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# SECRET RECORDING PLAYED TO PACKED NEWS CONFERENCE

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NEW YORK—Jack Ruby's last public testament was played before a crowded Manhattan news conference Tuesday only hours after he died.

Amid a tangle of electronic equipment, cameras and at least 50 reporters and hotel bellhops, Capitol Records replayed a secretly taped interview in which Ruby repeated his denial of any conspiracy in the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald. News of the transcript was first reported in The Times Monday.

The interview was recorded in Ruby's room in Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas between Dec. 15 and Dec. 18.

It is part of a documentary record called "The Controversy," examining the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the findings of

the Warren Commission. Ruby speaks for three minutes and 55 seconds during the hour-long record.

"Jack was told of the recording," said Lawrence Schiller, who produced the recording. "He knew at that time, he was dying. He felt he had been misquoted and misunderstood. He felt if his voice was heard, it could reaffirm his sole participation."

### Play Ruby Tape

Electronic experts played the Ruby tape and a muffled, weak voice filled the Americana Hotel ballroom. Schiller, a short man, stood proudly atop a small box so he could tower over all the microphones. As Ruby spoke, aides opened large cardboard boxes and prepared to hand out copies of the recording.

The recording is of good quality, marred only by the hum of an air conditioner, upon which the tape recorder (secreted in an attache case) had been placed.

Ruby stressed that he had never seen or known Oswald before. He said the slaying of Oswald was an emotionally triggered incident.

### Snatch Records

Once the excerpt was finished, crowding developed as newsmen and hotel employes fought to snatch records.

They crowded in front of Schiller, swarmed over the dais, wrinkling its red background drape. Soon, one box of records and press releases were exhausted. Hurriedly, aides opened another carton of recordings and soon they were gone, too.

"We are all out," a

spokesman said, as a petite, shy woman reporter left empty-handed, while a hotel employe passed her

with three albums. Jack Ruby was in this morning," said Schiller somewhat bewildered.

ly. "His death is as incredible as the assassination of President Kennedy and Lee Harvey Oswald." *EM*