

Judge Gives the Press A Berkowitz Transcript Of Talks With Doctors

A transcript of tape-recorded conversations between two psychiatrists and David R. Berkowitz, accused of being the .44 killer, has been made available by Brooklyn Justice John R. Starkey of State Supreme Court in Brooklyn for copying by the press, an aide to District Attorney Eugene Gold of Brooklyn said last night.

Yesterday, lawyers representing Mr. Berkowitz asked Judge Joseph Corso, who replaced Judge Starkey on Tuesday as the judge presiding in the Berkowitz case, to keep the text of the conversations from being made public.

Judge Corso took no immediate action, however, one of the lawyers, Ira Jultak said last night, and excerpts from the transcript appear in today's Daily News.

Asked what Mr. Gold's attitude was toward making public the 372 pages of dialogue, the aide said: "This office makes no comment on any aspect of this case whatsoever; the copy of the transcript that was transcribed was the Court's copy."

In the conversations, Mr. Berkowitz said evil demons had moved him to carry out six murders with which he has been charged.

The conversations were with two court-appointed psychiatrists, Dr. Daniel Schwartz and Dr. Weidenbacher, after Mr. Berkowitz' arrest. A passage of the dialogue between Mr. Berkowitz and Dr. Schwartz was played on a loudspeaker on Oct. 2 during a competency hearing called by Judge Starkey.

Reached by telephone last night, Judge Starkey, who commented extensively on the case while he was presiding in it, said:

"I have no comment on anything that affects such case. I have no comment at all about anything."