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DALLAS, JULY 29 (AP)-TWO OF JACK RUBY'S LAWYERS THREATENED TODAY TO SUE A DETROIT LAWYER IF HE DOES NOT HALT WHAT THEY CALLED "HARASSMENT" OF THE DEFENSE EFFORT.

THE THREAT WAS IN A SHARPLY WORDED LETTER TO MICHIGAN LAWYER SOL DANN AND SIGNED BY JOE H. TONAHILL OF JASPER. CHIEF RUBY DEFENSE LAWYER CLAYTON FOWLER CONCURRED WITH TONAHILL'S LETTER.

EARLIER, DANN HAD THREATENED SIMILAR LEGAL STEPS AGAINST THE TEXAS ATTORNEYS IF THEY DID NOT WITHDRAW FROM THE CASE.

TONAHILL'S LETTER SAID, "IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO ME HOW YOU CAN, IF ANY SEMBLANCE OF GOOD FAITH, INTERFERE IN THE ORDERLY APPELLATE EFFORTS BEING PUT FORTH BY (THE TEXAS LAWYERS) . . ." THE LETTER SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE RUBY FAMILY EMPLOYED DANN, THEIR PERSONAL ATTORNEY. HOWEVER, TONAHILL AND FOWLER HAVE RECEIVED PERSONAL CONFIRMATION FROM RUBY THAT HE WISHES THEM TO CONTINUE HIS DEFENSE.

TONAHILL ALSO SAID THAT "EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE TO DATE HAS PRODUCED DAMAGE AND HARM TO JACK RUBY'S PUBLIC POSITION . . . ."

THE LETTER WARNED THAT UNLESS DANN "CEASES AND DESISTS . . . . INTERFERENCES" HE WOULD BE FACED WITH "SERIOUS PERSONAL LITIGATION."

RUBY WAS CONVICTED MARCH 14 AND SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR SLAYING LEE HARVEY OSWALD, THE MAN POLICE SAY ASSASSINATED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

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