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DALLAS, JULY 8 (AP)-DIST. ATTY. HENRY WADE HAS CONFIRMED HE HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL LETTERS FROM JACK RUBY WHICH HE CALLED "RATIONAL" AND NOT GIBBERISH.

THE DALLAS NEWS SAID WADE DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE LETTERS' CONTENT OR RUBY'S MOTIVES IN WRITING THEM. RUBY WROTE FROM HIS COUNTY JAIL CELL WHERE HE IS APPEALING THE DEATH SENTENCE FOR SLAYING LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ACCUSED PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN.

DEFENSE LAWYERS AND PSYCHIATRISTS SAY RUBY'S MENTAL CONDITION HAS DETERIORATED BADLY SINCE HIS MONTH-LONG TRIAL ENDED MARCH 14. THEY SAY HE NEEDS TREATMENT IN A HOSPITAL.

WADE HAS CALLED RUBY'S DEPRESSED STATE NORMAL FROM A MAN UNDER A DEATH SENTENCE.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID IN AT LEAST ONE LETTER RUBY WROTE STATEMENTS, SIMILAR TO THOSE HE REPORTEDLY MADE TO CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, HEAD OF THE COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

IN THE CONVERSATIONS, RUBY REPORTEDLY SAID HE PLANNED TO SHOOT OSWALD AFTER READING AN EMOTIONAL LETTER IN A NEWSPAPER TO CAROLINE KENNEDY AND BELIEVING THAT ATTORNEYS MIGHT CALL MRS. KENNEDY BACK TO DALLAS AS A WITNESS.

RUBY'S TRIAL LAWYER, MELVIN BELLI OF CALIFORNIA, CONTENDED THAT RUBY SHOT OSWALD NOV. 24 WHILE IN AN EPILEPTIC BLACKOUT AND WAS NOT CONSCIOUSLY AWARE OF HIS ACTIONS.

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MEANWHILE, ONE OF RUBY'S LAWYERS DETAILED A WEIGHT-GADGET BUSINESS WHICH THE FORMER NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR WAS TRYING TO GET STARTED JUST BEFORE THE EVENTS OF LAST NOVEMBER.

LAWYER PHIL BURLESON DESCRIBED RUBY'S FLEDGLING BUSINESS VENTURE FOLLOWING DISCLOSURE BY THE TIMES HERALD THAT RUBY RENTED A POST OFFICE BOX 12 FEET FROM LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S BOX NOV. 7.

BURLESON SAID HE WISHED TO MAKE CLEAR THERE WAS NOTHING SINISTER IN THE COINCIDENCE OF THE TWO BOXES.

HE SAID RUBY RENTED P.O. BOX 5475 TO SELL WEIGHT-REDUCING "TWIST BOARDS." RUBY USED THE NAME EARL PRODUCTS, AN OLD FAMILY COMPANY NAME WHICH HE AND HIS BROTHERS, EARL AND SAM, HAD USED PREVIOUSLY IN SELLING NOVELTY ITEMS.

BURLESON SAID RUBY HOPED TO DISTRIBUTE THE 3-POUND BOARDS THROUGH RETAIL AND WHOLESALE OUTLETS. IT WAS TO SELL FOR \$3.95.

AN ADVERTISING BROCHURE LISTED 10 DIFFERENT EXERCISES WHICH COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED ON THE BOARD, WHICH CONSISTED OF A "CHIP BOARD BASE ON 70 BALL BEARINGS IN A STEEL HOUSING." TO EXERCISE ON THE BOARD, THE PROSPECTIVE REDUCER PERFORMED EXERCISES SIMILAR TO MOVEMENTS IN DANCING THE TWIST.

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