

Cleveland, Tennessee
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Warren Commission
National Archives Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

On Friday, 18 June 1954, Albert L. Patterson, Alabama Attorney General designate, was slain in Phenix City, Alabama.

Patterson was investigating illegal gambling operations in the southeast Alabama town which fattened on soldiers from nearby Fort Benning, Georgia.

Governor Gordon Persons immediately declared martial law in Phenix City, ordering the state National Guard to control the corrupt city government.

The gamblers of Texas who were being investigated by Edwin A. Walker and Governor Connally knew that to openly and obviously murder John B. Connally would spell the doom of their booming enterprises, as had been the case in Phenix City a decade ago.

First they tried to kill Walker in order to scare Connally, and failed. Then they tried to kill Connally when he was with Kennedy and make it look like a mistake; the mistake happened in reverse.

Jack Ruby, the Dallas night club operator who shot and killed Lee Oswald, was acquainted with a Cleveland, Tennessee gambler, the late (and unlamented) "Cae" Hooper. They had met in Chicago. My brother Major John S. Wyllie, who was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas in recent years, said while on leave last month that Oswald was after Connally. Major Wyllie helped guard President Kennedy in Central America in 1963.

Major Wyllie while stationed at Fort Hood probably learned of gambling operations behind fronts, like Ruby's night club, from anti-and-file soldiers and forwarded the information to officers like Major General Walker.

Respectfully,

ENCLOSURE.

J. P. Wyllie