

Agent Reveals Ruby Story of Oswald Killing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Night spot operator Jack Ruby explained why he avenged the assassination of President John F. Kennedy by killing Lee Harvey Oswald:

"I guess I just had to show the world a Jew has guts."

The special agent in charge of the Dallas district of the U.S. Secret Service, Forrest V. Sorrels, put this down in notes he made of an interview with Ruby shortly after Ruby gunned down Oswald.

His account appears in testimony, released Monday, taken by the Warren commission.

Sorrels said Ruby also told him he guessed he had worked himself into a state of insanity, that he did not know Oswald before the assassination, and that nobody else was involved in the slaying of Oswald.

The special agent said he had informed the Dallas police he might be unable to testify at the Ruby trial to the information he received, since he had not warned Ruby of his constitutional rights with respect to the questioning.

He said his purpose in getting to Ruby as quickly as he could was to try to determine whether others were involved in the case.