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FILE NO.	CG-2-34, 030		
TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION	
Protective Research	Closed - Detroit	ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY	
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	PERIOD COVERED	Earl R. Ruby	
Detroit & Southfield, Michigan	1-29 & 30-64		
INVESTIGATION MADE BY			
Special Agent Ronald C. Towns			
DETAILS	SYNOPSIS		
<p>Earl R. Ruby has been identified as the only brother of Jack Rubenstein in the Detroit area. Investigation did not disclose the identity of the alleged nephew of Jack Rubenstein. No evidence was developed to indicate that Earl R. Ruby or any nephew of Jack Rubenstein had any past or present connection with Jimmy Hoffa or the Teamsters Union.</p>			
(A) INTRODUCTION:			
<p>This case originated with the receipt on January 22, 1964 of an office memorandum from the Chief's Office, Protective Research Section, dated January 21, 1964, with an attached copy of a report dated January 3, 1964 from SAIC Bertram, Houston.</p>			
(B) GENERAL INQUIRIES:			
<p>On January 29, 1964, the writer personally interviewed Detective Sergeant Ralph Palmer and Detective Sergeant James Bannon, Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit Police Department. These officers furnished the writer with a file concerning Earl R. Ruby, brother of Jack Rubenstein. The file indicated Earl R. Ruby is the only brother of Jack Rubenstein in the Detroit area. Earl Ruby's current address is 29925 Woodland Drive, Southfield, Michigan. The file further reflected that Earl Ruby operates the Cobo Cleaners, 18135 Livernois, Detroit, Michigan, with two partners, Edward A. Cobo, Jr., 18439 Origgs, Detroit, and George Marcus, believed to reside in Chicago, Illinois, exact address unknown. The file did not make any mention of any nephew of Jack Rubenstein or Earl Ruby, nor did it</p>			
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mention any past or current connection between Earl Ruby and Jimmy Hoffa or the alleged nephew and Jimmy Hoffa. Det. Sgt. Palmer has specialized in investigations concerning the Teamsters Union, and he stated he does not know of any association between Earl Ruby and the Teamsters or Jimmy Hoffa. He added that he knew of no way in which a discreet inquiry could be made with the Teamsters Union to determine any relationship between Earl Ruby or Jack Rubenstein and the Union.

The Special Investigations Bureau file on Ruby contained several newspaper clippings from the Detroit Free Press concerning Jack Rubenstein (Ruby) and Earl Ruby. The writer reviewed these clippings but found no reference connecting Earl Ruby to Jimmy Hoffa or any information concerning any "nephew". A clipping from the Detroit Free Press of November 26, 1963 concerning Jack Ruby gave the following information: "Meanwhile the Federal Government began intensive investigation into reports that Ruby had connections with Chicago mobsters and possibly entertainment figures and was a pal of Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa". The article did not mention the name of Earl Ruby but went on to describe Jack Ruby as "a former employee of a union whose directorate included a pal of Hoffa". The article identified the union as the "Waste Material Handlers, whose secretary-treasurer was Paul Dorfman until the AFL-CIO in 1957 ousted him in a purge of its ranks".

Another article from the Detroit Free Press dated November 26, 1963 reported a press conference held by Earl R. Ruby at his home. In this article, Ruby listed the names of several brothers and sisters but made no mention of any nephew. Earl Ruby stated his father was a Russian immigrant carpenter who died several years ago and his mother was a Polish immigrant who is also deceased (see Section E, "Family and Background"). It is noted that copies of local Detroit papers and pertinent newspaper clippings concerning the assassination of President Kennedy were previously forwarded by this office to the Chief's Office.

On January 29, 1964, the writer personally interviewed SA Irving Anderson, Squad Supervisor, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Room 1025 Federal Building, Detroit, Michigan. Inquiry was made with SA Anderson concerning the identity of any nephew of Jack Rubenstein who may have lived or worked in the Detroit area. SA Anderson stated he would review his files and advise the writer if he found any reference to the nephew. Later on the same date SA Anderson telephoned this office and advised Clark Rosaria Cilluffo that he could not locate any information on the "nephew".

On January 29, 1964, the writer made name checks in the names of Earl R. Ruby, Edward A. Cobo, Jr., and George Marcus with the Identification Bureau, Detroit Police Department. Records revealed that Earl R. Ruby has no criminal record but has received five traffic tickets for minor traffic violations from May, 1962 to September, 1963. No criminal record was found in the names of Edward A. Cobo, Jr. or George Marcus. Records did indicate that Earl Ruby, Cobo, and Marcus were presently licensed by the City of Detroit to operate the Cobo Cleaners, 18135 Livernois, Detroit.

On January 29, 1964, the writer interviewed Lieutenant Lou Collins of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau, Detroit Police Department. Lt. Collins made available to the writer a report dated November 27, 1963, signed by Det. Sgt. Charles Mayrand and Det. Stanley Kowalski, Criminal Intelligence Bureau, covering a background investigation on Earl R. Ruby. The report gave the following physical description of Ruby: white; male; date of birth April 16, 1915 at Chicago, Illinois; 5'7½"; 175; black gray hair; hazel eyes. (The report gave extensive information concerning relatives of Earl R. Ruby covered under Section E, "Family and Background". The report also furnished limited information concerning Earl R. Ruby's former employment, military record, and education covered under Section F, "Previous Activities or History".)

The Criminal Intelligence Bureau report stated Earl Ruby moved to Detroit in November, 1961 from 5026 Jarvis Street, Skokie, Illinois, and lived at the following addresses in the Detroit area: 12230 Braille Street, Detroit, from November, 1961 to July, 1962; 19359 West Eleven Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan from July, 1962 to August, 1963; and 19760 Chesterfield Avenue, Detroit, and 29925 Woodland Drive, Southfield, from August, 1963 to the present date. The report stated Earl R. Ruby was born under the name "Rubenstein" and was raised on the west side of Chicago.

The report referred to Earl R. Ruby's partner in the Cobo Cleaners, George Marcus, and described Marcus as a white male, born in 1906 and presently residing in Glenview, Illinois. The report made no mention of the third partner in Cobo Cleaners, Edward A. Cobo, Jr.

At the time of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau investigation, Earl R. Ruby owned two cars, a 1957 DeSoto sedan bearing Michigan license BV 6234, and a 1961 Chevrolet sedan bearing Michigan license DS 5962, the latter vehicle being registered to the Cobo Cleaners, 18135 Livernois, Detroit.

The report of Sgt. Mayrand and Det. Kowalski concludes with this statement: "Further investigation reveals that Earl R. Ruby and his wife, Margie Lee Ruby, are not affiliated with any respective political party or independent group. Earl Ruby and his wife have failed to register with the City Clerk's Office Election Commission in Detroit or Southfield, Michigan." The report also stated that the Chicago Police Department has no record in the name of Earl R. Ruby or George Marcus, and there is no indication that Earl Ruby left the Chicago area due to "gangland intimidation". It is noted the report made no reference to any connection between Earl Ruby and Jimmy Hoffa or the Teamsters Union nor did it make any reference to any alleged nephew of Jack Rubenstein or Earl Ruby.

On the premise that Earl R. Ruby may have given information concerning a nephew or a connection with Jimmy Hoffa or the Teamsters Union on credit or loan applications, a check was made in his name and in the name of Earl Rubenstein on January 29, 1964, with the Credit Data Corporation, 20123 Greenfield Street, Detroit, Michigan. No records were found under the name of Earl Rubenstein, however records were located under the name of Earl R. Ruby giving his present

address as 29925 Woodland Drive, Southfield, and the name and address of his business, Cobo Cleaners, 18135 Livernois, Detroit. Credit records indicated Earl Ruby has had only one recent active account which was an automobile loan made to him by the Detroit Bank and Trust Company on March 28, 1962. The records also gave Ruby a good credit rating and showed no derogatory information.

On January 29, 1964, the writer made a check in the name of Cobo Cleaners with Dun and Bradstreet, 1100 Cadillac Tower Building, Detroit, Michigan. A report dated August 29, 1963 gave a credit rating of "good" to the Cobo Cleaners and listed their sales at \$600,000 per year. The report stated the cleaning firm has eighty employees and seven route drivers and is engaged in dry cleaning, pressing, and dyeing. The net worth of the firm is listed as \$60,219. The building occupied by the firm is owned by the Maruby Corporation which was formed by Earl R. Ruby and George Marcus and is apparently only a holding company. Dun and Bradstreet has no credit report on the Maruby Corporation. The Dun and Bradstreet report gave a summary of the financial condition of Cobo Cleaners as follows: "Satisfactory condition is indicated with working capital adequate to maintain favorable trade relations. Sales up 100% in 1963 due to large contract obtained".

The Dun and Bradstreet report stated Earl R. Ruby and George Marcus became owners of the Cobo Cleaners in 1961. Information on George Marcus in the report reveals Marcus formerly owned the Modern Laundry, 502 South Nebraska Street, Marion, Indiana, and was also one of the owners in the Benton Harbor American Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

On January 29, 1964, the writer personally interviewed Miss Sue Tucker, Clerk, City of Southfield, 26080 Berg Road, Southfield, Michigan. With the assistance of Miss Tucker, the writer reviewed the tax records concerning the residence of Earl R. Ruby, 29925 Woodland Drive, Southfield, Michigan. The property described in the records is as follows: "Lot No. 28, Supervisors Plot of Roberts Estate, Section 9, Southfield Township". Records revealed that the tax bills are mailed to Mr. Horace Delderfield, 237 Nevada Place, Apartment 1, Covina, California. Miss Tucker explained this would indicate the property is owned by Mr. Delderfield and is probably leased to Earl R. Ruby.

On January 30, 1964, the writer personally interviewed Mr. Milton Sackett, Chief of Police, Southfield Police Department, Evergreen and Ten Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan. Chief Sackett advised there is no record in the name of Earl R. Ruby, criminal or traffic, in the Southfield Police Department Identification Bureau. Chief Sackett also advised that he knows of no "nephew" of Jack Rubenstein or Earl Ruby in the Detroit area and he has never known of any alleged connection between Earl Ruby and Jimmy Hoffa or the Teamsters Union. He also stated he was previously told by Earl Ruby that the latter is renting his present home. Chief Sackett agreed to hold the writer's inquiry in complete confidence.

On January 30, 1964, the writer interviewed Mr. Raymond Lichtenberg, Examiner, Detroit Bank and Trust Company, Fort Street and Washington Boulevard,

Detroit. Mr. Lichtenberg permitted the writer to review the loan application made by Earl Ruby which the latter made on March 28, 1962 when he purchased a car from the Kelly Chevrolet Company, 18045 Livernois, Detroit. The application gave no information concerning any relationship between Earl Ruby and Jimmy Hoffa or the Teamsters Union. It listed Ruby's address as 12230 Braille Street, Detroit, and his place of employment as Cobo Cleaners, Detroit. The car involved was a 1962 Chevrolet 4-door Biscayne model. Ruby listed his nearest relative as Ilena Kaminski, 6724 North Talman, Chicago, Illinois.

On January 30, 1964, the writer reviewed a credit application made by Earl Ruby with the J. L. Hudson Company, Woodward and Grand River, Detroit, with the assistance of Mr. Joe Copeland, Manager, Security Office. The application indicates Ruby has an excellent credit rating with the J. L. Hudson Company. The application makes no reference to any connection between Earl Ruby and Jimmy Hoffa or the Teamsters Union. On this application, the name of his nearest relative is listed as Mrs. J. Luckner, 19537 Stansbury, Detroit. The application was processed on November 12, 1962.

(E) FAMILY AND BACKGROUND:

The following information concerning the family and background of Earl R. Ruby was obtained from official reports of Special Investigations Bureau and Criminal Intelligence Bureau, Detroit Police Department.

Hyman Rubenstein, brother, was born December 28, 1901 in Russia and came to the United States at the age of one year with his parents. His present address is 1044 Loyola Street, Chicago. He served with the Armed Forces during World War II and presently operates the "Florist Supply Distributors" from his home. He did not adopt the name of "Ruby".

Samuel Ruby, brother, who legally changed his name from Rubenstein, was born December 29, 1913 in Chicago, Illinois. He has been married twelve years to Phyllis Ruby, nee Kearns. He operates three laundromats in Dallas, Texas, where he resides.

Mrs. Ralph Valpert, nee Rubenstein, sister, was born in 1903 and is a widow, her husband having died in 1960. Mrs. Valpert and her husband formerly operated the National Home Improvement Company, Youngstown, Ohio. She now lives with a brother, Hyman Rubenstein, at 1044 Loyola, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Norman Carroll, sister, was born in 1907 at Chicago and is employed by the U. S. Treasury Department, Bond Division. (No further information was given concerning Mrs. Carroll.)

Mrs. Eve Grant, sister, was born in 1909 at Chicago, Illinois, and has resided in Dallas for the past eighteen years. She was formerly employed by Jack Ruby as a bookkeeper and she previously owned a nightclub in Dallas.

Mrs. Harold Kaminsky, sister, was born in 1917 at Chicago, Illinois. She is unemployed and lives with her husband, a public accountant, at 6724 Dolman Street, Chicago.

(F) PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES OR HISTORY:

The following information was obtained from files of the Special Investigations Bureau and the Criminal Intelligence Bureau, Detroit Police Department.

Education: Earl R. Ruby has a twelfth grade education, graduating from Crane Technical High School, Chicago, in 1934.

Military Record: Earl R. Ruby served in the U. S. Navy for two years and receives a monthly disability check of \$17 from the Navy. He was also a member of the U. S. Army from 1942 to 1946.

Employment: From 1939 to 1942, Earl Ruby was employed as a novelty salesman for the Spartan Novelty Company, Chicago, Illinois. Jack Ruby was a partner in this firm which was dissolved in 1946. In the latter year, Earl Ruby founded the Earl Products Company, Chicago. In 1961, he became a partner in the Cobo Cleaners, Detroit, Michigan.

(J) CONCLUSION:

This case is considered closed at Detroit.

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