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Dallas, April 17 (AP)- Convicted killer Jack Ruby is eager to appear before the Warren Commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy, attorney Joe Tonahill said today.

Tonahill is one of three lawyers working on appeal motions for Ruby who was sentenced to the electric chair for slaying accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

After visiting Ruby today in his jail cell, Tonahill told a newsman:

"Jack is eager to appear before the commission, either in Dallas or Washington. He wants to cooperate in every way, and answer any questions they might have. He is willing to submit to a polygraph (lie detector) test also."

Tonahill said he, along with fellow defense attorneys Phil Burleson and Dr. Herbert Winston Smith, will be at Ruby's side if he does testify.

Asking how Ruby was faring in jail, Tonahill replied:

"Yesterday he was in good spirits, today he was just the opposite. His moods swing back and forth. But he still retains his dignity."

Ruby, a former physical fitness addict, does exercise to keep in shape, Tonahill said.

The newest member of the defense team visited Ruby last night. He is Charles Bellows of Chicago.

Burleson confirmed that Bellows was entering the case and said he would serve in an advisory capacity and other ways.

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