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- 1/1/67** Dallas - Although officials describe condition unchanged, *Dallas Times Herald* says has lost the will to live, "has just lost his spirit." *AP*, A101dn 446pcs
- 1/2/67** Dallas -- Officials refuse reporters inspection of Ruby's jail medical records.
- Decker says only medication records kept.
- Ruby transferred to hospital one day before a private physician called by Ruby's brother and sister was scheduled to see him.
- Ruby hospitalized only after Decker expressed grave concern about his condition after visiting him in his cell.
- Dr. Pickard had not seen Ruby since 1964 until 12/9/67.
- Dr. Callahan: "I though he might have pneumonia. We thought he had a cold. As we found out to our dismay, it was more than that. It's kind of discouraging, but that's the way the ball bounces." Said Decker was concerned because he had Ruby's relatives on his neck. *San Francisco Chronicle Times-Post Service*
- 1/2/67** New York -- Story based on phone call to Elmer Gertz in Chicago about the deathbed tape recording Ruby made with his brother - Earl, who took an inconspicuous recorder into hospital room. Ruby repeats no conspiracy, never knew Oswald, etc. Recording part of *Capital* record, 3 minutes out of 46, to be released tomorrow. *AP* A140 Gavzer
- 1/3/67** Dallas - Recording made about 12/18. One cop in the room, two outside the door. Nurse and two of Ruby's sisters also in the room with Elmer Gertz and Earl Ruby, who had the recorder in his briefcase.
- "The recording was made, it was said, after those close to Ruby became convinced that his critical illness and hospitalization had brought him an unexpected period of lucidity." *LA Times, Times-Post Service*
- 1/3/67** Dallas --- Jack Ruby dies at 6:30 a.m. CST. No plot, he insists to the end. *San Francisco Examiner, AP*
- Ruby dead of cancer, says *KRLD*. Sheriff's officers at 10:30 a.m. would neither confirm nor deny the report. Usual morning bulletin delayed. *AP*, 164 1039 acs
- Dallas - *Parkland* announces died at 10:30a.m. *AP* 1156acs A170dn
- Dallas - Death attributed to blood clot. Henry Wade says he'll dismiss the murder charge.

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One witness to the autopsy said the clot stretched from Ruby's ankle to his pelvis, plugging up the entire artery before it broke free and lodged in his lung. *AP* A58 622pcs

See also A89, Ruby-medical

**1/3/67** [Dr. Eugene] Frenkel said that although only last week Ruby asked for a lie detector test to prove he conspired with no one ... such a test "would have been totally and grossly invalid because of Ruby's deteriorating condition." Ruby lost 20 pounds since entering the hospital 12/9 and weighed 147 at death.

Autopsy determined the cancer probably originated in the lining of his lungs. *AP*, A89, Simpson – Ruby-medical

**1/3/67** Paris - Melvin Belli contends Dallas authorities were negligent in caring for Ruby.

"I can't understand that no one could see that this man, kept under close watch after a suicide attempt, was dying." ...  
*AP* A98 720pes

Detroit -- Sol Dann calls for investigation to determine whether the sheriff's office properly protected the health of Ruby. "Instead-of dying in the electric chair he died in a hospital. It should be determined whether that was the result of neglect. I have strong feelings in that regard that it was not properly protected." *AP* B54 801pcs

**1/4/67** Dallas -- Ruby dies of blood clot in lungs.

... Shortly after Ruby's conviction was reversed last fall, he began to suffer a dry, nagging cough, according to Dr. John W. Callahan, a Dallas County jail physician.

"Jack also had trouble keeping food on his stomach," Dr. Callahan said. "I thought it was just nerves."

Dr. Callahan treated Rub with penicillin and suggested that he take a cough syrup. ... *New York Times*, Martin Waldron

**1/4/67** Joseph A. Ball says he does not see how Ruby's death can have any effect on validity of *Warren Report*, sees no reason to reopen Warren inquiry unless new evidence develops. "But I'm sure the scandal mongers who have been writing scurrilous books about the *Report* will spread the word that there was something sinister about Ruby's death."

See *San Francisco Examiner* this date headed *Murder Without Malice*.

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**1/4/67** Dallas --- Jack Ruby denied it to the edge of death. But even his family couldn't help asking, because so many other people seemed to be asking, whether he really acted alone and not as part of a conspiracy ...

... Jack Ruby also complained that his cancer was induced secretly in jail. When he experienced difficulty breathing early in December and was taken to the hospital, it was thought he had pneumonia. He took this as proof that mustard gas was seeped into his cell. When his condition was diagnosed as cancer, he was certain it had been injected into him.

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... On 12/17 he felt so good ... asked for huge list of kosher foods, including pastrami, dill pickles, lox, green onions, etc. Elmer Gertz said "the doctors didn't object. Of course Jack couldn't hold that good down, but to deny it to him would be like denying a condemned man his last meal." ... *Oakland Tribune AP* Gavzer

**1/4/67** Chicago – Ruby family charges neglect.

"Jack Ruby was throwing up in jail for four months and they neglected him for that time," said brother Earl. *San Francisco Examiner UPI-AP*

**1/4/67** Chicago -- Born Poor, He Died In Debt.

... Gertz gave some new insights into Ruby in his final months.

He said Ruby predicted his own death -- even before the cancer had been diagnosed. ...

... And he predicted Gertz too would see death as the result of his involvement in the case. *San Francisco Examiner*, John Justin Smith

**1/4/67** District Attorney Henry Wade said he will let the Courts decide the disposition of the .38 caliber Colt Cobra Ruby used to shoot Oswald.

Said he had refused a request by Bureson for the pistol. *Times Herald* said it is under lock and key at the Dallas bounty courthouse although in the technical custody of the court of criminal appeals at Austin. *AP* B117 Dallas

**1/5/67** Fort Worth --Mrs. Marguerite Oswald called today for an investigation of the death of Jack Ruby. "Again you have a situation that falls into place." *AP*, B122

**1/6/67** Chicago - Jack Ruby buried. Rabbi in funeral oration calls him a misguided patriot. *AP* A40

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- 1/10/67** St Paul -- St. Paul Dispatch says one of its-columnists, Bill Diehl, has purchased from New York autograph dealer a letter from Jack Ruby written to a jail trusty, Thomas L. Miller who now lives in Dallas. Letter guaranteed as to authenticity, one of five or six Ruby wrote to Miller.
- Said LBJ "found me the as the perfect setup for frame. Remember they had the President killed, and now with me in the picture, they'll make it look as though Castro or the Russians had it done. Anyone in their right mind would know that the Russians or Castro would never do a thing like that. ... It would only create worse hostilities. ... remember that only one who had all to gain was Johnson himself. Figure that out." AP B92 1135pcs
- 1/15-21/67** Jack Ruby and his jail doctors. Includes some medical opinions about the possibilities of implanting cancer. *Ramparts*, David Welch
- 1/21/67** Dallas -- Jack Ruby signed his last will and testament in his *Parkland Hospital* room the day before he died, the *Times Herald* said today. Said witnessed by doctors after the deputy sheriff guarding Ruby declined to do so. Contents not known. AP B32
- 1/30/67** Wichita Falls -- Judge Louis Holland dismisses murder charge against Ruby at the request of Ruby `s lawyers.
- "It is a feeling of relief as for as I am concerned personally, yet I regret to see anybody come to the death that Jack Ruby met when at least he could have had a legal trial in Wichita County. But the Good Lord saw fit to bring his trial to a close. I think it probably works for the best." AP A8dn
- 2/3/67** Detroit -- Probate judge summons Wade, an assistant and Decker to show cause why they should not be made to release Ruby`s property. Earl says it includes the pistol, some of his clothing, a watch and a ring , and the cash he was carrying -- something over \$2,000. AP A146dt
- 2/3/67** Dallas -- Ruby had eight brain tumors, one as large as a thumbnail, doctors said today, but they said it was highly unlikely they were there when Ruby shot Oswald.
- County medical examiner Earl Rose said the small tumors had spread to the b rain from the lungs and that a 1964 X-ray showed no cancer in the lungs. Said no evidence of epilepsy or other brain disorders. Tumors had not caused any obvious clinical manifestations or any dysfunctioning. Not unexpected. AP A72 Simpson
- 2/13/67** Detroit -- 'Jack Ruby's brother says he is bent on killing rumors that Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald conspired in the assassination. ...

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"This thing is not over," said Earl Ruby. "It won't be until this talk of conspiracy between Jack and Oswald is ended and the truth accepted. We don't know yet what we will do to end it, but we will find a way." ....

... "I guess I've spent half my time on this thing. I've been to Dallas maybe 30 or 40 times. The stewardesses even know me by name. But I've made my last trip. I'm never going back." *AP* B31

**2/15/67** The U.S. Supreme Court formally dismissed from its docket today an appeal by Jack Ruby claiming he was not tried fairly for the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald. *AP*, 134

**2/16/67** Handwritten will, forgotten for 16 years; filed for probate 15feb by Jules P. Mayer, who had handled Ruby's nightclub interests for 10 years. Claimed he found it cleaning out his garage. Said Ruby had knocked on his door at a Galveston Motel at 3 a.m., was taken in for the night, and wrote will the next day, in 8/50.

Leaves half the estate to Mrs. Eileen Kaminsky, sister in Chicago, one fourth to Mrs. Eva Grant of Dallas, and rest to trust fund for a nephew, Donald Magid. Mrs. Kaminsky named trustee for Magid until he 22. Present age and whereabouts unknown. *AP* B29 Dallas

**2/18/67** **Detroit** - Jack Ruby dictated a second will but didn't live long enough to sign it, Earl Ruby says. Told Probate Judge Thomas C. Murphy Ruby dictated will last December, it was written out, and he was to sign it when a doctor arrived at 9 a.m. Decker had refused to let a deputy sign it. Ruby had gone into final coma when doctor arrived.

Will names Earl as executor. *AP* A53

**2/28/67** Dallas -- Mrs. Grant goes to courthouse records building to look over two wills allegedly signed by Jack Ruby.

One will, lost for 16 years before a Dallas lawyer found it in his garage, would give one fourth of Ruby's estate to Mrs. Grant. Another, filed by a former deputy sheriff, leaves a watch, a ring and a suit to lawman Norman H. Hooten, who guarded Ruby, for a time in jail. *AP*, cw 312 pcs

**3/1/67** Dallas -- An application to probate the Detroit will of Jack Ruby received today, along with copy of the unsigned will, allegedly made by Ruby a day before his death in Dallas, and a petition to the County Clerk's office to contest two other wills filed in Dallas probate court -- the Mayer and Hooten wills.

The copy of the unsigned will contains a statement denying Ruby had any association with any persons in connection with the assassination. *AP* B45dn

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- 3/19/67** Las Vegas -- Tonahill says Oswald died of air embolism during blood transfusion from a plastic bag, cites a doctor as saying many such gunshot cases salvaged. In San Francisco, Belli said Tonahill wrong, that this was considered as defense evidence but not feasible in this case. Oswald died from the gunshot wounds. *San Francisco Chronicle, UPI*
- 3/19/67** Dallas -- Dr. Earl Rose, who performed the autopsy on Oswald, refuted Tonahill's claim that Oswald died of an air embolism. There was air embolized, and there was also a hemorrhage, but these are purely secondary things." He said the embolism was caused by the gunshot wound, not by a transfusion. "I think Mr. Tonahill is being presumptuous ... I say death came from the gunshot wound." *Las Vegas Review-Journal UPI*
- 3/20/67** Detroit -- Alan Adelson, who said he has been a lawyer for the Ruby family since 11/24/63, said an agreement was reached in Dallas 3/17/67 that Ruby's handwritten will of 1950 [the Mayer will] has been accepted as his last will and testament. Agreement reached among all interested parties.
- Adelson says Ruby's entire estate consists of the pistol, a diamond ring, diamond watch, a hat and a suit of clothes. The gun is in possession of a Dallas court. *AP A2dt*
- Gun now in Wade's custody. Been offer of \$50,000 for it. Said Hooten would be allowed to offer as modification a written note from Ruby giving him the ring, watch and suit. Earl Ruby made administrator. Adelson said he now the only legal rep of the family. Said his interests are in settling the estate, including a \$40,000 tax lien, and to fight "misstatements and untruths of Mark Lane and others. A62 NL
- 3/21/67** Lawyer Jules F. Mayer says Adelson's statement about an agreement incorrect, asks Dallas probate court to empower him to take immediate physical possession of all Ruby's personal effects, including the pistol. Also says U.S. attorney Tim Timmins is premature in saying Ruby pistol would be transferred to National Archives in near future in accordance with the wishes of the Ruby heirs.
- Says he hears in addition to \$50,000 offer for pistol, IRS has \$44,000 liens in back-taxes, DT undertaker has unpaid bill in excess of \$2,000 and some of the lawyers who have represented Ruby asking for \$30,000 in unpaid attorney fees. Mayer himself asks to be named executor under the 1950 will. *AP B48 Dallas*
- 3/24/67** From Considine's story on interview of District Attorney Henry Wade:
- ... I told Wade I had just heard that the family of Ruby had decided to present the snub-nosed murder weapon to the National Archives.

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"Really?" Wade said, with a start. "That announcement is a little premature. I have the gun right here in Dallas. I've felt that it should be a part of exhibits in this case, and I still feel that way. But it isn't up to the Ruby family or to me. When the time comes, I'll turn it over to a judge here in Dallas and he'll make the decision about what should be done with it." *San Francisco Examiner*, Bob Considine

**3/25/67** Dallas - Probate judge names James K. Allen, a former assistant district attorney, as temporary administrator of Jack Ruby's estate. *New York Times*, *AP*

**3/29/67** Dallas -- Attorneys for the Ruby family said today they had dropped attempts to probate an unsigned will and will not contest a 1950 will.

A third will, however, remained under contest. It was filed by Norman Hooten, a former deputy sheriff who guarded Ruby while he was in the Dallas County jail.

Hooten's lawyers said they would attempt to have the will Hooten held probated as a codicil to the 1950 document. Hearing set for 6/6. *AP*, A143

**4/6/67** Dallas - IRS filed claim of \$45,637.43 for back taxes against Jack Ruby, dating back to 1956 over five separate tax periods. *AP* A69

**4/6/67** Houston -- Norman Hooten, former Deputy sheriff who guarded Ruby and who claims Ruby made many disclosures to him and wrote a will giving him his suit and a ring, resigned from his post as game warden.

Said he resigned under fire from J. R. Singleton, director of the parks & wildlife department, who says he doesn't know why Hooten quit.

Hooten claims he was shot at 3/29/67 while driving a rural road outside League City near Houston. Singleton says car window shattered. Hooten says by gunfire. Hooten said Singleton told him he had "no business being involved in writing any books about Jack Ruby, or knowing anything about the assassination or anything else." *AP*, AA174

**4/18/67** Four days previously had been told by brother, in Chicago, that Ruby was not held in a cell but in a corridor over the psychiatric ward, where at night he could hear the patients screaming; could have been easy for prison guard to have suggested to Ruby the screams were those of Jews being tortured. Lane made clear this was what Ruby's brother had said, but could not vouch for this of his own knowledge. Transcribed from tape, Mark Lane on Milly Rose Show, *KNEW* Oakland

At 322': Garrison has evidence that Ruby killed Oswald to silence him.

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**8/18/67**

District Attorney's office, on court order, provides Shaw defense with the precise date of Shaw's alleged meeting with Oswald and Ruby – 9/3/63 from 2 to 9 p.m. at *Jack Tar Capitol House Hotel* in Baton Rouge. *New Orleans states Item*