

Ruby's Brother Testifies

Washington

Jack Ruby never met Lee Harvey Oswald before shooting him in front of television cameras, two days after the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Ruby's brother testified yesterday.

Earl Ruby, 63, Jack Ruby's younger brother, told the House assassinations committee that he does not believe Jack Ruby was involved in any conspiracy.

"I asked him point-blank if he had known Oswald before," Earl Ruby said of his brother. "Absolutely not. What? Are you nuts?" were his words."

Asked if Jack Ruby would have told him of any involvement, Earl Ruby replied: "Well, he knew he was going to die when he had cancer. If he had known anything, he would have told me."

Earl Ruby testified in a nervous, husky voice before the committee investigating the assassination of Kennedy, nearly 15 years ago.

He was asked to comment on a British Broadcasting Corp. interview in which Jack Ruby said he had "a secret" and "no one will ever learn the true facts" about why he had shot Oswald.

"I'm the only person who knows the truth," Jack Ruby said in the interview, which was shown on a screen set up in the House Caucus Room.



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Earl Ruby at hearing

Alan Adelson, a Detroit attorney who said he knew Jack Ruby better than anyone else in the United States, said Oswald's murderer had become "paranoic."

"He got the feeling all Jews were being taken to Dallas to be disposed of in his paranoic state," Adelson said.

Earl Ruby testified that his brother was a very sensitive man, quick to take impulsive action. He said he once asked his brother why

he had shot Oswald.

Jack Ruby was quoted as saying that he was moved to kill Oswald "when I saw him come through the door with that smirk on his face, looking so happy he killed the President."

Earl Ruby said his brother had frequently practiced with his revolver and may not have intended to kill Oswald, because he aimed at his stomach rather than at his chest or head.

He said he had loaned his brother a total of \$15,000 over the years and never got a penny back. Yet, he said, he remained on friendly terms with his brother.

Earl Ruby said he did not know of his brother's alleged underworld friends but recalled that one of his brother's good friends was Lewis McWillie, described as a Las Vegas gambler.

He said his brother had visited McWillie in Cuba in 1959 on a vacation-business trip. But he said that his brother never disclosed any details of the trip.

Earl Ruby denied ever having made a telephone call from Detroit to Cuba in 1962 despite phone records confirming the call. He said he had told the Warren Commission the same thing and had expected the panel to check out his story.

"I didn't think anything more about it," he said, "and thought they would check it out."

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