

Burleson Answers Reports

Ruby Bond Depends on Doctors

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Bail bond freedom for Jack Ruby will be attempted only if medical specialists recommend it, Ruby's Dallas lawyer said Friday.

Phil Burleson added, "It is within the realm of thinking but there is nothing concrete at this time.

"Like everything else, it is dependent

Ruby's condition stabilized,
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upon the determination of the medical staff."

Burleson said if Parkland Hospital doctors recommend that Ruby not be returned to the Dallas County Jail, but intend to treat him as an outpatient, bond might be requested.

The district attorney's office would be expected to oppose a bond move.

"All of my advice to the family is strictly dictated by the medical recommendations," Burleson explained.

Burleson's statement was in reply to wire service reports that William Kunstler, a New York attorney for Ruby, said bail freedom is under consideration.

Joe Tonahill of Jasper, a former Ruby lawyer, suggested in a letter to The Dallas News that Ruby be offered a chance to volunteer for "experimental research tests" at a Houston hospital.

He said Ruby should be transferred to the M. D. Anderson Tumor Research Center in Houston where scientists might cure the cancer-ridden man and he could offer himself for tests "in the hope that he might to a degree make amends for his dread-

fully foolish act in shooting (Lee Harvey) Oswald, unfortunately sealing forever Oswald's lips.

"Surely, Gov. (John) Connally could arrange for the treatment and research efforts in Jack Ruby's case at M. D. Ander-

son Hospital in Houston — a state institution."

Tonahill predicted that Ruby will never face another jury.

"Henry Wade is too decent a human being to insist upon the prosecutor's 'pound of flesh,'" he explained.