Ruby Labels Self Human Sacrifice

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DALLAS, Texas (AP) — The Dallas News said Friday night in a copyrighted story that Jack Ruby pictured himself to Chief Justice Earl Warren as a "human sacrifice," willing to give his life to spare Mrs. Jaqueline Kennedy further anguish.

The News, attributing its information to an informed source, said:

"Ruby insisted he killed Lee Harvey Oswald because he wanted to make certain that Mrs. Kennedy was not forced to return to Dallas to testify at Oswald's trial on a charge of murdering her husband.

" 'I decided to sacrifice myself,' the 53-year-old condemned slayer said.

"The News was given a detailed account by an 'informed source' of statements which Ruby made during a 3½-hour interview with the chief justice in the county jail here June 7.

"Ruby said he decided to kill Oswald when he read an emotional letter to Caroline Kennedy in a newspaper after President Kennedy was assassinated November 22.

"He was planning to shoot Oswald when he drove from his apartment to downtown Dallas and walked into the city hall basement November 24.

"He recalls saying, "you rat, you shot the president,' when he saw Oswald in the basement, but does not remember calling the 24-year old Marxist a "son of a bitch."

"He did not feel hatred toward Oswald as an individual and was not trying to become a public hero, but was motivated by a desire to spare Mrs. Kennedy the anguish of returning to Dallas."