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# RUBY ASKS WORLD TO TAKE HIS WORD

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## Dying, He Claims Sole Guilt for the Murder of Oswald

DALLAS, Dec. 19 (AP) — Jack Ruby appealed to the world today to believe that he and he alone had been responsible for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Intimates said Ruby, doomed by incurable cancer, is obsessed with the desire to make it fully and finally clear, before he dies, that the shooting of the man named as President Kennedy's assassin was not the result of a conspiracy.

Ruby's brother, Earl, a Dallas business man, said:

"Jack has told me a dozen times or more he prays to be given a final lie detector test. If people will be convinced that there was no plan on his part or conspiracy of any kind, he will die Oswald. It is his last wish."

Ruby remained in serious condition today in his room at Parkland Hospital. His cancer is widespread and inoperable. Doctors have declined to estimate how long he might live.

Elmer Gertz, a Chicago lawyer on the legal team that won a reversal of Ruby's conviction of the Oswald murder, talked with the 55-year-old former night club operator yesterday.

"Jack reads the newspapers and magazines and watches television and is aware of the controversy about the Warren report and all the books and articles which are constructing incredible stories of a conspiracy in which he is claimed to have had a part," Mr. Gertz said, adding:

"He says, 'How can they think I am hiding anything?'"

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