

Polygraph Issue

Test for Ruby Seen Unlikely

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Dallas sources said Wednesday that a valid polygraph test could not be given Jack Ruby in his present condition.

Ruby is weakened from cancer and reportedly has lost 20-30 pounds since he entered Parkland Hospital.

The sources — in both legal and medical fields — concurred with the opinions given earlier by lie detector operators.

However, Department of Public Safety Director Homer Garrison Jr. requested Parkland officials Wednesday to determine Ruby's ability to give reliable results on a polygraph.

family, Dist. Atty. Henry Wade, Garrison and "if necessary, Waggoner Carr," Hospital bulletins on Ruby's condition grew shorter Wednesday.

"Mr. Ruby's condition remains stable," a sheriff's office spokesman said.

GARRISON WAS ASKED to arrange the test by Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr, who leaves office Saturday, after reported requests from Ruby that he be allowed to disprove conspiracy charges.

In a letter to Dr. Jay Sanford, Ruby's attending physician, Garrison reiterated the importance of Ruby's "mental and physical conditions alluded to by the attorney general."

Before a polygraph test may be valid, it must record the respiratory pattern, galvanic skin resistance, and blood pressure and pulse under conditions which would reflect the natural responses of the person taking the test.

"Any medication or physical condition which tends to inhibit or impair these natural responses," Garrison acknowledged in his letter, "detracts from the validity of the test and the examiner's ability to arrive at an opinion as to the truthfulness of the subject's answers."

A PARKLAND HOSPITAL spokesman immediately disclosed that doctors will not plan the requested consultation until legal aspects are completed.

"This obviously involves attorneys, his family and the district attorney," one official said. "Any medical consideration would be premature."

"The medical decision is secondary to the legal considerations," the spokesman said.

Garrison had earlier pointed out that Ruby must execute a waiver and defense and prosecution lawyers must agree to the test.

Attorney Phil Burtleson said late Wednesday, "I have no objection to Jack being given a lie detector test, if that's what he wants."

"The mechanics would have to be worked out. I would want to confer with everyone involved before agreeing." Everyone, he explained, is Ruby, his