

Belli: Report Shows Ruby Didn't Get Fair Trial

Attorney Melvin Belli, who defended Jack Ruby on the charge of murdering presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, said yesterday that the Warren report confirmed his claim that Ruby didn't get a fair trial in Dallas.

The San Francisco attorney said he had read an advance condensed text of the report on the late President Kennedy's assassination and

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ing: "I noted particularly that it was reported that Oswald couldn't have gotten a fair trial because of what the Dallas police and the district attorney said. This to me is convicted of the Oswald slaying."

Belli drew unfavorable comment from the ABA after the judge and the Dallas court in which Ruby was convicted of the Oswald slaying.

He said he felt that someone owed President Kennedy a debt to save Mrs. Kennedy from having to testify at Oswald's trial.

"I think this report should set at rest forever the conspiracy theory and should do a lot to restore our image abroad.

"The only thing that remains is for a commission to examine into something that is even more vital than the death of the President; and that is the living law. To wit: Justice in Dallas.

"We've had a commission let's have a commission on Ruby trial, and NOT the American Bar Association. . . . The one fault I find with the Warren report is the ascribing of the motive of Jack Ruby."

The Warren report drew no conclusion on Ruby's motive but did note Ruby's testimony in which he said he felt that someone owed President Kennedy a debt to save Mrs. Kennedy from having to testify at Oswald's trial.