

Ruby's Lawyers Plug for Lie Test

Lawyers for Jack Ruby planned Thursday to make contacts aimed at clearing the way for a lie detector test for the cancer-stricken slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Attorney Phil Burleson of Dallas said Thursday, "Today or tomorrow I will call Ruby's family, talk to his doctors again and start moving down the list."

The list of people who must okay the test also includes Dist. Atty. Henry Wade, Dept. of Public Safety Director Homer Gar-

rison Jr. and State Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr.

Garrison and Carr have indicated they favor the test for Ruby, who has said he wants to establish once and for all that he was involved in no conspiracy, but shot Oswald under the influence of a sudden passion.

"If Jack wants to take the test, I have no objections," said Burleson. "Of course, I'm already convinced that he acted alone."

Polygraph experts say such a test would not give accurate results since Ruby's cancer is being treated with drugs that would affect his responses.

Doctors have said since Ruby was admitted to Parkland Hospital Dec. 9 that his condition is "stable," but the cancer is so advanced that treatment by surgery or radiation was ruled out.

Officials at Parkland received a request from Garrison Wednesday to determine whether Ruby could take the test successfully. Carr had asked Garrison to arrange the test if doctors did not object.

Another Ruby lawyer, Elmer Gertz of Chicago, said last week he and Earl Ruby of Detroit, Ruby's brother, favored the test. They said Ruby strongly wants to clear himself of a conspiracy.