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Dallas -- The state's first witness was Don Campbell, 46, an advertising salesman for the Dallas Morning News.

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Through his testimony, asst. dist atty. bill al@xander led swiftly to the fateful moments when President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas.

Capbell said he and Ruby were talking about an advertisement for Ruby's two night clubs up until about 10 minutes before the President was killed.

The witness said they talked from about 12 o'clock until 12:25 p.m.nCST in the office of the morning news. Campbell said that he read later in the newspapers that the President was assassinated at about 12:35 p.m.

Under cross-examination by chief defense counsel Melvin M. Belli, Campbell said he 1 ft Ruby in the ofice and that so far as he knew Ruby did not see the assassination.

Previously, Alexander asked: "did you notice anything unusual or peculiar about Ruby's behaviour at that time ?"

"No," Campbell replied.

Belli brought out from Campbell that Ruby appeared to be worried about a financial problem and the fact that a dance band had left one of his nightclubs. "He was worried about the band and about his business," said Campbell.

Campbell said he had known Ruby about four years. In answer to one of Belli's questions, Campbell said that as to Ruby's manner during that conversation, "he was the Jack Ruby that I knew." Ruby did not appear to be "upset" at the time.....

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