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Note Attributed to Ruby Laid Plot to Johnson

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Jack Ruby once was convinced President Johnson was behind a plot to kill the late President John F. Kennedy, according to a letter Ruby reportedly wrote from his jail cell.

"Remember the only one who had all to gain was Johnson himself," Ruby wrote. "Figure that out."

The St. Paul Dispatch said yesterday the letter was recently acquired by one of its columnists, Bill Diehl, who purchased it from Charles Hamilton Autographs, Inc., New York. Diehl, who declined to say what the purchase price was, said the letter is guaranteed as to authenticity and is insured for more than \$1,000.

Written early last year, it reportedly was one of five or six penned by Ruby to a jail trusty, Thomas E. Miller, now living in Dallas.

Ruby, who died of cancer Jan. 3 in Dallas, was the slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald, identified by the Warren Commission as

the assassin of Kennedy in November 1963.

In the somewhat rambling and obscene letter, Ruby said Johnson "found me as the perfect setup for a frame. Remember they had the President killed, and now with me in the picture, they'll make it look as though Cuban Premier Fidel Castro or the Russians had it done. Anyone in their right mind would know that the Russians or Castro would never do something like that. . . .

"It would only create worse hostilities. . . . Remember the only one who had all to gain was Johnson himself. Figure that out."

Ruby said Oswald had information far in advance that Kennedy was going to Dallas for a visit, adding: Where did Oswald get the information that far in advance about the future trip that Kennedy himself didn't know he was going to make. . . . All that was planned by Johnson."

Dallas newspapers publicized Kennedy's motorcade route in advance of his arrival.