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DALLAS, TEX., DEC. 21 (AP)-JACK RUBY TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORSE TODAY, BUT A LATE AFTERNOON BULLETIN FROM PARKLAND HOSPITAL SAID HE WAS RESTING EASILY AND IMPROVED.

THE BULLETIN SAID RUBY RECEIVED ONE UNIT OF BLOOD TO CORRECT A HEMOGLOBULIN IMBALANCE BROUGHT ON BY HIS HOSPITALIZATION AND THAT HIS CONDITION WAS STABILIZED AND HIS STRENGTH IMPROVED.

THE BULLETIN, AS READ BY A SHERIFF'S OFFICER, SAID:

"DOCTORS REPORT THAT MR. RUBY'S CONDITION IS STABILIZED AND HIS STRENGTH IMPROVED OVER THIS MORNING. HE RECEIVED ONE UNIT OF BLOOD. THE BLOOD WAS ADMINISTERED BECAUSE OF A HEMOGLOBULIN IMBALANCE THAT DEVELOPED GRADUALLY DURING HOSPITALIZATION. OTHER BLOOD ELEMENTS REMAIN AT GOOD LEVELS. HE IS QUITE COMFORTABLE AND BREATHES MORE EASILY AFTER RECEIVING THE BLOOD."

EARLIER, DOCTORS AT PARKLAND HOSPITAL REPORTED THAT RUBY "APPEARS SOMEWHAT LESS STRONG" IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO OVERCOME WHAT HAS BEEN REPORTED BY THE HOSPITAL AS WIDESPREAD CANCER.

RUBY KILLED LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IDENTIFIED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AS THE ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

SOURCES ALSO SAID RUBY IS SUFFERING INTERNAL BLOODING IN THE INTESTINAL AREA AND SAID THIS APPARENTLY IS A SIDE EFFECT OF THE CHEMICALS BEING ADMINISTERED TO FIGHT THE CANCER CELLS. SURGERY AND RADIATION HAVE BEEN RULED OUT AS AIDES TO STOPPING THE CANCER.

DOCTORS, IN A HOSPITAL BULLETIN EARLIER TODAY SAID TUBES REMAIN IN HIS CHEST, WHERE FLUID HAS ACCUMULATED, AND "ARE DRAINING ADEQUATELY."

THE FORMER NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR, 55, WAS TAKEN FROM HIS JAIL CELL DEC. 9 AND HIS CASE DIAGNOSED AS CANCER THE FOLLOWING DAY. HE WAS AWAITING A SECOND TRIAL AFTER HIS ORIGINAL DEATH SENTENCE WAS REVERSED AND A NEW TRIAL ORDERED.

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