

RUBY TAKES TESTS FOR CANCER TODAY

Doctors Hope to Find Source of Spreading Malignancy

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DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 11—
Parkland Memorial Hospital
said today that Jack Ruby
would begin taking tests tomor-
row to determine the site of a
spreading cancer.

"We may have some infor-
mation after 9 o'clock tomorrow
morning," a hospital spokesman
said.

The nature of the tests Ruby
will undergo was not announced.
But a doctor who has been
treating him said that it would
include X-rays.

Ruby, scheduled to be tried
in February for murdering Lee
Harvey Oswald, President Ken-
nedy's assassin, was admitted
to the hospital Friday night
after complaining of a "bind-
ing" feeling in his chest.

Doctors discovered the can-
cer yesterday, but they said
they had been unable to find
its source. A biopsy disclosed
malignant cells in a lymph
node at the juncture of Ruby's
throat and collar bone, accord-
ing to Dr. Jay P. Sanford, head
of a team of doctors working
on the case.

Dr. Sanford said that at-
tempts to determine whether
Ruby had lung cancer had not
been successful. Ruby's chest
was filled with some four quarts
of fluid and the fluid clouded
X-rays, he said.

Hospital spokesmen said
Ruby was in better condition
today. He slept fitfully last
night but was able to eat this
morning, they said.

For the last week Ruby has
complained of being unable to
retain food on his stomach, a
spokesman at the Dallas
County Jail said.

Ruby has been confined in

the jail since Nov. 24, 1963,
when he shot Oswald shortly
after Oswald had been charged
with assassinating President
Kennedy.

The hospital said yesterday
it had discontinued treating
Ruby for pneumonia. A spokes-
man for the hospital said that
the new diagnosis of cancer
made it unlikely that Ruby had
pneumonia. A hospital state-
ment said today:

"Mr. Jack Ruby spent a rela-
tively comfortable night sleep-
ing at intervals. He has eaten
breakfast without difficulty. All
the fluid has drained off his
chest and his right lung is ex-
panding. He is free of fever
and pain. His condition con-
tinues to improve slightly but
doctors still list his as serious."