

D. A. Asks Prison for Ruby

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The District Attorney proposed yesterday that Jack Ruby's death sentence for killing President Kennedy's presumed assassin be reduced to a prison term. In Texas, this could mean freedom in seven years.

District Attorney Henry Wade, who prosecuted the one-time night club operator, said he has twice offered to recommend a sentence of life in prison.

Wade said the defense insists instead on a five-year sentence.

A jury assessed a sentence of death in the electric chair against Ruby for killing Lee Harvey Oswald two days after Oswald was presumed to have assassinated President

Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Execution has been delayed by numerous complex appeals.

Wade said in a news conference that there were a variety of reasons for his changing his mind about sending Ruby to the electric chair.

"One reason . . ." Wade said, "is that we have spent \$75,000-\$100,000 on the case already and Jack Ruby is not worth that much more.

"Not all the questions about the assassination have been answered . . . and I think it better to have him available."

Wade explained that when he said that all questions have not been answered, he

did not mean that he doubted that Oswald, acting alone, killed President Kennedy, or that Ruby was not acting alone.

He meant rather, he said, that people would ask ques-

tions about the case, whether there was any basis for them or not, and it would be a good thing if Ruby were alive to answer them.

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