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THIRD NIGHT LEAD RUBY (300)

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CROSSEXAMINATION BROUGHT TESTIMONY THAT RUBY HAD A RUSSIAN FATHER AND MADE A TRIP TO CUBA IN 1959 TO TRY TO SELL JEEPS.

THE DESCRIPTION OF RUBY WAS BY DR. WALTER BROMBERG, CLINICAL DIRECTOR OF PINWOOD PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, N.Y. HE TESTIFIED FOR THE DEFENSE IN ITS EFFORT TO HAVE RUBY FREED ON BOND WHILE AWAITING TRIAL ON A CHARGE OF MURDER WITH MALICE FOR SHOOTING OSWALD.

THE HEARING WAS RECESSED AT 5:05 P.M. (CST) UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW.

CHIEF DEFENSE ATTORNEY MELVIN BELLI OF SAN FRANCISCO TOLD NEWSMEN HE HOPES THE HEARING WILL END BY NOON TOMORROW. HE SAID HE WILL PRESS TO HAVE RUBY'S TRIAL MOVED TO ANOTHER COUNTY BEFORE THE END OF THE HEARING. PREVIOUSLY BELI HAD SAID HE DID NOT THINK RUBY COULD GET A FAIR TRIAL IN DALLAS.

BELLI SAID HE ALSO HOPES TO HAVE THE START OF THE TRIAL DELAYED FROM FEB. 3 TO FEB. 10 OR 17, PREFERABLY THE LATTER.

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IN CROSSEXAMINATION BY STATE ATTORNEYS, BROMBERG SAID RUBY HAD TOLD HIM OF MAKING A TRIP TO CUBA IN 1959, NINE MONTHS AFTER PRIME MINISTER FIDEL CASTRO TOOK OVER THE GOVERNMENT.

DIST. ATTY. HENRY WADE ASKED IF RUBY HAD TOLD BROMBERG OF TRYING TO SELL JEEPS TO CUBA. THE DOCTOR CONFIRMED THIS AND ADDED: "BUT THE DEAL DIDN'T GO THROUGH . . . IT WAS AN INVOLVED FINANCIAL DEAL IN HOUSTON AND ELSEWHERE. HE WANTED TO MAKE SOME MONEY IN A HURRY."

HE SAID RUBY SPENT ABOUT 10 DAYS IN CUBA.

ASST. DIST. ATTY. WILLIAM ALEXANDER ASKED IF THE DOCTOR HAD LEARNED FROM RUBY THAT HIS FATHER WAS A NATIVE RUSSIAN NAMED RUBENSTEIN WHO HAD SERVED IN THE RUSSIAN ARMY. THE PSYCHIATRIST SAID, "YES."

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ALEXANDER ASKED WHETHER THIS RUSSIAN BACKGROUND MIGHT HAVE INFLUENCED RUBY'S STATE OF MIND.

BROMBERG REPLIED: "IT MIGHT HAVE HAD AN EFFECT ON HIS ORGANIC BACKGROUND." THERE WAS NO EXPLANATION OF THIS ANSWER.

OSWALD HAD SPENT SEVERAL YEARS IN RUSSIA, ONCE TRIED TO OBTAIN RUSSIAN CITIZENSHIP, MARRIED A RUSSIAN WIFE AND, AFTER RETURNING TO THIS COUNTRY, HANDED OUT PRO-CASTRO PAMPHLETS IN NEW ORLEANS.

EARLIER, PSYCHOLOGIST ROY SCHAFFER OF YALE UNIVERSITY TESTIFIED HE BELIEVES RUBY HAS AN ORGANIC BRAIN DISORDER THAT CAN CAUSE AN EXPLOSIVE MENTAL STATE UNDER EMOTIONAL STIMULATION.

THE DEFENSE ALSO CALLED AS A WITNESS DR. JOHN T. HOLBROOK, DALLAS PSYCHIATRIST WHO EXAMINED RUBY FOR THE STATE ON NOV. 24. WHEN THE STATE OBJECTED TO HOLBROOK'S TESTIFYING FOR THE DEFENSE, THE JUDGE RULED HE COULD TESTIFY AS A LAYMAN BUT NOT AS A PSYCHIATRIST.

HOLBROOK SAID RUBY TOLD HIM HIS FATHER WAS AN ALCOHOLIC. HE SAID RUBY DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS THE BLACK SHEEP OF THE FAMILY AND ALSO AS A MAN WHO COULD NOT BRING HIMSELF TO BACK DOWN FROM SITUATIONS.

AT ANOTHER POINT SAID THAT "PROBABLY BECAUSE OF HIS JEWISH BACKGROUND, HE HAD TO SHOW GENTILES THAT JEWS WERE PRETTY NICE PEOPLE."

FBI AGENT C. RAY HALL, LAST WITNESS OF THE DAY, TESTIFIED THAT RUBY HAD ALSO TOLD HIM OF GOING TO CUBA TO TRY TO SELL JEEPS, USING A PLANE TICKET SENT TO HIM BY A PERSON THE STATE DESCRIBED AS "SOMEONE IN CUBA."

~~DESCRIBING RUBY, ETC., 4TH GRAF SECOND NIGHT LEAD (A266DN) AS BEFORE.~~

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SECOND NIGHT LEAD RUBY

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DESCRIBING RUBY, WHO GREW UP AS A BRAWLER IN CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE, BROMBERG SAID: "HE WAS PRE-SET TO BE A FIGHTER, TO ATTACK, TO FIGHT. HE'S A FIGHTING MAN, GEARED UP FOR PHYSICAL ACTION. HE THINKS HE'S TOUGH."

BROMBERG SAID RUBY "DID NOT KNOW THE NATURE OF HIS ACT" WHEN HE KILLED OSWALD NOV. 24, COULD NOT TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG.

"I FEEL THAT THE EMOTIONAL EXCITEMENT TRIGGERED A FUGUE STATE," BROMBERG SAID. HE DESCRIBED THAT AS A STATE IN WHICH PEOPLE DO THINGS WITHOUT BEING AWARE OF THEM.

RUBY STEPPED OUT OF A CROWD OF NEWSMEN AND KILLED OSWALD IN THE BASEMENT OF THE DALLAS CITY JAIL.

"AT THE MOMENT HE CAUGHT SIGHT OF OSWALD HE LOST RECALL," SAID THE PSYCHIATRIST. "HIS RECALL CAME BACK DURING THE SCUFFLE ON THE CONCRETE FLOOR." THE SCUFFLE OCCURRED AS OFFICERS SUBDUED RUBY AFTER THE SHOOTING.

ASST. DIST. ATTY. WILLIAM F. ALEXANDER SAID RUBY WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID OF OSWALD, "I HOPE THE ----- DIES." BROMBERG SAID THAT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN OUT OF CHARACTER WITH A FUGUE STATE.

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BROMBERG TESTIFIED THAT "RUBY DOES NOT HAVE DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR. BUT HE DOES HAVE A GRANDIOSE TENDENCY AND A PARANOID TENDENCY."

WHEN ALEXANDER ASKED WHETHER RUBY SHOULD HAVE PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT, BROMBERG REPLIED THAT HE SHOULD HAVE A THOROUGH AND COMPLETE EXAMINATION. BROMBERG SAID THIS SHOULD INCLUDE A BLOOD TEST FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF SYPHILIS.

BROMBERG SAID THAT IN EXAMINING RUBY HE LEARNED THAT AT ONE STAGE IN HIS LIFE RUBY "LOST INTEREST IN EVERYTHING AND DEVELOPED SUICIDAL IDEAS AND DID NOT CONSULT A DOCTOR."

THE DEFENSE, ETC., 3RD GRAF NIGHT LEAD (A233DN)

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AMS BUDGET (450)

NIGHT LEAD RUBY

BY JAMES W. MANGAN

DALLAS, JAN. 20 (AP)—A YALE PSYCHOLOGIST SAID TODAY HE BELIEVES JACK RUBY HAS A BRAIN DISORDER THAT CAN CAUSE AN EXPLOSIVE MENTAL STATE UNDER EMOTIONAL STIMULATION.

DR. ROY SCHAFFER TESTIFIED FOR THE DEFENSE IN ITS ATTEMPT TO FREE RUBY ON BOND WHILE HE IS AWAITING TRIAL ON A MURDER CHARGE FOR KILLING LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

THE DEFENSE, HEADED BY ATTORNEY MELVIN BELLI OF SAN FRANCISCO, HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL TRY TO PROVE RUBY WAS INSANE WHEN HE KILLED OSWALD ON NOV. 24, TWO DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT.

RUBY'S TRIAL IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN FEB. 3.

SCHAFFER SAID HE EXAMINED RUBY IN LATE DECEMBER FOR NINE AND ONE HALF HOURS, GIVING HIM STANDARD PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS. BUT HE SAID HE BELIEVES OTHER TESTS SHOULD BE GIVEN.

HE SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND AN EXAMINATION OF THE PHYSICAL AND NERVOUS SYSTEMS, AN ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPH, AND A PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION.

AN ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPH IS AN ELECTRONIC MEASUREMENT OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE BRAIN TO TRY TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS NORMAL.

SCHAFFER SAID HE THINKS IT LIKELY BUT NOT CERTAIN THAT AN ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPH WOULD SHOW ABNORMALITIES IN THE FUNCTIONING OF RUBY'S BRAIN.

HE TESTIFIED HE BELIEVES RUBY HAS A DISORDER CALLED PSYCHOMOTOR EPILEPSY AND THAT HE HAS HAD IT A LONG TIME.

THIS, HE SAID, BRINGS ON ATTACKS CHARACTERIZED BY AN "EXPLOSIVE MENTAL STATE" UNDER "STRONG EMOTIONAL STIMULI." BUT HE SAID THERE MIGHT NOT BE ANY OUTWARD SIGNS THAT THIS WAS HAPPENING.

RUBY'S ATTORNEYS HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL TRY TO PROVE HE WAS TORN EMOTIONALLY BY THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH.

SCHAFFER SAID THAT IN HIS EXAMINATION RUBY HAD "FREQUENT PERIODS OF MILD CONFUSION, HIS SPEECH BECAME LOOSE AND SOME STATEMENTS WERE ALMOST INCOHERENT."

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THE 53-YEAR-OLD NIGHTCLUB OPERATOR, DRESSED NATTILY IN A BLACK SUIT AND WEARING A SILVER-GRAY TIE, SAT WITH HIS ATTORNEYS AT THE DEFENSE TABLE.

HE APPEARED SLIGHTLY MORE ILL AT EASE THAN HE HAD ON DEC. 23 WHEN THE BOND HEARING BEGAN AND WAS RECESSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

NEWSMEN WERE PERMITTED TO PHOTOGRAPH AND QUESTION RUBY BEFORE THE HEARING BEGAN BEFORE DIST. JUDGE JOE B. BROWN.

ASKED WHETHER HE THOUGHT HE COULD BEAT THE MURDER CHARGE, THE BALDING, STOCKY STRIP JOINT BOSS REPLIED: "GIVE ME A PILL AND I'LL ANSWER THAT." HE DID NOT EXPLAIN WHAT HE MEANT.

"MY BLOOD PRESSURE IS AT A FASTER PACE," HE REPLIED TO A QUESTION. BUT HE SAID, "I FEEL WONDERFUL."

SCHAFFER'S TESTIMONY WAS ADMITTED OVER STATE OBJECTIONS THAT IT WAS NOT PERTINENT TO THE QUESTION WHETHER RUBY SHOULD BE FREED ON BOND.

BELLI SAID THE TESTIMONY WAS ESSENTIAL TO SUPPORT THE DEFENSE ARGUMENT THAT WHEN RUBY SHOT OSWALD HE COULD NOT TELL RIGHT FROM WRONG AND LACKED "CONSCIOUS APPRECIATION OF WHAT HE WAS DOING."

UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION BY DIST. ATTY. HENRY WADE, SCHAFFER SAID RUBY HAS AN INTELLIGENCE IN THE 73RD PERCENTILE--IN OTHER WORDS, HE WOULD OUTSCORE 73 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION ON IQ TESTS.

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