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COURT REAFFIRMS RUBY TRIAL RULING

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—The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals refused today to reconsider its decision throwing out Jack Ruby's death sentence—a refusal a prosecutor said “left us adrift in an uncharted legal sea.”

Ruby was sentenced to death for murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, President Kennedy's assassin, but the court threw that out last month and ordered a new trial, directing that it be held outside Dallas.

The court affirmed that decision today, without written opinion. The state was expected to let the matter end there.

Assistant District Attorney Bill Alexander said:

“We are disappointed that the court laid down no guidelines for future action in cases of this type. They have left us adrift in an uncharted legal sea. We feel they could at least be helpful in delineating proper action in future cases of this kind. We had hoped they would take this opportunity to straighten out the chaos they created in the area of change of venue.”