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swald Conviction oubtful, Tonahill Says There is no possible confrom testifying against her

Joe B. Tonahill, defense husband.

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attorney for Jack Ruby, said Tonahill said he thought wald, Tonahill contends. "I Tuesday he "doubted (Lee Oswald should have been giv- made it a condition of ac-Harvey) Oswald could have en a truth serum and ques- cepting the case that he been convicted on charges of tioned about the assassina- (Ruby) would submit to any killing President John Ken-tion immediately after his type of truth test," he said. nedy. arrest in the interest of the

Ironically, Tonahill said national government. he feels Oswald could have "Oswald as an individual fidence in anyway," Tonahill been convicted easily in the has safeguards, of course," continued. "He's a Damon death of Dallas policeman Tonahill said, "but the rights Runyon type and a real name of one individual cannot dropper. He's a glory seeken J. D. Tippit.

The flambouyant Jasper, transgress on the rights of and really never amounted to Tex., lawyer, in Oklahoma a nation."

City for a Wednesday speak- He also expressed his dising engagement at the Okla- appointment that the Warren at the beckoning of Melvin homa Bar Association Con-Commission report did nc. Belli shortly after Ruby had vention, also reiterated his show that Oswald's acts were been indicted. He has now tharge that Ruby had been a "product of Communist been connected with the case "tried as a substitute for influence." Tonahill feels longer than any of the attorthis wasn't released because neys hired and fired by Dswald."

Tonahill said the supreme it would "cause international Ruby's family. court would have hel? inad-difficulties with Russia." missable much of the circum- Tonahill, standing six-feet, to conduct his defense like a stantial evidence compiled four-inches tall and weighing strip show," Tonahill said, by the Warren Commission 250 pounds, said it was "out-"changing the billing of in its case against Oswald, rageous that Ruby was tried attorneys every week.

rated circumstantial evi- an imposition on the citizens courts and depreciated the eff dence given it by Oswald's of Dallas as on Ruby." wife, Marina, in its report, he He pointed out that Ruby's making them rational explained. Among evidence trial was conducted less than the family," he said. offered by Mrs. Oswald were 100 yards from the spot A sanity trial for Ruby is pictures of Oswald and the where Kennedy was assas- now pending and must be rifle used in the assassina- sinated and in the same build-heard before any appeal can tion and a blanket found in ing where Oswald was shot, be made, Tonahill explained. Oswald's garage that matched threads snagged on been held at least 200 miles attorney only so far as the the rifle found in the Texas from Dallas," Tonahill said, appeals are concerned and book depository.

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nection between Ruby and Os-

"He (Ruby) isn't the type anyone would have any conanything himself." Tonahill entered the trial

"Ruby's family has tried

The commission incorpo- in Dallas," being "as much "This has disgusted the He pointed out that Ruby's making them rationalize with

> "The trial should have He pointed out he was Ruby's "A change of, venue would had nothing to do with the

Evidence procured through in the world in the trial." Appeals will be based on Mrs. Oswald would not have Tonabill confind at the Tonahill scoffed at the evidence introduced by the leen admissable under Texas law, Tonahill said. Texas Joe B. Brown, who heard the ing Ruby's malice and pre-taw, Tonahill said. Texas Joe B. Brown, who heard the ing Ruby's malice and prestatute prohibits a woman Ruby trial and said he meditation in the shooting, "shouldn't ever try an imrtant case."

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"It isn't my role to speculate on the decision of an appellate court," Tonahill said, "but officers' testimony concerning what Ruby said after his arrest that was introduced to show malice and premeditation is inadmissable and should be ruled out." "There is certainly ample

precedent to reverse the decision," he said.

Tonahill said if Ruby isn't committed to an asylum and is convicted on the lesser charge of murder without malice he would serve from two to five years.



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Attorney Joe Tonahill Captured in Variety of Moods