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NIGHT LEAD JACK RUBY (270)

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DALLAS, TEX., DEC. 14 (AP)-DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES ARE NEAR AN END FOR CANCER-STRICKEN JACK RUBY, DOCTORS ANNOUNCED TONIGHT. EARLIER TODAY, ONE OF HIS DOCTORS EXPRESSED FURTHER DOUBT RUBY CAN SURVIVE.

TONIGHT'S PARKLAND HOSPITAL REPORT SAID RUBY'S CONDITION WAS UNCHANGED, AND THAT HIS DIAGNOSIS SHOULD BE COMPLETE BY NOON (CST) TOMORROW.

RUBY ONCE ESCAPED THE ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR KILLING LEE HARVEY OSWALD. HE WAS TAKEN FROM HIS DALLAS COUNTY JAIL CELL FRIDAY TO PARKLAND, WHERE DOCTORS FOUND CANCER WRACKING HIS BODY.

DOCTORS HAVE NOT ANNOUNCED DISCOVERY OF THE PRIMARY CANCER SOURCE, BUT THE PREDICTION OF THE COMPLETION OF DIAGNOSIS INDICATED A DEFINITE STATEMENT OF HIS HOPES FOR LIFE, OR FOR FACING A NEW TRIAL, WERE AT HAND.

DR. EUGENE FRENKEL, A MEMBER OF THE SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL STAFF TREATING RUBY, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY THAT CHEMICAL TREATMENT--THE ONLY TREATMENT SUITABLE IN RUBY'S CASE--IS RARELY SUCCESSFUL IN CURING CANCER SUCH AS RUBY'S.

DOCTORS EARLIER RULED OUT SURGERY AS A CURE BECAUSE THE DISEASE IS SO WIDESPREAD. THEY ALSO SAID RADIATION WOULD BE USELESS IN THIS CASE BECAUSE IT DOES NOT KILL THE TYPE OF CANCER FROM WHICH RUBY SUFFERS.

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THE WARREN COMMISSION NAMED OSWALD AS THE NOV. 22, 1963, ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY IN DALLAS. RUBY SLIPPED THROUGH A CROWD TWO DAYS LATER AND SHOT OSWALD FATALLY WHILE OSWALD WAS EXPOSED MOMENTARILY DURING A ROUTINE JAIL TRANSFER.

A JURY SENTENCED RUBY TO DIE, BUT THE STATE CRIMINAL APPEALS COURT ORDERED A NEW TRIAL OUTSIDE DALLAS ON THE GROUNDS INADMISSIBLE TESTIMONY HELPED CONVICT HIM.

DR. JACK BENNETT, ANOTHER OF RUBY'S DOCTORS, SAID THE PATIENT'S CONDITION REMAINS STABLE AND RUBY IS RESTING COMFORTABLY. HE WATCHES MUCH TELEVISION.

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