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(ADVANCE) NEW YORK, AUG. 19 (AP)-JACK RUBY HAS TOLD THE WARREN COMMISSION THAT HIS COMPASSION FOR MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY LED HIM TO SHOOT HER HUSBAND'S ACCUSED ASSASSIN, LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

THE NEW YORK JOURNAL-AMERICAN IS PUBLISHING UNDER COPYRIGHT A 102-PAGE TRANSCRIPT OF A THREE-HOUR INTERROGATION OF RUBY BY CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN IN DALLAS LAST JUNE 7, UNDER THE BYLINE OF COLUMNIST DOROTHY KILGALLEN. SHE SAID SHE OBTAINED THE TRANSCRIPT "THROUGH SOURCES CLOSE TO THE COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON."

IN TODAY'S SECOND INSTALLMENT OF THE TRANSCRIPT, RUBY IS QUOTED AS SAYING OF THE SLAYING OF OSWALD ON SUNDAY, NOV. 24:

"OF WHY THAT SUNDAY MORNING--THAT THOUGHT NEVER ENTERED MY MIND PRIOR TO THAT SUNDAY MORNING WHEN I TOOK IT UPON MYSELF TO TRY TO BE A MARTYR OR SOME SCREWBALL, YOU MIGHT SAY.

"BUT I FELT VERY EMOTIONAL AND VERY CARRIED AWAY FROM (SIC) MRS. KENNEDY, THAT WITH ALL THE STRIFE SHE HAD GONE THROUGH--I HAD BEEN FOLLOWING IT PRETTY WELL--THAT SOMEONE OWED IT TO OUR BELOVED PRESIDENT THAT SHE SHOULDN'T BE EXPECTED TO COME BACK TO FACE TRIAL OF THEIS HEINOUS CRIME. AND I HAVE NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO TELL THAT, TO BACK IT UP, TO PROVE IT. CONSEQUENTLY I AM BEING VICTIMIZED AS PART OF A PLOT IN THE WORLD'S WORST TRAGEDY AND CRIME AT THIS MOMENT."

OSWALD, FORMALLY ACCUSED OF THE NOV. 22 ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, WAS SLAIN TWO DAYS LATER DURING A ROUTINE JAIL TRANSFER. RUBY STEPPED FROM A CROWD OF NEWSMEN AND ONLOOKERS AT THE DALLAS POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND PUMPED A SINGLE, FATAL BULLET INTO HIM.

IN A TRIAL THAT ENDED MARCH 14, RUBY WAS CONDEMNED TO DEATH FOR OSWALD'S MURDER. HIS LAWYERS PLEADED INSANITY, AND RUBY DID NOT TAKE THE WITNESS STAND. HOWEVER, MUCH OF THE DETAILS IN THE WARREN COMMISSION TRANSCRIPT WERE BROUGHT OUT BY OTHER TRIAL WITNESSES. THE WARREN INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE IN THE DALLAS COUNTY JAIL WHERE RUBY IS BEING HELD DURING AN APPEAL OF HIS CONVICTION.

IN THE TRANSCRIPT, JUSTICE WARREN REPEATEDLY ASKED RUBY IF HE KNEW OSWALD PRIOR TO THE SHOOTING. AFTER SOME RAMBLING REPLIES, RUBY IS QUOTED AS SAYING:

"I NEVER KNEW LEE HARVEY OSWALD. THE FIRST TIME I EVER HAVE SEEN HIM WAS THE TIME IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM WHEN THEY BROUGHT HIM OUT, WHEN HE HAD SOME SORT OF SHINER ON HIS EYE."

RUBY MINGLED WITH NEWSMEN DURING A CONFRONTATION WITH OSWALD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS ON THE NIGHT OF NOV. 22, A FEW HOURS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION. DURING THE TRIAL, POLICE TESTIMONY DEPICTED RUBY AS DECIDING THAT NIGHT TO KILL OSWALD BECAUSE "I JUST WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW THAT JEWS HAVE GUTS."

RUBY IS QUOTED AS TELLING THE COMMISSION THAT ON THE SUNDAY MORNING OSWALD WAS SLAIN HE READ IN A DALLAS NEWSPAPER AN OPEN LETTER OF SYMPATHY TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S DAUGHTER, CAROLINE.

"THE MOST HEARTBREAKING LETTER," RUBY CONTINUED. "I DON'T REMEMBER THE CONTENTS....AND ALONGSIDE THAT LETTER ON THE SAME SHEET OF PAPER WAS A SMALL COMMENT IN THE NEWSPAPER THAT--I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WAS STATED--THAT MRS. KENNEDY MAY HAVE TO COME BACK FOR THE TRIAL OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

"THAT CAUSED ME TO GO LIKE I DID. THAT CAUSED ME TO GO LIKE I DID....

"THE LAST THING I READ WAS THAT MRS. KENNEDY MAY HAVE TO COME BACK TO DALLAS FOR THE TRIAL OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT BUG GOT HOLD OF ME. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT I AM GOING TO TELL THE TRUTH, WORD FOR WORD.

"I AM TAKING A PILL CALLED PREDULIN. IT IS A HARMLESS PILL...I USE IT FOR DIETING...I THINK THAT WAS A STIMULUS TO GIVE ME AN EMOTIONAL FEELING THAT SUDDENLY I FELT--WHICH WAS SO STUPID--THAT I WANTED TO SHOW MY LOVE FOR OUR FAITH, BEING OF THE JEWISH FAITH, AND I NEVER USED THE TERM AND I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO THAT--SUDDENLY THE FEELING, THE EMOTIONAL FEELING CAME WITHIN ME THAT SOMEONE OWED THIS DEBT TO OUR BELOVED PRESIDENT TO SAVE HER THE ORDEAL OF COMING BACK."

RUBY MADE A TRIP TO HAVANA IN 1959 SHORTLY AFTER FIDEL CASTRO'S REVOLUTIONARIES TOOK OVER THE ISLAND. IN THE TRANSCRIPT HE EXPLAINED IT AS SIMPLY A VACATION TRIP TO VISIT A FRIEND, WHO HAD SENT HIM AN AIRPLANE TICKET.

"THERE WAS SOME STORY IN ONE OF THE PAPERS THAT YOU HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN SHIPPING JEEPS DOWN TO CUBA," WARREN ASKED. "WAS THERE ANYTHING TO THAT AT ALL?"

"NO," RUBY WAS QUOTED IN REPLY. "BUT THIS WAS THE EARLIER PART, WHEN THE FIRST TIME CASTRO HAD EVER INVADDED CUBA. THERE WAS EVEN A GOVERNMENT ARTICLE THAT THEY WOULD NEED JEEPS. I DON'T RECALL WHAT IT WAS, BUT I NEVER HAD THE FACILITIES OR THE CAPABILITIES OF KNOWING WHERE TO GET JEEPS."

IN THE TRANSCRIPT, RUBY SPOKE VAGUELY OF HIS OWN LIFE BEING IN DANGER, AS WELL AS THE LIVES OF HIS FAMILY. AT ONE POINT HE IS QUOTED AS ASKING:

"CHIEF WARREN, YOUR LIFE IS IN DANGER IN THIS CITY, DO YOU KNOW THAT?"

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