

Jack Ruby never knew

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Jack Ruby never knew Lee Harvey Oswald, the man he gunned down in front of nationwide television, Ruby's brother told the House Assassinations Committee yesterday.

Earl Ruby, 63, told the committee that he did not believe his brother was involved in any conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

"I asked him point blank if he had ever known or met Oswald before," Ruby recalled. "Absolutely not.

What? Are you nuts?" were his words."

The younger Ruby said he had asked his brother why he shot the president's suspected assassin, who was being transferred from the Dallas police department's building.

"When Oswald wiked out the door," Jack had told Earl, "He had this silly smirk on his face like he was happy he killed the president."

"Then Jack lost control," Ruby said.

When asked whether his brother would have confided in him about any involvement with a conspiracy, Ruby replied: "He knew he was going to die

Oswald, says Drotner

(of cancer) and if he had known anything he would have told me."

Jack Revill, a lieutenant in the Dallas Criminal Intelligence Department at the time of the Kennedy assassination told the committee that there was no information tying Jack Ruby to organized crime, gambling, or other underworld activity.

"Jack Ruby was a buffoon," Revill said. "If he was a member of organized crime, then the personnel director of organized crime should be replaced," Revill said.

Revill said he asked Jack Ruby during the investigation how he had got

into the station basement, "Jack refused to discuss his entry and said it would be part of his defense package," he said.

Earl Ruby, accompanied by his attorney, Alan Adelson, watched a British Broadcasting Corp. interview on which his brother said that he "has a secret," and that "no one will ever know the true facts" about why he shot Oswald.

Adelson, who was not under oath, told the committee that Ruby "slowly developed into a paranoid state" following his conviction in the Oswald slaying.