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DALLAS, TEX., MARCH 24 (AP)-RELATIVES OF CONVICTED SLAYER JACK RUBY ANNOUNCED TONIGHT THEY HAVE HIRED DR. HUBERT WINSTON SMITH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AS DEFENSE COUNSEL.

IN A LATE EVENING NEWS CONFERENCE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY SAID THEY WERE "PROUD TO HAVE THE SERVICES OF DR. SMITH."

HE REPLACES PERCY FOREMAN OF HOUSTON AS CHIEF DEFENSE LAWYER FOR RUBY, CONVICTED OF MURDER WITH MALICE AND SENTENCED TO DIE IN THE SLAYING OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

OSWALD, ACCUSED OF ASSASSINATING PRESIDENT KENNEDY HERE, NOV. 22, WAS GUNNED DOWN BEFORE A NATIONWIDE TELEVISION AUDIENCE WHILE BEING TRANSFERRED FROM THE CITY TO COUNTY JAIL TWO DAYS LATER.

DR. SMITH IS DIRECTOR OF THE LAW SCIENCE INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS LAW SCHOOL. THE INSTITUTE WAS LABELED "THE MEDICAL-LEGAL BRANCH OF THE LAW SCHOOL" BY ANOTHER DEFENSE LAWYER, JOE TONAHILL OF JASPER, TEX.

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