

Warren Panel Has No Comment on Ruby Story

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WASHINGTON — The Warren Commission declined comment Tuesday on a published report that Jack Ruby told the commission he acted solely on his own in killing Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

The report was carried by New York Journal-American columnist Dorothy Kilgallen. She said she had obtained "through sources close to the Warren Commission . . . a copy of the original transcript" of Ruby's testimony last June.

Asked about this statement, a spokesman for the commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren said: "She didn't receive the transcript from anyone connected with us." Other than that, the spokesman declined comment on the story.

Warren questioned Ruby in a Dallas jail on June 7 as part of the commission's investigation into the assassination. Fourteen other persons, including lawyers and police officials, were present.

The Dallas Morning News, in a copyrighted story on June 27, quoting "a detailed account" of Warren's interview with Ruby, said Ruby told Warren he intended to kill Oswald when he left his apartment to go downtown the morning of Nov. 24.

The Los Angeles Times carried this story furnished by the Associated Press.

The Warren Commission report has not been made public. No official release date has been set, but it tentatively has been scheduled for Sept. 14.