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EVIBENCE LOCKED UP Battle Looms For Ruby's Gun

By BEN STEVENS Stalf Writer dispute over the disposition (stack Ruby's pistol and other

evidence in his murder case

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loomed Wednesday between the Justice Department and the dead man's estate.

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade said he was contacted Tuesday by a Ruby lawyer who asked for the pistol. Wade refused the request.

Asst. U.S. Atty. Jim Timmins said he was studying the special law under which the federal govment gained possession of Lee Harvey Oswald's weapons to see if it applied to the Ruby evidence.

"I AN NOW studying the question of whether some or all of the Ruby evidence was taken under the Iaw," Timmins said, Wade said the .28 caliber Colt Cobra revolver Ruby used to kill Oswald is in actual custody of the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin.

In reality, a source said, the weapon along with other evidence in the case is under lock and key at the Dallas County Courthouse.

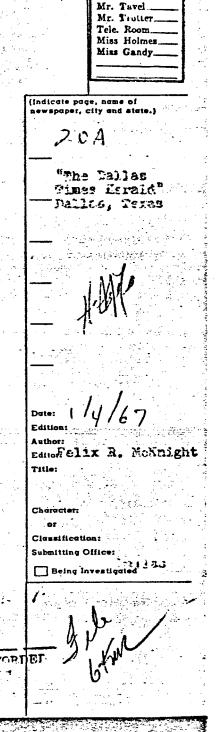
THE SNUB-MOSE postol carried into the police department hasement is expected to rank as high a collector's item as Oswald's Italian-mode rifle, used to slay President John F. Kennedy, and the 38 caliber pistol, used in the killing of policethan J. D. Tappiti.

A federal court has awarded <u>attuce incorporation</u> to the <u>processional</u> under provisions of the law passed to preserve evidence in the assassination.

Wade said he would let a court decide who should receive the Ruby pistol.

"I PERSONALLY think it should be in the National Archives with the Oswald gun," Wade said.

Phil Burleson, one of Ruhy's defense lawyers, said he had asked for the gun when he came to the courthouse to pick up personal effects from Ruhy's cell. Burleson said, however, he has not been relained as an attorney for Ruhy's estate and does not know what steps will be taken by Ruhy's family to secure his property.



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