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ALICE REAVES NICHOLS, nee Small, 8707 Redondo Drive, Dallas, Texas, telephone DAVIS 1-3687, advised that she is the widow of GEORGE KERMIT NICHOLS. She advised that she is employed as a secretary for Mr. JOHN E. MANGRUM, Vice President and Treasurer, Southland Life Insurance Company, Southland Center, Dallas, Texas, business telephone RIVERSIDE 1-1321. She has been employed there for the past sixteen years.

She advised that she formerly associated with JACK LEON RUBY, also known to her as Jack Leon Rubenstein. She furnished the following information regarding their relationship and regarding her knowledge of JACK LEON RUBY:

She first met RUBY in about 1948 when he was the manager and owner of the Silver Spur Club in Dallas. They started going together and continued to date each other until about 1956 or 1957, when they started drifting apart. They finally stopped seeing each other altogether in about 1959 or 1960. She last saw JACK RUBY during the early spring of 1963 when he was driving down the street in Dallas. They waved to each other; however, since she was walking and he was driving they did not exchange greetings or talk with each other.

From the time she met RUBY until about August, 1952, RUBY operated the Silver Spur Club. In about August, 1952, RUBY sold the club to one MARTIN GIMPLE, who was from Chicago, Illinois, and a lifelong friend of JACK RUBY. RUBY then went to Chicago and returned to Dallas after about six weeks. He then bought the Silver Spur Club back from GIMPLE. MARTIN GIMPLE is now deceased.

Sometime in 1951, JACK RUBY bought the Bob Wills Ranch House Club in Dallas, and he lost this club in the late spring of 1952, inasmuch as it was too expensive to operate. She does not believe that RUBY had a partner in the operation of either the Silver Spur Club or the Bob Wills Ranch House Club. During the time RUBY operated the Silver Spur Club after she met him, he had no one associated with him by the name of NORMA MILLER. She does not know anyone by the name of NORMA MILLER.

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During the time she was associated with JACK RUBY, RUBY was friendly with one JOE BONDS who operated the Sky Club on West Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas. She does not believe that RUBY and BONDS were ever associates in any business.

Sometime in 1953, RUBY bought the Club Vegas from ABE WEINSTEIN who operates the Colony Club in Dallas, Texas.

Sometime in 1953, RUBY sold the Silver Spur Club to one ROCKY ROBINSON who formerly had operated a club on Home Street in the Dallas area. She does not know whether this club was inside or outside the Dallas City Limits.

She met JACK RUBY's sister, EVA GRANT, for the first time in about 1953 or 1954 when EVA was in Dallas on a visit. It was her understanding that EVA had previously lived in Dallas and had managed one of RUBY's clubs for him. EVA came back to Dallas permanently in about 1959 or 1960 and went to work as the manager of the Club Vegas, operated by JACK RUBY.

Other members of JACK RUBY's family, whom she has met, are his brother, SAMUEL RUBY, who resides in Dallas; his brother, EARL RUBY, who lives in Detroit, Michigan; and his sister, MARION, who resides in Chicago, Illinois. She also met JACK's father, who is now deceased. All of these people impressed her as being good people, and she knows nothing which would reflect unfavorably on the character of any of these people.

Sometime during 1952 or 1953, JACK RUBY owned for a short time a club known as Hernando's Hideaway, which was located on Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

In about 1959 or early in 1960, Jack Ruby acquired the Carousel Club in Dallas. It was about that time that she and JACK RUBY parted company

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permanently. The Carousel Club had previously been known as the Sovereign Club and was operated as a private club. JACK RUBY converted it to a public club and changed the name to the Carousel Club.

During the time she went with him, JACK RUBY told her several things about himself and other things she was able to determine through her conversations with him. These things are as follows:

He was born at Chicago, Illinois, on March 25, 1911. His parents were either foreign born or were first generation Americans, one of them having been born in Poland and the other in Russia. She does not know which one was born in Poland and which one was born in Russia. He was reared in Chicago, Illinois, and the family was of modest economic circumstances. His father was a carpenter. JACK was devoted to his mother, and although he cared for his father he was not nearly as close to him as he was to his mother. JACK was inconsolable for several weeks after the death of his mother. Sometime during his young manhood, JACK RUBY went to San Francisco, California, where he was engaged in a punch board business. He told her that in San Francisco he met the only girl other than herself whom he would ever consider marrying. This girl's name was VIRGINIA FITZGERALD or FITZSIMMONS. She does not know if RUBY has ever maintained any kind of contact or correspondence with VIRGINIA. She does not know how long he remained in San Francisco, California. After he returned from San Francisco to Chicago, sometime in the late 1930's, he worked for a labor union in Chicago and was associated in this work with one LEON (LNU). LEON was later killed. JACK adopted the name LEON for his middle name, in honor of this person. During World War II, RUBY was in the United States Air Force and worked as a ground crewman on an aircraft. Shortly after the war when he was discharged from the Air Force, he went into business with two or three of his brothers in a firm called the Advertising Specialities Company in Chicago, Illinois. He remained in this business for only a short time and then sold out his interest in the company to his brothers. At that time his sister, EVA, was living in Dallas, Texas, and was operating a night

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club in Dallas. She apparently had some trouble in the management of this club, and JACK RUBY came to Dallas from Chicago, investing money in the club, and they started operating the club together. She believes that this club, name unknown to her, was re-named the Silver Spur Club after JACK RUBY became associated with it.

ALICE REAVES NICHOLS furnished the following information with regard to friends and acquaintances of JACK RUBY which she can recall:

MARTIN GIMPLE: Lifelong friend of RUBY who was originally from Chicago, Illinois, and who was associated with RUBY for a short time in the operation of the Silver Spur Club. GIMPLE is now deceased.

RALPH PAUL: A friend of RUBY of many years standing. PAUL loaned RUBY \$2,500.00 which enabled RUBY to purchase the Club Vegas in Dallas, Texas. PAUL now has the Bull Pen Drive-In Restaurant in Arlington, Texas. PAUL and RUBY apparently first became acquainted through PAUL's patronage of the Silver Spur Club in Dallas, which RUBY operated. PAUL did not have any financial interest in the Club Vegas or any other business of RUBY's as a result of having loaned him money. He took a note instead as evidence of this debt owed by JACK RUBY.

CECIL and JEAN HAMLIN, husband and wife: These people were friends of JACK RUBY beginning shortly after he arrived in Dallas, Texas, from Chicago, Illinois, and bought into the Silver Spur Club. They occasionally helped him with the Silver Spur when he needed extra help for a special occasion. Their present whereabouts are unknown, but CECIL HAMLIN is believed to be associated with a meat cutter's union or a baker's union in Dallas, Texas.

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"LITTLE DADDY" NELSON: This man is a Negro entertainer.

Dancing and drumming in a band are his specialities. JACK RUBY managed NELSON for a short time in about 1956, and on one occasion took him to Chicago, Illinois, where he secured a job for NELSON in a night club. This job lasted for about one month or six weeks after which RUBY and NELSON returned to Dallas, Texas.

NED WEISBROD and SAM LASSEN: These men are originally from Chicago, Illinois, and it is believed their families have been known to JACK RUBY for many years. WEISBROD and LASSEN have been around Dallas, Texas, for several years in the selling business. They were last known to be selling sporting goods, boats and other items of that nature. They frequented the Silver Spur Bar while JACK RUBY operated it. They were also habitués of the Club Vegas which was operated by RUBY.

ADRIAN HIGH: This man was from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was in the oil business. He allegedly has a brother-in-law in Chicago, Illinois, who is very wealthy and who formerly owned a night club called the Chez Paree. This club is now closed. HIGH was friendly with JACK RUBY while RUBY was operating the Silver Spur Club and also while he operated the Club Vegas. HIGH was a contemporary in association with RUBY of NED WEISBROD and SAM LASSEN.

JACK RUBY does not have any enemies of any importance to her knowledge. The only person she ever heard him express any animosity toward was the man who took over the operation of the Bob Wills Ranch House Club in Dallas when RUBY lost that club. RUBY told her that he considered this man to be unfair in his dealings and believed he had

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unfairly influenced O. L. NEILMS, the owner of the property on which that club was located. This unfair influence was exerted in getting JACK RUBY out of business there.

She always got the impression that JACK RUBY was well liked by his employees and by the customers and other people with whom he had contact in the operation of his various night clubs. He was generous with his employees and would help them and other people financially whenever they were in need of help. She does not believe that such financial assistance ever amounted to a great deal of money in any individual situation, but he was always ready to come to someone's assistance.

During the time she associated with him, she never received the impression that JACK RUBY was afraid of anyone or anything. She never received any impression that JACK RUBY had any criminal or underworld connections either in Dallas, Texas, or Chicago, Illinois. He never expressed any fear for his well being or safety and never gave her any indication through his conversations that he had any worries, with the possible exception of his standing with the Federal Internal Revenue Service. He sometimes expressed concern about how much money he owed in taxes.

RUBY gave her the impression that he was not a very good business man. She got this impression from the fact that when he would open a club he would operate it until it was doing good business and then would turn his attention to expansion. She does not believe this is a sound business practice, in that a person should build his business on a solid foundation before he undertakes a new business.

She characterized JACK RUBY as a gregarious, openhanded extrovert, and there was nothing mysterious or conspiratorial in his

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personality makeup. He has a quick temper and on occasion can become physically violent on very short notice. However, he forgets such outbursts quickly, and his temper "cools off" quickly. She has never known him to harbor a grudge against anyone, with the possible exception of the person mentioned above who took over the management of the Bob Wills Ranch House Club.

While she knew him and associated with him, he dated other women on occasions, and on occasions she dated other men. JACK RUBY was not a woman-chaser, and she knows of no prostitutes or even promiscuous women with whom JACK RUBY was ever associated. She believes that there was a limited number of that type person who frequented some of RUBY's night clubs; however, he did not cater to that kind of trade, and she does not suppose that there were any more of those people frequenting his clubs than frequent other clubs in Dallas.

Over the years, JACK RUBY has lived in several different locations in Dallas, Texas, most of these being apartment houses. He has sometimes lived alone, sometimes living with his sister, EVA, and sometimes had a male roommate.

JACK RUBY's social and sexual habits and activities were normal, and she has never received any impression, indication or information to indicate that JACK RUBY has any homosexual tendencies.

While she associated with him, JACK RUBY gambled on occasions, and this is one of the principal reasons she never seriously considered marrying him. She does not believe he gambled in any large amounts of money, and that he confined the gambling activities to card games. He never discussed his gambling activities or preferences with her. The only club operated by JACK RUBY where any gamblers hung out was the Club Vegas. She recalled that one (FNU) MC WILLIE and one JOHNNY ROSS, who were both gamblers, frequented the Club Vegas. She

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does not believe, however, that these men had any close friendship or acquaintance with JACK RUBY. When RUBY wanted to gamble he usually went to the Artists' Club on St. Paul Street, Dallas, and played in a card game which went on there. The Artists' Club is now closed.

She has never known JACK RUBY to owe any gambling debt or to have any gambling debt owed to him.

From time to time RUBY employed off-duty policemen for security in the night clubs which he operated. He did not allow rowdiness of any sort in his clubs, and she has seen him, on a few occasions, forcibly remove rowdy people from the premises of his clubs. On one occasion while removing such a person, the person bit RUBY on one of his fingers and consequently a part of the finger had to be amputated.

JACK RUBY is a healthy physical specimen and keeps himself in good shape at all times. He worked out regularly at the YMCA in Dallas and particularly enjoyed swimming.

Other forms of recreation enjoyed by JACK RUBY were dinner dates, motion pictures and legitimate theater. He is a sports fan and particularly likes boxing. Whenever they did date they would engage in one of those activities.

RUBY never mentioned to her having had any trouble with any individual, group or organization in Chicago, Illinois, or Dallas, Texas. He would go to Chicago, Illinois, on an average of once a year. He always had a specific reason for going to Chicago, such as an illness in the family or a visit. She never knew of any business connection or business reason for his travel to Chicago, Illinois.

During the time she associated with JACK RUBY she would see him on an average of two times per week. JACK often told her that

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she was too good for him or that he was not good enough for her; however, he would never tell her why he was making such a statement. He always treated her well, and the only difficulties he had in his personal relationships with other people occurred with employees of the various night clubs which he operated.

RUBY appeared to be interested only casually in politics and did not appear to have any strong or definite political party affiliation. She never heard him discuss any particular political issues. She never heard him express any particular like or dislike for any political figure, party or philosophy.

She described him as being a highly emotional man, but she does not believe JACK RUBY is neurotic. She said he is religious and is very proud of his Jewish background and heritage. RUBY attends the Temple Emanuel in Dallas where the Rabbi is GERALD KLEIN and the Temple Shearith Israel, which is located on Douglas Street, Dallas, where the Rabbi is HILLEL SILVERMAN. RUBY does not speak Hebrew or Yiddish languages, and she does not believe he has any knowledge of any other foreign languages.

She advised that she was extremely shocked when she heard that JACK RUBY had shot and killed LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and she could think of no reason or explanation for this crime. She said she considered it almost unbelievable that JACK RUBY would be capable of such an act, and after having thought much about it she still cannot understand how this came about.

ALICE REAVES NICHOLS was shown a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She advised that OSWALD is unknown to her, and she does not believe she has ever seen him. She advised further that she does not recall anyone of his likeness or description having been associated with or acquainted with JACK RUBY during the time she associated with RUBY.

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