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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The following criminal informants affiliated or familiar with gambling matters, Albuquerque Division, were contacted on November 25, 1963, with negative results:

AQ 175-C, Albuquerque, N.M., by SA J. JEROME MAXWELL.
AQ 133-C, Albuquerque, N.M., by SA J. JEROME MAXWELL.
PCI RALPH T. TRUJILLO, Albuquerque, N.M., by SA J. JEROME MAXWELL.
AQ 128-C, Albuquerque, N.M., by SA CARY CARLTON.
AQ 141-C, Albuquerque, N.M., by SA STUART J. CAMERON.
AQ 181-C, Albuquerque, N.M., by SA STUART J. CAMERON.
PCI B. HOWARD THORNE, Roswell, N.M., by SA WILLIAM L. EDDY.
PCI EDMOND ZUFFEREY, Roswell, N.M., by SA WILLIAM L. EDDY.
AQ 178-C, Grants, N.M., by SA CALVIN D. KNOTT.
PCI E. L. KEITH, Clovis, N.M., by SA FRANK W. HAINES.
PCI KIT PETTIGREW, Clovis, N.M., by SA FRANK W. HAINES.

On November 25, 1963, AQ 204-C advised SA W. J. WILKINSON, JR., Farmington, N.M., that she once met JACK RUBY in an unknown hotel in Dallas, Texas, many years ago. The informant was unable to recall the hotel or other people during this contact. Informant has never met victim.

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On 11/25/63, AQ 195-PC advised SA STUART J. CAMERON at Albuquerque, N.M., that approximately eleven months ago he met JACK RUBY at the Carousel Club in Dallas, Texas. Informant met RUBY through JACK HARDEE, JR., and when the informant mentioned that he was from Albuquerque, RUBY advised that LOU LEBBY at Albuquerque was a good friend. The informant learned through HARDEE that RUBY came to Dallas, Texas, from Chicago and that a "Jewish boy" had the particular section of town where the Carousel is now located "all sewed up." Informant states RUBY had a difficult time breaking into the area, but that he is now quite well off along with the "Jewish boy," who also has a joint located one block from the Carousel in an upstairs location.

HARDEE mentioned to AQ 195-PC that RUBY had a "good in" with the Dallas Police Dept. The informant states this would be borne out from his observation by the fact that RUBY had a B-girl operation where drinks were pushed heavily and they had no interference from the police department. The informant knew of no specific connections with the police department and only personally engaged RUBY in conversation for five to ten minutes. Informant stated he is not aware of any Chicago underworld connections of RUBY or any subversive or extremist connections. He did not know of any relationship between the subject and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee or any association between OSWALD and RUBY.

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DL 44-1639

ADMINISTRATIVE

Files of the Chicago Office reflect the following:

"Chicago Daily Tribune" of December 9, 1939, carried an article stating that JOHN MARTIN, President of the Scrap Iron and Junk Handlers Union Local 20467, AFL, had shot LEON R. COOKE, the attorney for the above union. According to former CG 40-C, who was interviewed at that time, the informant was then in the process of forming a rival union affiliated with the CIO and had written several letters to junk dealers in this regard which he had signed "Cook". MARTIN learned of these letters, assumed he was being double crossed by LEON COOKE, and during an argument between MARTIN and COOKE which ensued, MARTIN shot LEON COOKE. MARTIN then became a fugitive justice.

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Chicago 6670-PD advised SA JOHN R. BASSETT on November 24, 1963 that he had been a close friend of subject RUBY for many years in Chicago. This informant advised that "SPARKY" was hot tempered on occasions, but was generally of a good disposition. He stated that RUBY was an excellent fist fighter. According to this informant, RUBY, in the mid nineteen forty's, operated a "book" over a restaurant located east of Kedzie Avenue on the north side of Roosevelt Road in Chicago. Subject was a close friend of one ABE ZUCKERMAN, also known as "ZUCKIE" (phonetic). In the middle nineteen forty's, according to the informant, ZUCKERMAN was shot and the informant believed that this occurred because ZUCKERMAN did not cut LEONARD PARTICK, one of Chicago's top hoodlums, in on the profits of his book. Shortly after this shooting, PATRICK told the subject to leave town, accusing him of operating a book without PATRICK's sanction. PATRICK warned the subject that if he did not leave Chicago, he would "get what ZUCKIE got". The subject left Chicago at this time for Dallas, Texas, where he ran a club owned by his sister. Informant advised that he has not been in touch with the subject in recent years and was completely at a loss to understand the subject's action in shooting OSWALD.

PCI FRANK DI LEONARDO advised SA JOHN W. ROBERTS, JR., on November 24, 1963, that JACK RUBY had, at one time, been close to ROSS PRIO, Chicago top hoodlum. This informant further advised that RUBY had been a close friend of one JOE SCARAMUZZO who owns a gun shop on Halsted Street near Taylor Street in Chicago.

The Chicago Division records contain no information concerning ABE ZUCKERMAN, also known as "ZUCKIE". The same records reflect that JOSEPH SCARAMUZZO is the owner of Scaramuzzo and Sons Gunshop, 831 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois. It should be noted that three of the four guns used by members of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico in the shooting at the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., on March 1, 1954, were purchased by one WILLIAM GALETTY, Gary, Indiana, from Scaramuzzo and Sons, 801 South Halsted Street, Chicago.

CG 6443-C advised SA JOSEPH G. SHEA on November 24, 1963, that he believed the subject was related in some manner to one HARRY RUBENSTEIN. The informant advised that HARRY RUBENSTEIN had owned the Hotel Olympic on North Clark Street on Chicago's near North side, approximately fifteen years ago. HARRY RUBENSTEIN killed a man in this hotel, but by a payment of $25,000.00 to a Chicago Police Captain, was able to fix this charge. According to this informant, HARRY RUBENSTEIN had good connections with certain unknown criminals in the Chicago area but was not considered by the informant to be a member of the Organized Criminal Element in this city.

It should be noted that the records of the Chicago Police Department reflect one HARRY RUBENSTEIN, a hotel owner on the near North side, as having been sentenced to one year probation on a charge of manslaughter in 1946.

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CG 6690-PC advised SA JOSEPH G. SHEA on November 24, 1963, that the subject was related to HARRY RUBENSTEIN who formerly operated two or theee bars in the Chicago loop area. According to the informant, the subject worked as a bartender for HARRY RUBENSTEIN in a bar at the Banker's Building in Chicago-X loop. The informant advised that in 1942 or 1943, JACK RUBENSTEIN attempted to enlist in the United States Navy but was rejected when he failed to pass the physical examination. The informant described JACK RUBENSTEIN as extremely patriotic but moody. This informant was unable to furnish any information concerning HARRY RUBENSTEIN's present whereabouts or activities.

BERNARD GLICKMAN (Protect Identity) advised SA JOHN R. BASSETT on November 24, 1963, that he does not know the subject. GLICKMAN advised that he had contacted a person known to him, whose identity he would not reveal, who recalled the subject as a friend many years ago in the area around Independence Boulevard and Roosevelt Road in Chicago. According to GLICKMAN, this source stated that the subject was not connected with the criminal element, Chicago. This source indicated that RUBENSTEIN was good natured but on occasion was extremely hot tempered. According to this source, the subject had left Chicago in the late 1940's for Dallas, Texas, where he operated a club belonging to his sister. GLICKMAN advised that he had made an unsuccessful attempt to contact ANTHONY ACCARDO in an effort to obtain information concerning the subject.

It should be noted that ANTHONY ACCARDO is a high ranking member of Chicago's criminal element. BERNARD GLICKMAN is known to be a close associate of many of Chicago's top echelon criminals and has, in recent years, been active in the management of several ranking prize fighters.

All other Chicago informants negative and Chicago files reflect no information pertaining to subject's involvement with Chicago criminal element.

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CG 6498-PC was contacted by SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER, on 11/25/63, but at that time had no personal knowledge of RUBY. On 11/26/63, CG 6498-PC advised that he had solicited information from politicians of the 24th Ward, the former voting residence of RUBY. PC advised that he talked to two persons who appeared to know RUBY from many years ago. They advised that RUBY was never anything but "a punk" and never had any hoodlum connections or associations. One person advised that he recalls that RUBY attempted to sneak into a prize fight in Chicago, believed to be the second DEMPSEY - TUNNEY fight, and was caught by a police officer who beat him over the head with his night stick. As a result of this beating, RUBY now has a plate in his head. Apparently this causes pressure when RUBY becomes excited and causes RUBY to act emotionally.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

DN 249-C frequented Clover Bar next door to Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, 1946 to 1949. He described this bar as a hangout for the hoodlum element. At that time it was operated by IRA COLITZ who was described as a personal friend of Colonel JACOB ARVEY, a well known Chicago political figure. COLITZ possibly was recently a candidate for Alderman in Chicago and resides in penthouse apartment on Michigan Boulevard.

The informant related JACK RUBY, whom he identified from newspaper photographs, frequented the Clover Bar in about 1946 or 1947 and was an acquaintance of IRA COLITZ and possibly was a former school mate of COLITZ on the west side of Chicago. He does not know the nature of RUBY's activities in Chicago.

The informant stated that in about December, 1949, he was in Dallas, Texas, at which time RUBY was operating a night club, name unknown, with western band and western motif. The informant visited this club and chatted briefly with RUBY who requested that he convey RUBY's regards to COLITZ when the informant returned to Chicago.

The informant has not seen or heard from RUBY since 1949 and has never had any specific information concerning RUBY's background or activities but has never had any reason to suspect him of being involved in subversive activities.

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DN 44-387
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ADMINISTRATIVE

DN 295-C, who furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following November 25, 1963:

As of one month ago JACK RUBY was known to be an associate of "PAPPY" LNU, owner of "Pappy's Showland" in Dallas. Basis or extent of association unknown. DN 200-S and DN 215-S who are cognizant of Communist Party, Socialist Workers Party, Freedom for Cuba Committee, and related organizations, advised on November 25, 1963, that they do not know JACK LEON RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN. These sources have furnished reliable information in the past. All other logical informants and PCI's Denver Division unable to furnish any positive information re JACK RUBY.

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Houston 1125-C advised SA LEVERETTE A. BAKER on 11/25/63, he met JACK RUBY a number of years ago through ABE WEINSTEIN (PH), owner of Colony Club, Dallas, Texas, but knows nothing further concerning RUBY.

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LA 44-895
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Gambling Informants
Los Angeles Office

PCI NORMAN SIMON, on 11/25/63, could provide no personal information about JACK LEON RUBY, aka, but he did make available for interview by SA FRANK H. TOWNSEND one MORRIS BLOCK, 5510 Edgewood Place, Los Angeles. Information from BLOCK of potential value, including the identity of a knowledgeable Chicago friend, has been submitted separately by FD 302 and by teletype containing lead for Chicago.

Other informants who could provide no information are:

LA 3445-C on 11/26/63, to SA JOHN R. BARRON.

LA 3948-C on 11/25/63, to SA FRANK H. TOWNSEND.

LA 4400-PC on 11/26/63 to SA JOHN R. BARRON.

LA 4410-C-TE on 11/25/63 to SA GEORGE E. BLAND.

LA 4448-PC on 11/26/63 to SA JOHN R. BARRON.

PCI JACK IRVING FOX on 11/25/63 to SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.

PCI SAM FARKAS on 11/26/63 to SA WILLIAM J. NOLAN.

PCI COSSLETT PALMER on 11/26/63 to SA TOWNSEND.

The following informants were contacted by SA HOMER E. YOUNG on 11/26/63 with negative results:

LA 3596-C

PCI [redacted] JFK Act 6 (4)

LA 4218-C

LA 4221-C

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PCI GEORGE COSTELLO

PCI [redacted] JFK Act 6 (4)

PCI RAY SOUTHCOTT

LA 4135-C advised that she had been contacted by letter from Dallas, Texas, by EARL NORMAN and his wife, CLAIRE BARTLETT, who wanted informant to handle their bookings on the West Coast. Informant advised that BARTLETT is a vocalist and understood she had been working for JACK LEON RUBY in one of his night clubs in Dallas. Informant stated that she is aware that EARL NORMAN left Dallas on 11/21/63 for a booking into The Largo, a night club located on the Sunset Strip in Hollywood. Informant stated she would imagine that NORMAN's wife accompanied him. Informant said she did not book this team since she did not have an opportunity to audition them.

LA 4135-C advised that the only bookings she handles in the Dallas area for strip tease dancers is through ABE WEINSTOCK and his brother for their two places and has never had any business dealings with RUBY nor has she ever met him.

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NO 44-2064/lav

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NO 1238-PC who is a known associate of JOSEPH and CARLOS MARCELLO, as well as JOSEPH PORETTO and who has been a manager of the Town and Country Restaurant up until October of 1963, advised SA REED W. JENSEN on November 27, 1963, that he had never heard of a JACK LEON RUBY or a LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to their notariety in the connection with the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. The PC stated on examining a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, NOPD number 112723, that he had never seen this individual in person before. He said he could not recall anyone who may have frequented the Town and Country Motel who resembled this individual enough to cause anyone to think this person might be OSWALD.

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had never heard of him prior to November 24, 1963.

On November 25, 1963, SA JOHN V. HANLON contacted NO 1233 C, a tavern operator in Monroe, Louisiana, who advised he did not know RUBY and had never heard of him before November 24, 1963.

On November 25, 1963 SA JAMES FRANCIS WRIGHT contacted PCI HARVEY MILLER, Sulphur, Louisiana, who frequents gambling establishments. MILLER had never heard of RUDY prior to November 24, 1963.

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On November 25, 1963, SA RICHARD A. SMALLWOOD contacted PCIs [redacted] a professional gambler, MILTON PONTIER, a bookmaker, THOMAS SKRNICH, a gambling club operator, and [redacted] an employee of SKRNICH's, all of Lafayette, Louisiana. These individuals advised they had never heard of RUBY prior to November 24, 1963, when they observed him on network television.

NO 1229 C, a professional bookmaker, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised SA EARL R. PETERSEN on November 25, 1963, that he had never heard of RUBY prior to November 24, 1963, when he had seen the shooting of OSWALD by RUBY on television. Subsequently on this same date, this informant advised that he had contacted bookmakers ANTHONY EUGENE NOLAN, TAFITA HANIE of Baton Rouge, and they had not known RUBY. SA PETERSEN also contacted PCI JOHN SERIO on November 25, 1963, SERIO being an employee of FRANK LEO VUCCI, another Baton Rouge bookmaker. SERIO had not heard of RUBY prior to November 24, 1963.

SA PETERSEN also contacted GEORGE LA RUSSA and CHARLES G. WALKER, bookmakers at the Candlelight Club in West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana and these bookmakers had not heard of RUBY prior to November 24, 1963.

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The following investigation by Tampa Office:

TP 94-C advised he located address book dated from 1945-48, and noted name NATE GROSSMAN, 5046 N. Troy St., Chicago, Ill. Source stated he is certain NATE GROSSMAN is identical to TINY GROSSMAN mentioned previously.

Source now recalls meeting GROSSMAN in Chicago in 1948 or 1949, and GROSSMAN told him he had spent some time in prison and in same conversation mentioned Flagstaff, Ariz. Informant has hazy recollection that GROSSMAN arrested Flagstaff for Illinois authorities and probably did time in Statesville Prison, outside Chicago.

Source now recalls GROSSMAN tended bar and lived in hotel above bar, located across the street from Croydan Hotel. Croydan located near Black Orchid Lounge, Chicago.

Same source recalls RUBY at one time ran errands for one RAY LEWIS, a furrier, State Lake Building, 190 North State St., Chicago. LEWIS had a bookie operation on the side and resided Maryland Hotel, Rush and Delaware Streets, Chicago.

Same source also recalls RUBY loitered about a barber shop run by one AL INDES at the corner, or near the corner of Clark Street, and Lake Street, Chicago.

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TP 94-C advised 11/25/63 he knew RUBY in Chicago by reputation as ticket scalper along Rush Street and RUBY would do anything for a buck. Source states RUBY not known to hang around racketeers but recalls one TINY GROSSMAN, a cab driver or bartender, Chicago, also a ticket scalper, was close friend of RUBY. Source's knowledge of RUBY dates from 1945 to 1948. Later, source heard GROSSMAN did time at Flagstaff, Ariz., for ticket scalping. Source also recalls one time RUBY badly beaten trying to crash a fight program, Comiskey Park. RUBY dropped out of sight in Chicago, 1948, no one missing him.

TP 11-C advised three years ago AGVA female entertainer complained to AGVA it was rough working in clubs in Dallas.

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The following informants who have access to gambling information in the Dallas area were contacted by SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and IVAN D. LEE on the dates indicated:

DL 170-C	November 25, 1963
PCI BILLY H. MARTIN	November 24, 1963
PCI [redacted]	November 26, 1963
PCI MIKE LESCHETSKO	November 25, 1963
PCI FRED MERRILL	November 26, 1963
DL 185-C-TE	November 24, 25, 26,1963
PCI PHILLIP STEIN	November 25, 1963
PCI [redacted]	November 25, 1963
DL 181-C-TE	November 25, 1963

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None of the above informants had any information that JACK RUBY, aka. was involved in any gambling activities either as a player, bookmaker or gambler, during the time he has resided in Dallas area - approximately fifteen years. RUBY was known to the above informants as the operator of the Carousel Club or Vegas Club, in Dallas.

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