

FBI TO QUESTION

RUBY AGAIN—WHY?

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Still trying to fit together the loose pieces in the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination, FBI agents have requested and received permission to question Dallas strip club operator Jack Ruby over the week end.

Ruby, in full view of national television viewers, shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald Nov. 24, two days after the young ex-Marine sniper murdered the President.

Since Ruby is being held in custody of local authorities, the FBI had to receive the approval of Dallas County Sheriff W. E. Becker and Ruby's attorney, Melvin Belli, of San Francisco, before questioning him.

Mr. Belli, frequently referred to as the "king of torts" because of his success in presenting medical evidence, was in San Francisco yesterday but will be present throughout the interrogation.

Sheriff Becker told the Herald Tribune he did not inquire into the nature of the questioning to be pursued by the FBI but believed it would cover "the general overall situation." He said the FBI may confer with Ruby tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday.

Other sources said the FBI action was taken in conjunction with a request by the blue-ribbon panel named by President Johnson to investigate the assassination and subsequent slaying of Oswald. The commission earlier this week asked the FBI to turn over materials forming the basis of the agency's investigative report on the assassination. At the time, Chief Justice Earl Warren, commission chairman, reported the panel was also seeking evidence beyond the report.

Washington officials denied that the FBI interrogation is part of a line of inquiry to determine whether Ruby and Oswald had ever known each other, and if a conspiracy existed between them.

"There's been a lot of rumors and speculation about it, but Ruby and Oswald absolutely did not know each other," commented an authoritative spokesman. "We've talked to many, many, many people who knew both and we have never been able to connect the two."

Sheriff Becker said Ruby is "separated from the

other prisoners for his protection—you can understand that."

He added that Ruby has "adjusted very well" to prison life and has given his jailers no trouble.

Meanwhile, pathologists who performed an autopsy on President Kennedy reported he was shot twice from behind. They said he might have survived the first bullet, which struck him in the upper part of his right shoulder and lodged in his lung. A second bullet hit Texas Gov. John B. Connally, who was riding in the President's car. Gov. Connally was seriously wounded but has since recovered.

The third bullet pierced the back of the right side of Mr. Kennedy's head, a small fragment of the pellet angling downward and passing through his throat. Damage caused by the shot would cause almost instantaneous death, the pathologists said.

Earlier, the wound in Mr. Kennedy's throat confused investigators and led to speculation that he may have been shot from the front as well as from the rear. In such a case, more than one assassin had to be involved.

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