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RUBY LAWYERS EYE BOND BID

The possibility of making bond for cancer-stricken Jack Ruby probably will be discussed this weekend during a conference of his attorneys in Dallas.

Attorney William M. Kunstler, a New York member of the defense staff, was quoted by the Associated Press as saying the lawyers may seek to free Ruby on bond if doctors say Ruby "is in bad shape."

Phil Burleson of Dallas, another member of the defense team, said Friday, "The truth is that making bond passes through our minds, but we're not making a concentrated effort in that direction."

BURLESON SAID he remains optimistic about his client's chances of survival.

"We're hopeful it's not fatal as some newspapers have speculated and some doctors have indicated," he said.

Doctors at Parkland Hospital, where Ruby was admitted last

Friday, announced Thursday that the primary source of the cancer has been pinpointed in either the lungs or the pancreas. They immediately began a program of chemotherapy, or treatment of the malignancy with drugs.

THE DOCTORS indicated the treatment would be aimed at controlling the disease rather than curing it. They earlier had indicated the malignancy was too far advanced for treatment by surgery or radiation.

In a statement Friday morning, the Dallas County sheriff's office said:

"Doctors at Parkland Hospital report that Mr. Ruby's general condition remains stable and essentially unchanged. His chemotherapy treatments are continuing and additional treatment methods are not anticipated at this time."

The Thursday afternoon bulletin stated that Ruby had rested

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well, was alert, and was watching television and reading.

THE DOCTORS previously had indicated that Ruby's physical condition is good but pointed out he is confined to bed because of tubes inserted to drain an accumulation of fluid from his chest.

The discovery of Ruby's illness makes it unlikely he will be able to face a second trial in the shooting of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald. The second trial was ordered by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals as it reversed the conviction and death sentence Ruby had received in Dallas during March 1964.

The trial tentatively had been scheduled for February in Wichita Falls.

Principals in the trial have indicated they are waiting word from doctors before making preparation for the trial.