

Dying Ruby Insists He Acted Alone

DALLAS (AP) — Jack Ruby in his dying days still insists there was no conspiracy involved in his killing of Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the assassin of President Kennedy.

Ruby, fully aware he is dying of cancer, wants to take any scientific test to prove for history there was no conspiracy.

"Jack has told me a dozen times or more he prays to be given a final lie detector test so people will be convinced there was no plan on his part, or conspiracy of any kind, to kill Oswald," said Ruby's brother, Earl, a Detroit businessman.

"It is his last wish."

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Earl Ruby and Elmer Gertz, Chicago lawyer and member of the legal team that on Oct. 5 won a reversal of the death sentence for Ruby, described Ruby's plea to do anything to erase any doubt that he acted alone in shooting Oswald.

They had seen Ruby an hour earlier in Parkland Memorial Hospital, where Ruby, under guard, is undergoing treatment.

They were asked whether Ruby had any regrets about killing Oswald.

"He has regrets, but they are not so much about Oswald," said Gertz. "These are regrets about the havoc caused to his people."



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Ruby, a Jew, is known to feel his action reflected poorly on the Jewish people.

"Jack reads the newspapers and magazines and watches TV and is aware of the controversy about the Warren report and all the books and articles which are constructing incredible stories of a conspiracy in which he is claimed to have had a part," said Gertz.

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"He says, how can they think I am hiding anything or protecting anyone else? There is nothing to hide; there was no one else."

As he lies gravely ill, he still maintains — according to Gertz and Earl Ruby — that "I never met or knew or saw Oswald until I saw him in jail, and I never knew officer Tippit."

The Warren report said Dallas Policeman J.D. Tippit was slain by Oswald when Oswald fled to the Oak Cliff section of Dallas after assassinating Kennedy.

Gertz and Ruby said Jack today acts like a man who wants to remain alive long enough to be convinced that others believe beyond question that he "acted out of overwhelming emotion and without malice and without premeditation."

Gertz and Earl Ruby said Jack has no recollection of the moment he shot Oswald.

"That is a complete blank in his mind," said Gertz. "When he goes over every detail of his movements, he comes to that point and it is a blank for him."

Many persons testifying about Jack Ruby's life said he treated his dogs as though they were his children.

After he shot Oswald, his first concern was for Sheba. He asked police to attend to her.

What about the pistol?

"Jack always carried a gun, for he sometimes had large sums of money. That morning, he had \$2200 in cash," said Gertz. "It was a weapon registered in 1960 with the police. He had been arrested twice before for carrying an unregistered gun."