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(RUBY)

DALLAS--A \$350 A DAY NEW YORK PSYCHIATRIST TODAY CAPPED THE DEFENSE EFFORT TO SAVE JACK RUBY FROM THE ELECTRIC CHAIR WITH TESTIMONY THAT HE WAS MENTALLY ILL AND LEGALLY INSANSE WHEN HE SHOT LEE HARVEY OSWALD. DR. WALTER BROMBERG, THE DEFENSE "AMBUSH" WITNESS, MAINTAINED THAT RUBY INSTINCTIVELY AND AUTOMATICALLY SHOT THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN IN A "BLACKOUT."

RUBY, LED THROUGH A LITTLE GREEN DOOR INTO COURT, LOOKED HAGGARD BUT CALM AS HE SAT LISTENING.

THERE WAS SPECULATION THE SLAYER WOULD BE CALLED TO TESTIFY IN HIS OWN DEFENSE. CHIEF DEFENSE ATTORNEY MELVIN BELLI, A MAN OF LEGAL SURPRISES, HAS SAID HE MIGHT PUT HIM ON THE STAND--AND HE MIGHT NOT.

BROMBERG, A DISTINGUISHED-LOOKING MAN WITH FLOWING WHITE HAIR AND A GRAYING MUSTACHE, AGREED WITH TWO PREVIOUS DEFENSE PSYCHIATRISTS WHO SAID RUBY SUFFERED FROM A FORM OF EPILEPSY.

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