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(RUBY)

DALLAS--JACK RUBY, THE SELF-APPOINTED AVENGER OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, WILL BE OFFERED AS A WITNESS TO THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION, A LAWYER SAID TODAY. THE LAWYER SAID RUBY WILL TAKE "TRUTH SERUM" IF THE COMMISSION WANTS HIM TO. "TRUTH SERUM" IS SODIUM PENTATHOL. A PERSON INTO WHOSE VEINS SODIUM PENTATHOL IS INJECTED IS SUPPOSED TO ANSWER TRUTHFULLY ANY QUESTION ASKED HIM.

J. H. TONAHILL OF JASPER, TEX., ONE OF RUBY'S SIX LAWYERS, DISCLOSED THAT RUBY WILL BE OFFERED TO THE COMMISSION.

"WE OFFERED RUBY TO THE FBI LOCALLY BUT THEY REFUSED; I DON'T KNOW WHY," TONAHILL SAID.

RUBY, 32, OPERATOR OF A NIGHTCLUB THAT FEATURED STRIPEASERS, KILLED LEE HARVEY OSWALD, 24, THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF KENNEDY, NOV. 24 IN THE BASEMENT OF CITY HALL. RUBY'S TRIAL ON A MURDER CHARGE IS DOCKETED FOR FEB. 3 IN DIST. JUDGE JOE B. BROWN'S COURT.

TONAHILL SAID HE WILL GO TO FEDERAL COURT IF NECESSARY TO MAKE FBI CHIEF J. EDGAR HOOVER AND CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN TURN OVER TO HIM REPORTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATIONS OF THE OSWALD KILLING. WARREN HEADS THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION.

TONAHILL ALSO WANTS REPORTS ON ALL LOCAL AND STATE INVESTIGATIONS. TONAHILL AND MELVIN BELLI, SAN FRANCISCO "KING OF TORTS" WHO IS HEADING THE DEFENSE, SAID THE HOOVER AND WARREN REPORTS NO DOUBT HAVE FINE DEFENSIVE MATERIAL IN THEM "AND WE ARE ENTITLED TO IT UNDER SEVERAL SUPREME COURT DECISION."

OTHERS WHO WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE REPORTS ARE ATTY. GEN. WAGGONER CARR, HEAD OF THE TEXAS INQUIRY, AND DIST. ATTY. HENRY WADE OF DALLAS.

JUDGE BROWN SAID HE WILL MOVE UP RUBY'S BOND HEARING FROM JAN. 24 TO JAN. 20. THE HEARING BEGAN DEC. 23 AND WAS RECESSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS UNTIL JAN. 10 AND LATER WAS SET BACK TO JAN. 24. ATTORNEYS FOR BOTH SIDES AGREED TO THE NEW DATE.

TONAHILL, WHO INITIATED THE MOVE TO HAVE THE HEARING MOVED UP, SAID "THE LONGER THE DELAY THE LONGER BAIL IS DENIED--AND WE WANT HIM (RUBY) OUT."

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