

RUBY IS REPORTED TO LACK REMORSE

Psychiatrist for the Defense
Makes Findings Available

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DALLAS, March 3—Jack L. Ruby shows no signs of guilty or remorse over the killing of Lee H. Oswald, a Baltimore psychiatrist has reported.

Dr. Manfred Guttmacher, who examined Ruby in behalf of the defense, said that Ruby had persuaded himself that he "he exterminated a rat" by shooting the accused assassin of President Kennedy.

Dr. Guttmacher's report, based on interviews with Ruby in December, has not previously been made public. Two other defense witnesses, Dr. Roy A. Schafer and Dr. Walter Bromberg, testified at Ruby's bail bond hearing in January.

In his conclusion, Dr. Guttmacher concurs with the other defense experts that Ruby suffers from "episodic dyscontrol."

His 16-page report contains, however, more personal and detailed anecdotes than those of his colleagues. The report said in part:

"When I asked him [Ruby] what his thoughts and emotions were in regard to Mrs. Oswald and the Oswald children, he looked suddenly greatly pained, almost as though I had struck him, and exclaimed, 'that's an unfair question.'"

Ruby described to the psychiatrist his feelings when he pulled the trigger:

"He [Oswald] had a very smirky expression, he looked cunning and vicious—like an animal—like a Communist. I felt like I was looking at a rat. I don't recall if I said, 'You killed my President' or if I said anything."

Dr. Guttmacher went on:

"The patient professes a hazy memory of the actual event. He does not know why he did not shoot more than once."

Ruby told the psychiatrist that he had had an opportunity to shoot Oswald at the jail on Friday night, Nov. 22, two days before he actually killed the alleged assassin.

After attending a memorial service for Mr. Kennedy at his synagogue that night, Ruby said, he had gone to the Dallas police station. He had left his pistol in the car during the service, but he took it with him into the station.

Ruby watched as policemen questioned Oswald. Exhilarated by the atmosphere in the police station, Ruby said he had thrown off the depression caused by the assassination. He was standing on a table to get a better look at Oswald, and his pistol was in his pocket, the psychiatrist's report relates.

At that time, Ruby said, he felt no hatred for Oswald.

Dr. Guttmacher said that "despite an outwardly friendly and ingratiating manner, Ruby seethes with hostility."

But his report continued:

"There is no evidence of psychotic thinking at this time—no actual breaks with reality are discernable."

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