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(JACK L. RUBY, AKA; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA (DECEASED) DASH

ATTEN CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

TRIAL OF RUBY BEGAN TODAY AS SCHEDULED. TOM HOWARD, ORIGINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY, FORMALLY WITHDREW FROM DEFENSE IN OPEN COURT. FOLLOWING ROLL CALL OF VENIREMEN AND EXCUSING OF SEVERAL FOR REASONS OF HEALTH, ETC., COURT RECESSED AT ONE THIRTY PM TO NINE AM TOMORROW, WITHOUT QUESTIONING ANY PROSPECTIVE JURORS.

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