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The "premature publication" of testimony given by Jack Ruby to the Warren commission is under Federal investigation, a spokesman for the presidential panel said yesterday.

J. Lee Rankin, commission counsel, made the disclosure in a telegram sent to a California newspaper editor who demanded "equal treatment" in the release of official reports on the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination.

sination. Ruby, convicted murderer of the President's alleged assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, was examined by Chief Justice Earl Warren and others on June 7 in the Dallas County jail.

What was said to be a verbatim account of part of this testimony appeared in the New York Journal-American in an article by Dorothy Kilgallen. Later, the account appeared in other papers.

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The transcript showed that Oswald's killing, according to Ruby, was his idea alone.