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(RUBY)

DALLAS--CHIEF DEFENSE COUNSEL MELVIN BELLI SAID TODAY HE IS CONCERNED THAT JACK RUBY MIGHT EITHER BE KILLED IN JAIL OR COMMIT SUICIDE BEFORE APPEALS OF HIS DEATH SENTENCE CAN BE MADE.

IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH UPI, BELLI SAID HE IS AFRAID RUBY "MIGHT BE PUT IN A HOLE SOME PLACE AND KILLED BY A GUY WITH A SHIV."

BELLI SAID HE WILL GO TO AUSTIN, TEX., TOMORROW TO TAKE THE CASE TO THE CRIMINAL COURT OF APPEALS.

"YES SIR, I DO HOLD CONCERN FOR HIS LIFE," BELLI SAID. "THAT WOULD BE THE WAY TO PREVENT AN APPEAL...ANOTHER WAY FOR DALLAS TO DISPOSE OF HIM."

"I'M GOING TO HAVE A TALK WITH SHERIFF (BILL) DECKER," BELLI SAID. "RUBY SHOULD HAVE TREATMENT RIGHT NOW. HE MIGHT COMMIT SUICIDE."

RUBY WILL BE HELD IN DALLAS COUNTY JAIL WITHOUT BOND UNTIL AFTER HIS CASE MAKES ITS WAY THROUGH THE APPEALS COURTS. WHEN, AND IF, APPEALS OF HIS SENTENCE ARE DENIED HE WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE PRISON AT HUNTSVILLE, TEX., FOR EXECUTION IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR.

BELLI SAID TODAY "I THINK WE HAVE A GOOD CHANCE IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF APPEALS. ALL TEXAS ISN'T LIKE THIS PLACE HERE. THEY'RE GOING TO CHASTISE THIS KANGAROO POUCH JUDGE (BROWN) WHO SAT ON THIS CASE. HE DIDN'T WALK TO THE BENCH, HE HOPPED."

BROWN HAD PRAISED BELLI YESTERDAY AS ONE OF THE BEST ATTORNEYS HE HAD EVER HAD IN HIS COURT.

"I DON'T NEED JUDGE BROWN'S COMPLIMENTS," BELLI SAID TODAY. "I'M SORRY I SHOOK HANDS. HE HAS BLOOD ON IT (CO). HE TOLD ME IN PRIVATE THAT HE WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN THIS CASE UP FOR LOVE OR MONEY."

BELLI SAID THAT RUBY TOLD HIM LAST NIGHT THAT HE WANTS TO GO TO WASHINGTON AND TAKE A LIE DETECTOR TEST TO PROVE THAT HE DID NOT KILL OSWALD.

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BELLI, THE VOLATILE "KING OF TORTS" FROM SAN FRANCISCO, SAID HE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED MORE THAN 100 TELEGRAMS FROM PERSONS APPEALED AT THE VERDICT.

BELLI SAID HE HAD TALKED TO RUBY AND HE WAS "BETTER THAN I'VE SEEN HIM FOR A LONG TIME. THIS POOR LITTLE FELLOW ASKED THAT THE STREET CLOTHES HE WAS ARRESTED IN BE BURNED. " DON'T WANT TO BE IN THAT WAX MUSEUM IN DALLAS."

BELLI WAS STILL SEETHING AT THE CITY HE CALLED "A LITTLE BIT OF RUSSIA IN THE UNITED STATES."

HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO DO A BOOK ABOUT "ALL THE INJUSTICE OF THIS FESTERING TOWN. WHAT I WANT TO DO IS GO TO NEW YORK, STAND IN TIMES SQUARE, AND SEE SOME JEWS WALK BY, PUERTO RICANS, DAGOS, NIGGERS, WHITE PEOPLE AND SAY, THANK CHRIST, I'M BACK IN AMERICA. THEY ARE FREE MEN."

DIST. ATTY. HENRY WADE SAID HE THOUGHT THE "FACTS FULLY WARRANTED THE VERDICT." HE SAID IT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE TWO OR THREE YEARS BEFORE THE CASE IS SETTLED.

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