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Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 4 (AP)- Melvil Belli, a former defense attorney for Jack Ruby, released a letter here Friday asking a Dallas judge to provide medical attention for Ruby before he deteriorates "so badly we'll all be ashamed of what we have done."

Belli released the letter, dated Nov. 27 and addressed to Dallas District Judge Joe Brown, at a press conference here.

Ruby, the letter said, "is psychotic and(needs) medical attention badly. His family won't ask for medical attention and apparently his present lawyers ...won't ask for it either...."

"...If this boy (Ruby) isn't given some medical psychiatric attention directly we're not going to have this tragic figure alive when his case gets through the appellate courts," the letter said.

Belli said the letter had nothing to do with the case, but only with his "feelings as a human being." Belli was chief of the team that defended Ruby, the convicted killer of Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin of President Kennedy.

"If he was anything but Jack Ruby, Belli said in the letter, "I believe he would have been moved to a mental institution a long time ago. If we leave him as he is in the county jail, he's going to deteriorate so badly we'll all be ashamed of what we have done. Or he will have succeeded in his avowed purpose to commit suicide."

It may be too late to help Ruby, Belli's letter said, "but I can't let this Christmas season(approach) and think of Christ's teachings without asking you to do something for this forlorn person who was caught in the tragic events of that tragic weekend."

Belli wrote that he trusted Brown would receive the letter "in the ~~spirit~~ Christian spirit in which it was sent, not as a lawyer to a judge, but as one human being to another and one person who believes you a good human being."

Earlier, Belli told reports here he thought FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover had outlived any usefulness and charged Hoover with attempting to establish a police state.

Hoover, Belli said, did a great job in the beginning of his career, but after 40 years he has outlived any usefulness he might have had."

"If it wasn't for our judges and the press," Belli said, "this guy (Hoover) would have made this the greatest police state in the world."

Belli said he was "scared of this man....I'm scared this man will knock at my door. The faster we get rid of him the better off we all are, the more securely we'll sleep in our homes..."

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