

FIRST LEAD JACK RUBY (200 UP)

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DALLAS, TEX., DEC. 14 (AP)-ONE OF JACK RUBY'S DOCTORS SAID TODAY IT IS NOT OFTEN POSSIBLE TO CURE CANCER BY CHEMICAL TREATMENT, ALTHOUGH THAT APPEARS TO BE THE ONLY COURSE OPEN IN RUBY'S CASE.

THIS OPINION WAS EXPRESSED BY DR. EUGENE FRENKEL, A ~~MEMBER~~ MEMBER OF THE SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL STAFF ATTENDING RUBY, KILLER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

DR. JACK BARNETT, ALSO ON THE STAFF ATTENDING RUBY, SAID THAT THE GENERAL CONDITION OF RUBY IS STABLE. RUBY FEELS REASONABLY WELL AND IS RESTING COMFORTABLY.

BARNETT ADDED THAT IN THE PAST 24 HOURS X-RAY EXAMINATIONS INDICATED THAT RUBY'S LOWER INTESTINAL TRACT WAS CLEAR OF CANCER BUT EXAMINATION OF THE CHEST IS INCOMPLETE.

FRENKEL SAID THE MEDICAL TEAM LOOKING AFTER RUBY AT PARKLAND HOSPITAL EXPECTED BY LATE TODAY TO DETERMINE WHAT TYPE OF CHEMOTHERAPY WAS BEST AND TO BEGIN ADMINISTERING IT AT ONCE.

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DOCTORS EARLIER RULED OUT SURGERY AND RADIATION TREATMENT.

NEWSMEN ASKED FRENKEL IF HE CONSIDERS RUBY'S MALIGNANCY A TERMINAL CASE. HE DECLINED TO ANSWER DIRECTLY, BUT DID SAY THAT "A LARGE NUMBER OF TUMORS ARE ACTIVE FOR YEARS AND NOT CURABLE BUT ALSO ARE NOT TERMINAL."

ASKED ABOUT SPECULATION THAT RUBY MIGHT NOT LIVE MORE THAN 10 TO 14 DAYS, FRENKEL SAID: "THAT KIND OF RUMOR IS INCREDIBLE ABOUT EVEN A KNOWN KIND OF TUMOR."

FRENKEL SAID SPECIALISTS HAVE NOT YET DETERMINED THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF RUBY'S CANCER. HE SAID NO FURTHER APPARENTLY MALIGNANT LUNG NODULES HAD BEEN FOUND.

OSWALD WAS NAMED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AS THE ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

ATTENDANTS SAID THE FORMER NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR IS DEVOTING MUCH OF HIS TIME TO WATCHING TELEVISION.

RUBY EARLIER HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO GO ON TRIAL AGAIN IN FEBRUARY AFTER HIS DEATH SENTENCE WAS OVERTURNED BY AN APPEALS COURT AND A NEW HEARING ORDERED.

SURGERY WAS RULED OUT BECAUSE THE CANCER HAD SPREAD TO MUCH OF HIS BODY. THE TYPE OF MALIGNANCY DOES NOT RESPOND TO RADIATION.

RUBY KNOWS XX FIFTH GRAF A81 DELETING 9TH GRAF "RUBY FACES XX IN DALLAS."

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JACK RUBY (280)

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS, TEX., DEC. 14 (AP)-DOCTORS SAY JACK RUBY MUST PIN HIS PROBABLY SCANT HOPES FOR SURVIVAL ON CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF THE CANCER RACING THROUGH HIS BODY.

THEY GAVE THIS WORD YESTERDAY AS THE 55-YEAR-OLD SLAYER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD CONTINUED TO UNDERGO EXTENSIVE TESTS.

ATTENDANTS SAID THE FORMER NIGHT SPOT OPERATOR IS DEVOTING MUCH OF HIS SPARE TIME, MEANWHILE, TO WATCHING TELEVISION.

DR. JACK BARNETT SAID RUBY CANNOT BE CURED BY SURGERY BECAUSE THE CANCER ALREADY HAS SPREAD TOO FAR.

RUBY KNOWS THE NATURE OF HIS ILLNESS. HE WAS TOLD SATURDAY.

NONETHELESS, A HOSPITAL REPORT SAID, HE IS "REASONABLY CHEERFUL AND CONTINUES TO BE FREE OF PAIN" EXCEPT FOR MILD DISCOMFORT FROM CHEST TUBES INSERTED TO DRAIN OFF EXCESS FLUID.

BARNETT SAID A SECOND MALIGNANT TUMOR WAS FOUND--THIS ONE IN THE PLEURA, OR LINING BETWEEN THE CHEST AND LUNG. IT WAS OF THE SAME VARIETY AS A LYMPH NODE TAKEN FROM RUBY'S NECK FOUR DAYS AGO, HE SAID.

FLUID FROM THE CHEST LIKEWISE CONTAINS MALIGNANT CELLS, PATHOLOGISTS REPORTED.

~~RUBY FACES A RETRIAL ON CHARGES OF MURDERING OSWALD, THE MAN THE WARREN COMMISSION NAMED AS THE MAN WHO KILLED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY NOV. 22, 1963, IN DALLAS.~~

THE DISCLOSURE OF NEW CANCER CONSIDERABLY DIMMED CHANCES FOR HIS GOING ON TRIAL AGAIN, HOWEVER. IN EVENT HE RETURNS TO THE COURTROOM, THE CASE HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM DALLAS TO WICHITA FALLS.

THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD REPORTED BOTH OF RUBY'S LUNGS ARE AFFLICTED BY "A LARGE TUMOR MASS." IT QUOTED AN UNNAMED SOURCE AS SAYING THE TUMOR SYSTEM APPEARED ON X-RAYS AND WAS "QUITE EXTENSIVE."

RUBY'S LUNGS CONTAIN "SMALL NODULES" WHICH MAY BE CANCEROUS, THE PHYSICIANS SAID.

BARNETT SAID CHEMOTHERAPY--TREATMENT BY DRUGS--COULD SUPPRESS THE CANCER OR AT LEAST, ALLEVIATE THE PAIN.

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