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FIRST LEAD RUBY RECORDING (230)

NEW YORK, JAN. 3 (AP)-JACK RUBY, ONLY WEEKS BEFORE HIS CANCER DEATH, MADE A RECORDING INSISTING HIS SHOOTING OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ALLEGED ASSASSIN WAS NOT PART OF A CONSPIRACY--ONLY A FANTASTIC COINCIDENCE.

RUBY IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT A WRONG TURN INTO A PARKING LOT WAS THE "FATE" THAT PUT HIM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE DALLAS POLICE HEADQUARTERS AT THE MOMENT LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS BEING LED FROM THE JAIL.

RUBY HAS RECORDED HIS INSISTENCE THAT HE BLACKED OUT AND REMEMBERS NOTHING OF THE ACTUAL SHOOTING OF OSWALD, WHICH WAS SEEN BY MILLIONS OF TELEVISION VIEWERS.

THE RECORDING WAS MADE SECRETLY IN RUBY'S ROOM AT DALLAS' PARKLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, ACCORDING TO ELMER GERTZ, A MEMBER OF RUBY'S LEGAL TEAM.

THE NEW YORK WORLD JOURNAL TRIBUNE TODAY PUBLISHED EXCERPTS FROM THE RECORDING SHOWING RUBY VEHEMENTLY DENYING HE WAS PART OF A CONSPIRACY, THAT HE HAD EVER SEEN OSWALD BEFORE, AND THAT OSWALD HAD EVER BEEN IN RUBY'S NIGHT CLUB.

"THE IRONIC PART OF THIS IS, HADN'T I MADE AN ILLEGAL TURN BEHIND THE BUSTO THE PARKING LOT, HAD I GONE THE WAY I WAS SUPPOSED TO GO STRAIGHT DOWN MAIN ST., I'D OF NEVER, I WOULD NEVER HAVE MET THIS FATE BECAUSE THE DIFFERENCE IN MEETING THIS FATE WAS 30 SECONDS ONE WAY OR THE OTHER," THE RECORDING SAID.

RUBY WAS ASKED IF HE KNEW THE HOUR THAT POLICE HAD PLANNED TO MOVE OSWALD FROM THE JAIL AND REPLIED: "HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE MOVED AT 10 O'CLOCK."

THAT WAS THE HOUR ANNOUNCED, BUT THE SHOOTING ACTUALLY OCCURRED AT 11:20 A.M.

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RUBY RECORDING (250)

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK, JAN. 3 (AP)-JACK RUBY INSISTS IN A RECORDED STATEMENT THAT THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY INVOLVED IN HIS KILLING OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, WHO THE WARREN COMMISSION NAMED AS THE ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

RUBY MADE THE RECORDING SECRETLY IN DALLAS' PARKLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WHERE HE LIES GRAVELY ILL OF CANCER, ACCORDING TO ELMER GERTZ, A MEMBER OF RUBY'S LEGAL TEAM.

IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW FROM CHICAGO LAST NIGHT, GERTZ SAID RUBY'S DENIAL TAKES UP THREE MINUTES OF A 46-MINUTE CAPITOL RECORD CALLED "THE ASSASSINATION."

THE RECORDING, WHICH ALSO FEATURES THE VOICES OF OTHER PERSONS CENTRAL TO THE DRAMA, WAS TO BE PLAYED IN PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME AT A NEWS CONFERENCE HERE TODAY.

IN AN EXCLUSIVE REPORT DEC. 19, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DESCRIBED RUBY ASPRAYING THAT HE BE GIVEN A FINAL LIE DETECTOR TEST TO ESTABLISH THAT THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY IN HIS KILLING OF OSWALD.

GERTZ SAID RUBY REPEATS THESE STATEMENTS ON THE RECORDING.

A CAPITOL RECORDS REPRESENTATIVE INSTIGATED THE RECORDING PROJECT ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO WHEN HE APPROACHED MEMBERS OF THE RUBY FAMILY AND TOLD THEM IT WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTION, GERTZ SAID.

RUBY'S BROTHER, EARL, BROUGHT A SMALL RECORDER INTO THE HOSPITAL ROOM AFTER THE DYING MAN HAD AGREED TO THE PROJECT, GERTZ SAID.

HE SAID PROFITS FROM THE PROJECT WILL GO TO THE KENNEDY LIBRARY IN CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

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