever been talked to before, excluding Mr. Maxwell,
2 regarding Jack Ruby by any official of the Federal
3 Government?

4 A I don't recall it, no.

5 Q You don't recall. So, what you are saying is then after
6 the -- You don't recall, or you were or you weren't, yes
7 or no?

8 A I don't recall.

9 MR. BIESEL: He says he doesn't recall it.
10 His memory says that he was not, but, you know, it's
11 fifteen years ago again, and, you know, it didn't have
12 any significance if he was, I assume, is that true, Mr.
13 Todd?

14 THE WITNESS: I don't recall anybody ever
15 asking me about Jack Ruby.

16 Q (Mr. McDonald) I am just saying that we deal with a lot
17 of people involved with this case---

18 A Yes.

19 Q ---and I would say that I find it hard to believe that
20 you don't remember that within two weeks after the
21 assassination that an F.B.I. Agent -- I can believe you
22 might not remember the substance, but that an F.B.I.
23 Agent came either to your business or home and interviewed
24 you regarding Jack Ruby, the assassin of the assassin of
25 the President?

1 MR. BIESEL: You see, Counsel, that's
2 because you're assuming that that report is accurate.

3 MR. McDONALD: Yes, I am assuming that it's
4 accurate.

5 MR. BIESEL: Okay. Then let's assume
6 this witness is under oath and just testified that he
7 does not recall that, and does not believe that occurred,
8 and let's assume that---

9 MR. McDONALD: I am assuming he's being
10 evasive.

11 MR. BIESEL: Yes, you are assuming he's
12 being evasive, and he's not being evasive. He's being as
13 candid with you as he could possibly be, because it has
14 no significance. What possible significance---

15 MR. McDONALD: That's for us to determine
16 and not for Mr. Todd to determine. I wanted to just
17 identify him as the same Mr. Todd, and we have reason to
18 believe that we know that he is the same Mr. Todd that
19 was interviewed by---

20 MR. BIESEL: You do not know that.

21 MR. McDONALD: Yes, we do, Mr. Biesel.

22 MR. BIESEL: You don't know that at all. You
23 have got a report that you're referring to there. He is
24 Mr. Todd, and he lived on Oats Drive, he will admit
25 that, but he does not recall a meeting with an F.B.I.

1 Agent concerning the Ruby assassination of Oswald.

2 MR. McDONALD: Okay. You made your point.

3 MR. BIESEL: Okay.

4 Q (Mr. McDonald) Okay. Mr. Todd, have you ever heard of
5 the Lois Green gang?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q Could you give us -- How do you know about the Lois Green
8 gang?

9 A The terminology, "gang", is just something that was
10 dreamed up by a bunch of folks.

11 Q Okay.

12 A Lois Green was my personal friend.

13 Q Uh-huh. When did you first meet Mr. Green?

14 A About '39.

15 Q 1939?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And you're saying the term, "gang", doesn't fit?

18 A (shakes head)

19 Q How would you describe Lois Green? Am I pronouncing it
20 correct?

21 A Right, correct.

22 Q And we will call them associates or whatever. How would
23 you describe the group?

24 A Just a bunch of guys.

25 Q A bunch of guys? A bunch of guys doing what?

1 A Just like us sitting right here, a bunch of guys.

2 Q Uh-huh. Who were they? Do you recall any of the people
3 that were members of this group?

4 A You have reference to a gang, but see, no gang . . . it
5 has never been established in my mind as a gang. There's
6 a bunch of fellows that were friends, and what relation
7 one of them made to the other, I have no knowledge of
8 that.

9 Q I think they're called a gang and they're considered by,
10 I would say, law enforcement as a gang, as a group of
11 individuals that were operating either in or on the
12 fringes of the criminal element in Dallas in 1939 or
13 whenever during the years in question. Do you recall
14 who were part of this group? What people were involved?

15 A If you tell me their names, I might know them, but I
16 don't know who they were.

17 Q Well---

18 A I might know a lot of individuals, but whether they were
19 a member of the gang, I never did see their badge.

20 Q Did you know an individual by the name of Benny Binion,
21 B-I-N-I-O-N?

22 A I know the name, yes, sir.

23 Q How do you know the name?

24 A You can pick up the newspaper and see that, but I know
25 him as a person casually.

1 Q Uh-huh. When did you first meet him?

2 A Probably back in the '40's.

3 Q And what did you read about him in the newspapers?

4 A Occasionally, you pick up the newspaper and read something,
5 I don't recall what you read.

6 Q Uh-huh. Well, generally speaking, what kind of news
7 reports were being written about him?

8 A That he was going to Vegas.

9 Q They would print that in the newspaper, someone travelling
10 to Vegas?

11 A I don't recall. You would have to look at the print to
12 see what was in there. I don't recall what was printed
13 in 1940.

14 Q So, in other words, he was known as a gambler?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And he was written up in various newspaper articles?

17 A I don't know that to be a fact, but I would think that
18 would be the assumption.

19 Q Okay. Do you know an individual by the name of Joe
20 Campisi?

21 A I know Joe Campisi.

22 Q When did you first meet him?

23 A Probably in the '40's.

24 Q Okay. How about his brother Sam?

25 A I knew his brother, Sam.

- 1 Q Okay. And how did you come to meet them?
- 2 A Their daddy had a restaurant, and it later turned into a
3 club, and it was a place where everybody went.
- 4 Q Uh-huh. And what was the nature of your relationship
5 with the Campisi's?
- 6 A Just go there and eat.
- 7 Q With them?
- 8 A Not necessarily. I would go in there, you know, like any
9 other restaurant. He was the owner, and I would go in
10 there and sit down and eat.
- 11 Q What was the name of the restaurant?
- 12 A I don't recall. They had one over on Central years ago,
13 and they had one over on Knox Street, and then they have
14 got the one they have got now.
- 15 Q Which is the one they have now?
- 16 A I believe, it's called The Egyptian.
- 17 Q And do you recall -- And which street is the Egyptian on?
- 18 A I believe, it's on Mockingbird.
- 19 Q How about Joe Civello, Joseph Civello?
- 20 A I met Joe Civello, yes, very casually.
- 21 Q And where?
- 22 A I don't have any idea.
- 23 Q When did you meet him?
- 24 A Probably in the '40's.
- 25 Q And you're saying that your relationship with him was

casual?

2 A Very casual.

3 Q What do you mean by, "very casual"?

4 A Like I met Mr. Maxwell here, I would know him again if I
5 saw him again. I would know he's Mr. Maxwell, that would
6 be casual.

7 Q Okay. How about Johnny Grizzaffi, G-R-I-Z-Z-A-F-F-I?

8 A Yeah, I know Johnny.

9 Q How do you know him?

10 A Very casual.

11 Q What do you mean by, "very casual"?

12 A I'd know him if he walked in this room.

13 Q Okay. When is the last time you saw him?

14 A Probably ten, twelve, fifteen years ago.

15 Q Is he alive today?

16 A I have no idea.

17 Q Did you have any business relationship with him?

18 A No.

19 Q Joe Ianni?

20 A Yeah, I knew Joe.

21 Q I-A-N-N-I?

22 A Yeah, I know Joe.

23 Q And what's your relationship with him?

24 A He had a restaurant and I would go in there and eat.

25 Q What was the name of his restaurant?

1 A Iann's.

2 Q Isn't he related to you by marriage?

3 A Pardon?

4 Q Is he related to you by marriage?

5 A No, my son is married to his daughter.

6 Q Okay. That's correct. Are these individuals that we
7 have just named, are they considered -- have they been
8 termed in the press and by law enforcement circles as
9 "Organized Crime", in the Dallas area?

10 A I wouldn't have any idea.

11 Q You have never seen that? When you spoke of reading
12 about Benny Binion in the newspaper, have you seen it in
13 that context?

14 MR. BIESEL: Counsel, I think that's too
15 vague a question for my client to be supposing about how
16 these people have been characterized by newspaper accounts.

17 MR. McDONALD: Well, I'm asking if he's
18 aware.

19 MR. BIESEL: I don't think that's a proper
20 question because, you know, he might read it, he might
21 give it some credence, might be a New York City nut, I
22 don't think that's a proper question, and I will instruct
23 him not to answer that question.

24 Q (Mr. McDonald) Okay. Mr. Todd, in this committee's
25 inquiry into Jack Ruby, and as you know, the reason why

1 you have been asked to come here this morning is because
2 we feel you can help us and give us some insight into
3 Jack Ruby, the person.

4 In part of our overall investigation, not
5 only this committee, but other people who have been
6 looking at the Kennedy assassination have looked at Jack
7 Ruby, one of the areas that they have focused on, was
8 what is called or has been termed, "The Organized Crime"
9 move into Dallas in '47 and '48, in the various writings of
10 the people that have reviewed the Kennedy assassination and
11 have written in books that you can buy in a bookstore,
12 this is an area that they talk about, "The Organized
13 Crime" move into Dallas, Texas, in '46 and '47. So, we're
14 hoping that perhaps you can give us some information in that
15 area.

16 Namely, do you know a person by the name of .

17 Paul Roland Jones?

18 A I did at one time.

19 Q Okay. When did you meet him?

20 A Back in the '40's.

21 Q Uh-huh. Do you know specifically when in the '40's?

22 A I have no idea.

23 Q Well, would it have been in '46, '47 area?

24 A It could have been. I am not for sure.

25 Q And what was the nature of your relationship with him?

MR. BIESEL: Let me interrupt you a minute.

1 Counsel. We are going back in some fifteen years prior
2 to Kennedy's assassination, at the time Kennedy was a
3 teenager, a long time prior to Ruby ever being in Dallas,
4 as far as I know.

5 MR. McDONALD: Ruby was in Dallas at that
6 time in '46-'47.

7 MR. BIESEL: Well, I appreciate it, and I
8 want you to ask any questions that you feel is relevant,
9 but if we could tie it a little closer to Mr. Ruby, you
10 know, I want this tied down to Mr. Ruby.

11 MR. McDONALD: I understand.

12 MR. BIESEL: This is getting far afield
13 talking about '46 and '47, because we haven't even
14 indicated at that time that Mr. Todd was acquainted with
15 Mr. Ruby.

16 MR. McDONALD: I appreciate your comments,
17 and we will be tying it into Ruby. This is a background
18 area that we have to cover regarding Mr. Ruby. He was
19 present in Dallas, Ruby was, at this time, and as I tried
20 to give you in my preface remarks that this is the reason
21 for these questions dealing in a time span fifteen years
22 prior to the assassination.

23 Q (Mr. McDonald) So, Mr. Todd, I ask you, what was the
24 nature of your relationship with Paul Roland Jones?

25 A No relationship with him at all.

1 Q You knew him?

2 A Yeah.

3 Q How did you know him?

4 A Somebody introduced me to him.

5 Q And how often did you have an occasion to socially or
6 whatever meet with him?

7 A It was so vague, I wouldn't remember, probably three
8 times or four times forever.

9 Q Do you know whether Jack Ruby knew Paul Roland Jones?

10 A I have no idea.

11 Q Okay. How about an individual by the name of Paul
12 Labriola, also known as -- He had a nickname of Needle
13 Nose, do you know him?

14 A Not to my knowledge.

15 Q Well, have you ever heard of the person?

16 A I think he asked me one time if I knew him, but I don't
17 know him.

18 Q You don't?

19 A I wouldn't know him if he walked in the door.

20 Q You would not? Okay. Danny Lardino?

21 A No, sir.

22 Q You don't know him?

23 A No, sir.

24 Q Have you ever heard of the name?

25 A No, sir.

1 Q Marcus Lipsky?

2 A No.

3 Q L-I-P-S-K-Y. James Weinberg?

4 A No.

5 Q You're saying no, you never heard of them? You do not

6 know them or you have never heard of them?

7 A I have never heard of them.

8 Q Never heard of them, which means you don't know them?

9 A That's right.

10 Q Okay. Pat Manning or Pat Manno, M-A-N-N-O?

11 A Not to my knowledge.

12 Q Well, in other words---

13 A That name doesn't do nothing for me.

14 Q Jack Knapp, also known as Romeo Natti?

15 A That name seems familiar, but I don't know. I have no

16 idea.

17 Q How about George Butler?

18 A I know George.

19 Q How do you know George?

20 A He's a policeman here.

21 Q A policeman here in Dallas? And how did you come to

22 know him?

23 A I don't know.

24 Q Pardon?

25 A I have no idea how I come to know him.

1 Q You don't remember the first time you met him?

2 A No, sir.

3 Q How many times did you have contact with him?

4 A I wouldn't have any idea.

5 Q Uh-huh. What was the nature of your contact with him?

6 A I have no idea what that would be. He was a policeman,
7 he was probably doing his job.

8 Q Is it possible that Butler was one of the -- You have a
9 number of arrests during that time period, '41 through
10 '54, could it -- Is it possible that Butler was one of
11 the arresting officers on any one of the arrests that you
12 had during that time span?

13 A In probability, it could be. I have no idea. If they
14 arrest you, they arrest you, I don't take their numbers
15 and badges.

16 Q Do you know whether -- To your knowledge, do you know if
17 Jack Ruby knew George Butler or had any dealings with
18 him?

19 A I wouldn't have any way of knowing it.

20 Q Okay. How about Steve Guthrie?

21 A Steve Guthrie was a Sheriff here.

22 Q Did you know him?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Did you know him personally as opposed to knowing who he
25 was because he was the Sheriff? In other words, did you

1 have personal contacts with him?

2 A Just when he arrested me, that's all the contacts I ever

3 had.

4 Q Did he personally arrest you?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And what did he arrest you for?

7 A Probably vagrancy.

8 Q Can you recall what year?

9 A Whenever he was elected Sheriff, I don't know what year

10 he was elected.

11 Q Okay. Do you know if Ruby, Jack Ruby, had any involvement

12 with Steve Guthrie?

13 A I have no idea.

14 Q Okay. Mr. Todd, do you know an individual by the name

15 of James Henry Dolan ?

16 A I met Jim Dolan , yes.

17 Q When did you first meet Jim Dolan?

18 A Probably in the '50's.

19 Q Okay. And what was the nature of your meeting with him?

20 A No nature, somebody introduced me.

21 Q At a restaurant?

22 A I have no idea of whether it was at a restaurant.

23 Q Could we say -- To your knowledge, was Dolan associated

24 with Lois Green?

25 A I wouldn't have any way of knowing.

1 Q Why wouldn't you have any way of knowing?

2 A I never asked Lois if he knew him.

3 Q Well, do you know if he was in fact, whether Lois told

4 you or not, did you know that or did you have any inkling

5 that Dolan was part of that group?

6 A I wouldn't have any way of knowing.

7 Q Well, so your answer then is you did not know or he was?

8 A I don't know.

9 Q How well did you know Dolan ?

10 A Very very casual.

11 Q And what do you mean by, "very very casual"?

12 A I probably in my lifetime have ever seen him over four

13 times or five.

14 Q And what would be the circumstances when you saw him

15 four or five times? Would it be---

16 A Pass him on the street.

17 Q Did you ever have any lengthy conversations with him?

18 A It's according to how you classify lengthy. "How are you?"

19 "How have you been?" "How's everything?" "Good to see

20 you."

21 Q Uh-huh. And that's it?

22 A (nods head)

23 Q Did you know what Dolan did when he lived in Dallas?

24 A I never asked him.

25 Q Are you familiar with a place called Sue's Car Lot?

1 A Sue's?

2 Q Yes.

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay. What is Sue's Car Lot? What is it and where is it?

5 A Sue's Car Lot doesn't exist any more.

6 Q Okay. When did it exist?

7 A Oh, back in the '40's, I guess.

8 Q And was Sue's Used Car Lot as the name would suggest, a

9 used car lot?

10 A Pardon me?

11 Q In other words, what was Sue's Car Lot?

12 A Sue's Car Lot was a car lot.

13 Q That's what I asked, but it didn't come out that way.

14 And where was that located?

15 A Over on Live Oak Street.

16 Q In Dallas?

17 A Yes.

18 Q How often did you go to Sue's Used Car Lot?

19 A I worked there.

20 Q You worked there? As what?

21 A As a salesman.

22 Q How long did you work there?

23 A I don't know. Probably two years. A year and a half.

24 Q Do you recall what years?

25 A No.

1 Q Well, was it early '40's, during the war, after the war?

2 A I don't remember.

3 Q Well, did it do a pretty good business?

4 A Yeah, I would say they did a fair business, yes.

5 Q Okay. Let's see if we can pin the time down. During

6 World War II, were you in the Service?

7 A No.

8 Q Do you recall whether you worked there in the early '40's

9 during World War II?

10 A I don't recall.

11 Q Well, do you remember what you did during the early '40's?

12 Do you remember what you did during the war?

13 A I worked at North American.

14 Q North American?

15 A Aviation.

16 Q During the entire war years?

17 A I was working there in '41 when the war broke out.

18 Q And how long did you work there?

19 A Quite awhile.

20 Q Two, three years?

21 A Could have been.

22 Q Okay.

23 MR. BIESEL: Let me interrupt you just a
24 minute, Counsel, in order to make this a little more
25 definitive, if I might. Mr. Todd, while you were at

1 Sue's Used Car Lot, were you working under the name J.R.
2 Todd?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 MR. BIESEL: And did you have Social
5 Security and withholding taxes?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, I did.

7 MR. BIESEL: Are those still available to
8 the government, if they wanted?

9 MR. McDONALD: Well, I can answer that
10 question, no, they are not. Social Security doesn't keep
11 those kind of records, and I am just trying to pin it
12 down as far as years. I'm not trying to get the exact
13 dates, but I think, it's reasonable to think that we can
14 perhaps just work our way to figure whether it was during
15 -- if it was not during World War II, we know it's between
16 '45 and '50. Would that be a reasonable time frame to
17 be talking about?

18 A (The Witness) It could have been, but I am not stating.
19 I don't recall. You know, my guess would be as good as
20 yours.

21 Q (Mr. McDonald) Okay. During the time you worked at
22 Sue's Car Lot, did Jack Ruby ever come there?

23 A If he did, I never saw him.

24 Q Well, did you know him? Did you know Jack Ruby in 1946,
25 1947?

1 A In all probability, I did, yes.

2 Q Do you recall him coming to Sue's Car Lot?

3 A I don't ever recall him coming to Sue's Car Lot.

4 Q Did any other individuals come to the car lot?

5 A We was in business, there was a lot of people coming.

6 Q Do you recall whether Ruby used to come there on a regular

7 basis, not just once or twice?

8 A I just told you I never saw him there in my life.

9 Q Uh-huh. Okay. Mr. Todd, do you know an individual by

10 the name of John Eli Stone?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q Okay. How do you know him?

13 A Like you know Maxwell.

14 Q Uh-huh. In other words, you know him casually?

15 A Yes.

16 Q That's not like I know Maxwell, but like you know Maxwell?

17 A Yeah.

18 Q And how long have you known him?

19 A Since in the '40's.

20 Q Okay. Do you still know him?

21 A I'd know if he walked in the door.

22 Q When's the last time you saw him?

23 A Probably a year or so ago.

24 Q Okay. Is he still engaged in bookmaking, do you know?

25 A I have no idea.

1 Q Okay. How about James Woodrow Stone, Jim Stone?
2 A Who?
3 Q Stone, Jim Stone?
4 A You've lost me there.
5 Q Okay. Albert Meadows?
6 A Al Meadows?
7 Q Yeah.
8 A Yeah, I know him.
9 Q How long have you known him?
10 A Since in the '40's.
11 Q Do you still know him?
12 A Yes, sir.
13 Q He is still alive?
14 A As far as I know.
15 Q When's the last time you saw him?
16 A Probably four, five months ago, six.
17 Q Pardon?
18 A About four, five, six months ago.
19 Q Okay. What business is he in? Is he a bookmaker?
20 A I don't think so, but I never asked him.
21 Q Okay. How about the fellow I mentioned first, Stone?
22 Stone is known as a bookmaker?
23 MR. BIESEL: I don't think it's proper for
24 Mr. Todd to characterize these people as bookmakers or
25 whatever, that's for the newspaper reporters and writers

1 to characterize. I don't think it's proper for Mr. Todd
2 to characterize anybody as a bookmaker or---

3 MR. McDONALD: Well, okay. That's true.

4 Q (Mr. McDonald) But do you know them as -- these
5 individuals as making book or involved in---

6 A I don't know them like that either.

7 Q Okay. Did Jack Ruby have any association with these
8 individuals that we just mentioned?

9 A I wouldn't have any idea.

10 Q In other words, you were never present with any of these
11 individuals?

12 A Not to my knowledge.

13 Q Well, I understand what you're saying when you say not
14 to your knowledge, but---

15 A I want you to understand that because, you know, if I
16 saw Jack Ruby, I don't pay no attention if somebody's
17 standing there next to him. Everybody on the street
18 would know him from one end of Commerce Street to the
19 other, but, I mean---

20 Q When did you first meet Jack Ruby?

21 A Best I remember it was over on Ervey Street, whenever he
22 had the Silver Spur or whatever that place is called.

23 Q When did you meet him?

24 A Whenever the record will show that he had the Silver
25 Spur, I don't know.

1 Q That would be early 1950?

2 A I don't know.

3 Q Well, would it be safe to assume that you first met Ruby

4 sometime during, we'll say, the early '50's, late '40's?

5 Have you known him that long?

6 A Whenever they had 3.2 beer here, that's all I know.

7 Q When was that?

8 A I don't know. If I knew that, I would know what year it

9 was.

10 Q Do you recall where you first met him?

11 A I believe, the first time I ever met him was when he had

12 the Silver Spur.

13 Q Did he own a place called the Vegas Club?

14 A I heard rumors that he did, but I don't know that to be

15 a fact.

16 Q Okay. How did you come to meet him at the Silver Spur?

17 A I would go in there like everybody else would.

18 Q Uh-huh. Did you get to know him well?

19 A No, sir.

20 Q How often would you have contact with him?

21 A If I went in the Silver Spur, I would see him and speak

22 to him, if you call that contact.

23 Q Did you ever back in the, we'll say, the early 50's, do

24 you recall a restaurant called the B & B on Oaklawn

25 Street?

- 1 A Yes, sir.
- 2 Q Did you used to frequent that?
- 3 A On occasions, yes, sir.
- 4 Q Do you remember whether the Vegas Club was in the vicinity
5 of the B & B restaurant?
- 6 A About three doors down.
- 7 Q Do you recall ever meeting Ruby in the Vegas Club?
- 8 A Meeting him in the Vegas Club?
- 9 Q Uh-huh.
- 10 A If I went in the Vegas Club, and he was there, he would
11 say, "Hello," that's about it. I never went there
12 specifically to meet him, no.
- 13 Q Did you ever go to the Carousal Club when Ruby owned the
14 Carousal Club?
- 15 A Where was the Carousal Club?
- 16 MR. McDONALD: Al, where was it?
- 17 MR. MAXWELL: On Commerce.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Here?
- 19 MR. MAXWELL: Across from the Adolphus
20 Hotel.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Yes, I have been in the
22 Carousal.
- 23 Q (Mr. McDonald) And did you see Ruby when you would
24 frequent the Carousal?
- 25 A I didn't ever say that I frequented it. I said I have

1 been in the Carousal Club, and I have probably been in
2 there three times in my life.

3 Q Uh-huh. How about the Singapore Club?

4 A Where was that?

5 MR. MAXWELL: I don't know.

6 Q (Mr. McDonald) Somewhere in downtown Dallas?

7 A I don't recall it.

8 Q Okay. Well, during the years that you knew Ruby, prior
9 to 1963, how would you describe your relationship with him?

10 A To straighten the record out, I never said that I knew
11 Ruby other than just by if he walked down the street, I
12 would recognize him as Jack Ruby, and if he walked in
13 that door, I would recognize him as Jack Ruby, and that's
14 it.

15 Q You're testifying that you never had any conversations
16 with him beyond a casual---

17 A Beyond a casual conversation, correct.

18 Q What we're trying to determine is why -- and I know we
19 have started out the Deposition with the discussion, but
20 the phone number of the name Jack that was found on a slip
21 of paper in Ruby's car, it was your number, and so, the
22 question is: Why would Jack Ruby have your name and
23 number on a piece of paper in his car?

24 A I have no idea.

25 Q Okay. You can think of no reason?

1 A No reason whatsoever.

2 Q Did he ever call you? Did Ruby ever telephone you?

3 A Not to my knowledge.

4 Q Well, do you remember that he did?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q Okay. But it's possible that he could have, you just don't remember?

7 A It's possible.

8 MR. BIESEL: That question, Counselor,
9
10 "Is it possible, Mr. Ruby," anything is possible. Mr.
11 Todd would have no way of knowing. Mr. Todd would only
12 know whether or not he talked to Mr. Ruby.

13 Q (Mr. McDonald) Okay. And you don't recall talking to
14 Mr. Ruby over the telephone?

15 A No, sir.

16 Q And you can give us no reason why that slip of paper was
17 found in Ruby's car?

18 A No, sir.

19 Q And your testimony is that your relationship with Ruby
20 was merely a casual hello?

21 A That's right.

22 Q Okay. Did you know any of Ruby's relatives, his brother,
23 Sam, Sam Ruby?

24 A Seemed like he was pointed out, but I don't think I ever
25 met him.

1 Q How about Earl Ruby?
2 A Who?
3 Q Earl, his brother, Earl Ruby?
4 A I don't know.
5 Q Eva Grant?
6 A Eva Grant, if it's the one I am thinking of, used to take
7 tickets at the club, but I don't know.
8 Q At what club?
9 A The one out there on Oaklawn.
10 Q The Vegas Club?
11 A Yeah.
12 Q Eva Grant would---
13 A I think that's true, yeah.
14 Q I'm going to ask you these questions. Did you have any
15 knowledge during 1959 that Jack Ruby took a trip to Cuba?
16 A Not to my knowledge.
17 Q In other words, what you're saying is, you don't know?
18 A I wouldn't have any way of knowing.
19 Q Do you know whether Jack Ruby was involved in the numbers?
20 A I wouldn't have any way of knowing.
21 Q Is there anyone that you think would know the answers to
22 some of the questions I am asking you?
23 A No.
24 Q In other words, any of your friends? Did you have at
25 that time any friends who knew Ruby better than you did?

1 A Well, if they knew him at all, they would know him better
2 than me.

3 Q Did you know an individual by the name of Ralph Paul?

4 A Not to my knowledge.

5 Q In other words, you don't remember him, if you did know
6 him?

7 A That's right.

8 Q How about George Senator?

9 A I know George Senator.

10 Q How do you know him?

11 A I bought some clothes from him.

12 Q Uh-huh. When is the last time you bought some clothes
13 from him?

14 A A year or two.

15 Q Uh-huh. How did George Senator come to sell you some
16 clothes? I understand he sells clothes out of the back
17 of his car?

18 A Correct.

19 Q And how did you come to be in contact with him?

20 A Just probably sitting down and he came in with some
21 clothes, and I bought them.

22 Q I see. Can you recall where you were?

23 A Not right offhand, no.

24 Q When is the last time you saw him?

25 A Oh, probably four to six months ago.

1 Q Can you recall where you saw him?
2 A Greenville Avenue.
3 Q Greenville Avenue here in Dallas?
4 A Uh-huh.
5 Q At a specific spot, a restaurant or a bar or what?
6 A At a parking lot.
7 Q Was he setting up shop, so to speak?
8 A He was getting in his car.
9 Q Getting in his car. How about R.D. Mathews?
10 A I know R.D.
11 Q How do you know him?
12 A Casual.
13 Q When was the first time you met R.D. Mathews?
14 A Seems like it was right after the war.
15 Q What kind of business was Mathews in?
16 A I never asked him.
17 Q When you say, "casual", what do you mean by that?
18 A Just casual, how would you describe casual?
19 Q Well, I'm asking you.
20 A I'm trying to get you to give me a little assistance
21 here in describing it.
22 Q How about ^{Lewis} ~~Louis~~ McWillie?
23 A ^{Lewis} ~~Louis~~ McWillie?
24 Q Yes.
25 A I know ^{Lewis} ~~Louis~~ McWillie.

1 Q What's the nature of your relationship with him?

2 A Very casual.

3 Q Okay. And when's the last time you saw Mr. McWillie?

4 A Probably fifteen years ago, eighteen.

5 Q How about Joe Bons?

6 A Yeah, I know Joe.

7 Q Casual relationship?

8 A Very very casual.

9 Q When's the last time you saw him?

10 A Probably '49.

11 Q Uh-huh. How about ^ELinnie Patrick?

12 A I don't believe so.

13 Q Does the name sound familiar?

14 A No.

15 Q Dave Yaras, Sam Yaras, Y-A-R-A-S?

16 A No.

17 Q How about Johnny Patrono?

18 A Yeah, I know Johnny.

19 Q How did you know him?

20 A Just kind of casual.

21 Q Uh-huh. Where would you see him?

22 A See him at the Iann's restaurant or Joe's restaurant.

23 Q Would you ever sit down and speak with him?

24 A Lots of times.

25 Q What kind of conversation? What would you talk about?

- 1 A Whether he was losing weight or gaining weight, or how
2 he was feeling.
- 3 Q To your knowledge, during the '60's and '50's, do you
4 know whether it be by hearsay or direct personal knowledge,
5 or whatever, rumor, scuttlebutt, whether Jack Ruby was
6 an informant for the Dallas Police Department?
- 7 A I wouldn't have any way of knowing.
- 8 Q Well, I think you might have had, you know, just general
9 talk among the bar talk and stuff like that, just loose
10 conversation, but had that ever come up to your knowledge?
- 11 A Not to my knowledge, no.
- 12 Q I mean, I think, you would have had a lot of casual
13 relationships that that might have come out in conversation?
- 14 A Not necessarily so.
- 15 Q Okay. In an interview with Mr. Maxwell, you mentioned
16 that you had met Morgan Brown, I assume, you know Mr.
17 Brown, Mr. Morgan Brown?
- 18 A They asked me if I knew Morgan Brown, I told them I had
19 met one casually, that's what I told you, it was in the
20 oil business, and they said that was the one in the same.
- 21 Q Uh-huh. And when was this? When did you meet him?
- 22 A Oh, back some time ago. I don't recall exactly. I mean--
- 23 Q Well, how much is "some time"? Six months?
- 24 A Probably six months, a year.
- 25 Q Uh-huh. And where did you meet him?

1 A I don't recall.

2 Q Well, was it here in Dallas?

3 A Yeah.

4 Q And what kind of meeting did you have with him?

5 A "Jack, this is Morgan Brown. Hello." That's it.

6 Q Who introduced you?

7 A He asked me the same question, I couldn't remember who it
8 was.

9 Q Was it in a bar, restaurant or office?

10 MR. BIESEL: Counsel, again, now, we're
11 talking about what happened here six months ago. And
12 again, we have been talking about things that have been
13 fifteen years before the assassination. Now, we're talking
14 about things that happened fifteen years after. I see
15 very little relevance to the investigation.

16 MR. McDONALD: Well, Counsel, it is
17 relevant. I'm not trying to take up your time or Mr.
18 Todd's time.

19 MR. BIESEL: Well, we don't have the
20 information, of course, that you have available to you,
21 and so, therefore, things that appear not to be relevant
22 to us---

23 MR. McDONALD: Let me assure you, I wouldn't
24 be sitting here asking a question, if I didn't think it
25 was relevant to our inquiry. And we are almost completed.

1 MR. BIESEL: All right.

2 MR. McDONALD: So, if you will bear with
3 me.

4 Q (Mr. McDonald) We're getting back to Mr. Brown, Morgan
5 Brown.

6 A It was so casual I don't recall if I told him.

7 Q And did you have -- What kind of conversation did you have
8 with him?

9 A What do you normally say when you meet somebody?

10 Q You didn't talk about oil business or anything?

11 A Well, he was informed about the oil business, and I was
12 informed he was in the oil business, so---

13 Q One final question, which I asked you before, but it's
14 something that we're trying to get an understanding that
15 is again: Why, to your knowledge, would Jack Ruby have
16 your name and phone number on a piece of paper in his
17 car?

18 A I would have no way of knowing.

19 Q In 1963?

20 MR. McDONALD: Okay. I have no further
21 questions.

22 MR. BIESEL: I have some questions I want
23 to put on the record.

24 MR. McDONALD: Okay.

25 CROSS-EXAMINATION

1 BY MR. BIESEL:

2 Q Mr. Todd, we have been questioning this morning, we have
3 gone from 1940's to the 1970's in regard to who you know
4 in Dallas County, Texas. Let me ask you, during the
5 period of time that you knew Mr. Ruby, was he ever a
6 guest in your home or you a guest in his?

7 A No, sir.

8 Q Did you ever know Mr. Ruby to have any activities other
9 than just a club owner, an operator?

10 A That's all I ever heard of him do.

11 Q Did you have any business association with him at all?

12 A No, sir.

13 Q Other than just a casual greeting on the street or seeing
14 him in his clubs, did you have any contact with him at
15 all?

16 A No, sir.

17 Q All right. They characterize what they call the Lois
18 Green gang, were you aware that there was any organization
19 or association actual of that in nature?

20 A No, sir.

21 Q Now, did Sue's Used Cars that they talk about, was this
22 any kind of notorious hangout or anything like that?
23 Was this a little car lot run by a woman on Live Oak
24 Street?

25 A As far as I know, that's what it was.

- 1 Q Well, you do know, don't you?
- 2 A I do.
- 3 Q You sold cars there?
- 4 A That's right.
- 5 Q All right. They have gone through and asked you a bunch
6 of names of people who you know, I guess, would you say
7 you meet many people in your business?
- 8 A Quite a few.
- 9 Q Would it be possible for you to meet someone fifteen
10 years ago and not pay any attention to them when you met
11 them and, you know, maybe meet someone and not remember
12 that you met them?
- 13 A Very possible.
- 14 Q All right. Now, the Campisi's, there was some
15 conversation about the Campisi's. Do you know them
16 through their restaurant business?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q All right. And other than the fact that before your son
19 married into the Ianni family, what was your connection
20 with Joe Ianni?
- 21 A I just knew him. He was in the restaurant business. I
22 would go in there and eat.
- 23 Q In fact, when I was a little boy, you carried me in his
24 restaurant to eat on occasion?
- 25 A Probably.

1 MR. BIESEL: That concludes this
2 Deposition. Thank you very much.
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5 (Whereupon, at 12:00 p.m., the proceedings
6 in the above-entitled matter were closed.)
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10 Subscribed and sworn to before me

11 this _____ day of _____, 1978.
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Notary Public
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16 My Commission Expires: _____
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