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DALLAS, TEX., DECM 17 (AP)- SPECIALISTS ESTIMATE IT WILL BE TWO TO FOUR WEEKS BEFORE THEY CAN TELL HOW JACK RUBY IS RESPONDING TO CHEMICAL TREATMENT FOR CANCER.

THEY REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT THE CONDITION OF THE MAN WHO KILLED LEE HARVEY OSWALD APPEARS TO HAVE STABLIZED AND HE IS "QUITE COMFORTABLE" AT PARKLAND HOSPITAL.

RUBY, 55, WAS MOVED THERE FROM THE COUNTY JAIL A WEEK EARLIER. AFTER EXTENSIVE TESTS, DOCTORS STARTED ADMINISTERING INJECTIONS OF A DRUG KNOWN AS 5-FLUOROURACIL (CAP F).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL TEAM ATTENDING RUBY SAID 5-FLUOROURACIL FIRST USED IN 1961, HAS ACHIEVED LONG-TERM REMISSION IN SIMILAR CASES.

THE DOCTORS SAID THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT RUBY'S MALIGNANCY MAY HAVE ORIGINATED IN THE AIR SACS OF A LUNG OR IN A DUCT OF THE PANCREAS. IT'S A FORM KNOWN AS ADENOCARCINOMA WHICH OCCURS IN ABOUT FIVE OF 100 CASES OF LUNG CANCER.

RUBY AWAITS A SECOND TRIAL FOR SHOOTING OSWALD, NAMED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AS THE ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. AN APPELLATE COURT ORDER SET ASIDE THE DEATH PENALTY ASSESSED RUBY IN THE FIRST TRIAL.

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