
Lie Test for Ruby Proposed by Carr

Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr called Thursday for a lie detector test for cancer-stricken Jack Ruby to supplement the record on President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

The Austin Bureau of The News reported that Carr asked Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director of the Department of Public Safety, to arrange the test provided Ruby's doctors feel his mental and physical condition would not prevent reliable results.

In Dallas, Sheriff Bill Decker, Dist. Atty. Henry Wade and Ruby attorney Phil Burleson appeared surprised at the proposal from Carr, who leaves office Dec. 31.

Sheriff Decker, in command of security for Ruby, said "At this time I have no comment."

He added, "I have had no request for a polygraph test from anybody, either attorneys or members of his family."

"I don't know what Col. Gar-

risson has to say," Decker commented.

The DPS chief, contacted by the Austin Bureau late Thursday, said he had received Carr's request.

"A lot of factors are involved," he said, "and the entire matter is under consideration."

Attorney Burleson pointed out that Ruby was given a polygraph test during the Warren Commission investigation. Although the test reportedly indicated Ruby told the truth when he said he acted alone in the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald, some investigators branded the test inconclusive because of a question of Ruby's mental condition.

Burleson said, "Nothing at all is being done along this line at this time that I'm aware of."

Dist. Atty. Wade, also clearly surprised, had no comment on the matter.

Atty. Gen. Carr explained that Ruby "repeatedly requested a lie

detector test to prove that he was not acting in a conspiracy with others."

He noted that the Warren Commission concluded the shooting of Oswald was Ruby's act alone.

"Having represented Texas before the Warren Commission," said Carr, "I agree with the finding that Ruby was acting alone. However, his request for a lie detector test should be granted so that the record on President Kennedy's assassination may contain Ruby's statement."

He asked that the test be made as soon as possible, if the doctors consider it feasible, and that conclusions be sent to him.

A lie detector test presumably would be conducted only after planning and agreement among Ruby's attorneys, the district attorney's office and the Dallas County sheriff's office.