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# Warren Lawyer Says Ruby's Death Can't Alter Report

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Joseph A. Ball, who was senior  
counsel to the Warren  
Commission, said today that  
he does not see how the death  
of Lee Harvey Ruby could have any  
effect on the validity of the  
commission's report on President  
John F. Kennedy's assassination.  
"But I'm sure the scoundrels  
and liars who have been writing  
serious books about the  
assassination will spread the word  
that Ruby was something sinister  
about Ruby's death," he added  
sarcastically.  
The Long Beach lawyer  
was cited as "literary scavenger"  
in the recent procession  
of books which challenge  
the Warren Commission's conclusions.

Leon Savage as written  
to had raised doubts about  
findings on the basis of  
new evidence whatsoever,  
through what he called  
omission or disregard of data  
set forth in the Warren Report.  
The commission said that  
Lee Harvey Oswald alone killed  
President on Nov. 22, 1963. Two  
days later Ruby killed Oswald.  
Mr. Ball said he saw no reason  
to reopen the Warren  
inquiry unless new evidence  
developed. He said he had received  
communication from  
Commission officials about  
a review.  
He cited as an outstanding  
criticism of critics of the Warren  
report an analysis by  
Robert Cohen of Yale University  
published here recently  
in Frontier Magazine.  
Mr. Ball suggested that  
confusion about the autopsy  
of Oswald's body  
other

study placed under seal in the  
National Archives in Washington  
could be examined by  
"an objective panel of scholars."  
The lawyer had spent months  
in Dallas and elsewhere investi-  
gating the circumstances of  
the shooting of the President,  
questioning witnesses and  
questioning thousands of official  
reports. The Commission's report  
was issued in October, 1964.  
Mr. Ball spoke today at a  
banquet at Town Hall, a civic  
organization, which was  
attended by 400 persons. He  
expressed his views at a news  
conference.