

'Wrong Turn' Led Ruby to Jail and Killing

NEW YORK — (AP) — Jack Ruby, only weeks before his cancer death, made a recording insisting his shooting of President Kennedy's alleged assassin was not part of a conspiracy — only a fantastic coincidence.

Ruby is reported to have said that a wrong turn into a parking lot was the "fate" that put him in the basement of the Dallas police headquarters at the moment Lee Harvey Oswald was being led from the jail.

BLACKOUT

Ruby has recorded his insistence that he blacked out and remembers nothing of the actual shooting of Oswald, which was seen by millions of television viewers.

The recording was made secretly in Ruby's room at Dallas' Parkland Hospital, according to Elmer Gertz, a member of Ruby's legal team.

The New York World Jour-

nal Tribune today published excerpts from the recording claiming Ruby vehemently denied he was part of a conspiracy, that he had ever seen Oswald before, and that Oswald had ever been in Ruby's night club.

WRONG TURN

"The ironic part of this is, hadn't I made an illegal turn behind the bus to the parking lot, had I gone the way I was supposed to go straight down Main st., I would never have met this fate because the difference in meeting this fate was 30 seconds one way or the other," the recording said.

Ruby was asked if he knew the hour that police had planned to move Oswald from the jail and replied:

"He was supposed to be moved at 10 o'clock."

That was the hour announced, but the shooting actually occurred at 11:20 a.m.