

Lawyer Sees No Reason

Psychiatrist Asks to Visit Ruby

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Attorneys for Jack Ruby were investigating a report Wednesday that a psychiatrist planned to interview Ruby.

Phil Burtleson, Ruby's lawyer, said he was told that Dr. John Holbrook, who interviewed Ruby the day after he shot Lee Harvey Oswald, failed Wednesday in an attempt to talk with Ruby at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

The primary source of Ruby's cancer — and possibly the answer to his fate — were expected to be revealed by noon Thursday. A Parkland Hospital afternoon report stated:

"General condition is unchanged. Diagnostic studies are continuing and should be complete by noon tomorrow."

There were reports Wednesday that Ruby and his sister, Mrs. Eva Grant, were engaged when they learned that Dr. Holbrook intended to interview Ruby.

Dr. Holbrook, who was a state witness in Ruby's murder trial, was unavailable for comment.

"I have heard that Dr. Holbrook might

try to look at him," Burtleson said. "I'd like to find out what is the purpose of going out there at this time."

"I don't see where his field of proficiency would help cure cancer."

Hospital sources speculated that a psychiatrist might be interested in Ruby for investigative and historical purposes.

Burtleson had not talked with Dr. Holbrook, he said, but discussed the matter with Mrs. Grant. Burtleson said that Dr. Holbrook talked with Ruby "over my objections" once since the trial.

The Dallas attorney said that he dis-

agreed with speculation that Ruby is near death.

"I'm not as pessimistic as everybody else is about this thing . . . and I really feel close to Jack," he said.

"I think it's not the end of the road for Jack."

Burtleson said he was heartened by the announcement that there is no evidence of cancer in the colon or lower intestinal tract.

Dr. Eugene Frenkel, a blood and cancer specialist at Southwestern Medical School, said, however, that it would be "extremely difficult" to say whether Ruby could be cured.

He joined other specialists in a refusal to speculate on Ruby's life expectancy. He said that nodules on Ruby's lungs may be the primary source of the cancer.

Immediate chemotherapy is expected to begin after an examination of the final diagnostic test scheduled Thursday morning. Dr. Frenkel said a cure with drugs is "not often possible" but he said drugs have been successful in some cases.

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