



Earl Ruby  
... talks about brother

# Ruby had no help, panel told

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WASHINGTON—Earl Ruby testified yesterday that his brother, Jack, insisted to the day of his death that he had acted on impulse and without help when he broke through Dallas police lines and killed Lee Harvey Oswald in 1963.

Ruby told the House Select Committee on Assassinations that he had asked his brother why he shot Oswald, the alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy, and that Jack Ruby had told him:

"When I saw him come through there with that smirk on his face as though he were happy he killed the President, I just lost control of my self."

Ruby also testified that his brother maintained that he had never known Oswald before he shot him while Oswald was in the custody of Dallas police.

Jack Ruby, a Dallas nightclub operator, was convicted of murdering Oswald by a Texas state court. He was sentenced to death, but the conviction was overturned by the Texas Supreme Court. Ruby was awaiting a new trial when he died of cancer on Jan. 3, 1967.

Ruby said his brother had insisted

that he alone was responsible for Oswald's death, an event witnessed on television by millions of viewers on Nov. 24, 1963, two days after Kennedy's assassination.

## Other theories

The testimony came as the committee considered various theories espoused by critics of the Warren Commission who disagree with its conclusions that Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy and that Ruby acted alone in killing Oswald.

One critic has contended that the Warren Commission ignored evidence that Ruby agreed in 1959 to be an informant for the FBI.

The critic, author Mark Lane, an attorney who represents James Earl Ray, the confessed killer of The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., has said that the commission learned of Ruby's possible connection with the FBI in a June 1964 letter from J. Edgar Hoover, the late FBI director.

Lane said the commission did not mention that letter in its report or

in the 26 volumes of evidence it amassed. The letter said, in part, that Ruby was contacted on March 11, 1959, by an FBI agent in Dallas "in view of his position as a nightclub operator who might have knowledge of the criminal element in Dallas. . . ."

During its month-long hearings on the Kennedy case, the House committee has investigated various questions still hanging over the Warren Commission report 14 years after it was submitted to then-President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Although Earl Ruby testified that his brother insisted he had acted alone in killing Oswald, Jack Ruby wrote several notes from his Texas jail cell indicating otherwise.

## 'Frameup' hinted

Less than a month after Ruby died, the Dallas Times-Herald reported that he had written a note saying he was "part of terrible political frameup."

The contents of the note were made public by a jail repairman who said Ruby slipped him the message as they shook hands through the bars of Ruby's cell.

At the time, the repairman said he did not wish his name to be used because one line of the short note allegedly read: "Your life would be in danger if they knew you knew all of this." He did not identify the "they" mentioned in the note.

Secret Service Agent Forrest V. Sorrels has asserted that Ruby, when asked about the Oswald slaying, said: "I guess I just had to show the world that a Jew had guts."

A family lawyer, Alan Adelson, testified yesterday that Jack Ruby was so paranoid that he thought Johnson was exterminating American Jews because Ruby had shot Oswald.

"He wanted to go to Washington to tell the President he was not part of a conspiracy," Adelson told the committee. "He wanted to tell the President to stop eliminating the Jews because of him."

The lawyer said it was because of Ruby's "paranoid state" that he told reporters before he died that "the people who have so much to gain by putting me in the position I'm in will not let the facts come out."