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NIGHT LEAD

DALLAS, , NOV. 18 (AP)-JACK RUBY, NO LONGER THE DAPPER, ROBUST MAN OF A YEAR AGO, SOON WILL BEGIN HIS SECOND YEAR IN JAIL, WITH THE PROSPECT OF BEING THERE A LONG TIME.

HIS LAWYERS INDICATE THEY DON'T EXPECT THEIR APPEAL OF RUBY'S MURDER CONVICTION AND DEATH SENTENCE TO BE HEARD BY THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS BEFORE NEXT SPRING.

A SUCCESSFUL APPEAL WOULD MEAN A NEW TRIAL FOR RUBY, WHO KILLED LEE HARVEY OSWALD BEFORE TELEVISION CAMERAS LAST NOV. 24, TWO DAYS AFTER OSWALD HAD ASSASSINATED PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

RUBY'S LAWYERS AND FAMILY SAY HE IS AN UNKEPT, CONFUSED MAN WHO TALKS WILDLY ABOUT THE DANGERS TO HIS RELATIVES, AND ABOUT THE TROUBLES HE THINKS HE HAS BROUGHT UPON JEWS AROUND THE WORLD.

SHERIFF BILL DECKER SAYS RUBY SPENDS MUCH OF HIS TIME PLAYING CARDS AND READING.

"HE DOESN'T GET MUCH MAIL NOW AND PEOPLE HAVE STOPPED SENDING HIM BIBLES," DECKER SAID. VISITORS ARE RESTRICTED TO HIS FAMILY, HIS RABBI, AND HIS LAWYERS.

GUARDS WATCH THE FORMER STRIP TEASE CLUB OPERATOR AROUND THE CLOCK, AND HIS FOOD IS CHOSEN AT RANDOM FROM SERVING CARTS TO BLOCK ANY POSSIBLE POISONING ATTEMPT.

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AS FOR REPORTED SUICIDE ATTEMPTS, DECKER SAID: "HE DID BUTT HIS HEAD AGAINST A WALL AND HE DID CUT HIS FINGER WHEN HE BROKE A LIGHT BULB. . .OF COURSE, IF RUBY STUBBED HIS TOE, SOME PEOPLE WOULD SAY HE WAS TRYING TO COMMIT SUICIDE."

RUBY'S DEFENSE TEAM, WHICH AT TIMES HAS INCLUDED MELVIN BELLI, PERCY FOREMAN, AND A UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS LAW PROFESSOR, NOW CONSISTS OF PHIL BURLESON OF DALLAS AND JOE TONAHILL OF JASPER, TEX., WITH SOL DAN OF DETROIT AND CHALRES BELLOWS OF CHICAGO APPARENTLY ACTING IN CONSULTANT CAPACITIES. THEY HOPE TO PROVE TO THE APPELATE COURT THAT RUBY DID NOT GET A FAIR TRIAL BECAUSE OF THE ATMOSPHERE IN DALLAS, AND THAT CERTAIN TESTIMONY CRUCIAL TO THE MURDER WITH MALICE CONVICTION SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ALLOWED.

IF MALICE IS RULED OUT, TONAHILL SAID, RUBY PROBABLY WOULD GET A 2 TO 5 YEAR SENTENCE. OR HE MAY BE COMMITTED TO A MENTAL INSTITUTION.

RUBY'S FORMER NIGHT SPOT, THE CAROUSEL CLUB, IS CLOSED. OTHER OWNERS HAVE TRIED BUT FAILED TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF IT.