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TITLE OF CASE CHANGED JACK L. RUBY, aka. Jack Rubenstein, Jack Leon Ruby, "Sparky", LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka. Alek James Hidell, A. T. Hidell, O. H. Lee (Deceased) - VICTIM		Report made by MANNING C. CLEMENTS	Typed By nc:r
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Synopsis: Title changed to add nickname "SPARKY" by which subject has been widely known in Chicago, Illinois.

REFERENCE

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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 three 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.

~~311~~ 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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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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