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Attorneys for Ruby Map Hearing Plans

A team of Jack Ruby's attorneys met Sunday to discuss plans for the latest hearing on the sanity of Lee Harvey Oswald's slayer. Criminal Dist. Judge Joe B. Brown, on instructions from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, must determine at 10 a.m. Monday if Ruby's sanity should be put to a jury trial. The outcome could settle the question of who

will be Ruby's attorneys in the future. Sol Dann of Detroit, Elmer Gertz of Chicago and Phil Burleson of Dallas—a member of the original defense team—met at the Statler Hilton Hotel. None would comment on their plans. "It would be premature to talk about it now," said Dann. "But you can say this: The first thing

we plan to do is to cure Jack Ruby of lawyeritis."

Dann referred to a motion before the appeals court to remove Jasper attorney Joe Tonahill as a Ruby lawyer.

Tonahill arrived Sunday night and checked into the same hotel.

"I'll be there Monday, you can bet on that," said Tonahill. "I've never quit a client and I won't start now. Jack is insane and he needs somebody now pretty bad."

Ruby's brothers and sisters, working with Dann, have attempted to remove Tonahill from the case for several months.

And last month, Ruby signed a motion addressed to the appeals court asking that Tonahill be removed. Tonahill balked, claiming Ruby is insane. Thus the insanity question arose.

The basis for Monday's hearing is a motion filed with Judge Brown last April. It claims Ruby is insane. Judge Brown heard the matter at that time, but the defense later asked that the question be continued.

It is not known if the defense will ask for a sanity trial or withdraw the motion. If they ask for a trial, the district attorney's office isn't expected to contest.

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