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## Memos

Dear WW: Barrister Melvin Belli is very concerned that Jack Ruby would commit suicide if he could. The lawyer sent us a letter he wrote to the judge who sentenced Ruby to death. The letter says in part: "If this man were anyone but Jack Ruby I believe he'd have been moved to a mental institution a long time ago. If we leave him in the county jail he's going to deteriorate so badly we'll all be ashamed of what we have done, or he will have succeeded in his avowed purpose to commit suicide. Then we'll all say 'Why didn't we do something about it?' If Ruby isn't given some medical psychiatric attention directly we're not going to have this tragic figure alive by the time his case gets through to the higher courts." *END*