

Texas Hails Inquiry Into JFK Death

Decision Follows Justice Warren's Warning of Conflict

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Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr announced yesterday that he has called off indefinitely a state court of inquiry into the assassination of President Kennedy.

Carr said the action was taken in compliance with a warning from Chief Justice Earl Warren that "a public inquiry in Texas at this time might be more harmful than helpful in our mutual search for truth."

The Chief Justice is chairman of a special commission that President Johnson

Mrs. Oswald, maintaining son's innocence, re-creates events of that Friday.
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charged with a thorough investigation into the Nov. 22 assassination.

Carr's announcement came in the aftermath of disclosure that investigators are looking into evidence that Lee Harvey Oswald, the President's suspected assassin, tried to kill right-wing figurehead, former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, last April 10.

Test Inconclusive

The suspect's Russian-born wife, Marina Oswald, told the FBI that her husband came home on the night of April 10 and excitedly told her of the attempt on Walker's life. However, FBI ballistic tests of the bullet that came within an inch of Walker's head were "inconclusive," it was learned.

The FBI had no comment on the new development, but reliable sources indicated that the possible implication of Oswald in the Walker shooting is under active investigation.

Carr, in announcing postponement of the Texas court of inquiry, said, "We are convinced that the investigative authority of the Federal Government is being used to the fullest extent."

He explained that the Texas investigation was "never designed to compete" with Federal efforts to discover all the facts in the assassination and the subsequent murder of the suspected assassin, Oswald.

Carr said he decided that the Texas court of inquiry, if held now or in the immediate future, "might bring about interruption in the continuity of the Nation-wide investigation."

The Texas official met with Chief Justice Warren before making his decision public. He said he hoped to meet also

with President Johnson before returning to Texas.

Carr denied that the postponement of the state inquiry had been requested by the White House.

During a three-day visit to Washington, Carr and Leon Jaworski, Houston lawyer assigned to the Texas inquiry, conferred with FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, Deputy Attorney General Nicholas de B. Katzenbach and the Chief Justice.

Object of the mission was to determine whether to proceed with the State investigation.

Offers Cooperation

Carr said he has accepted an invitation by the Presidential Commission to attend its hearings and cooperate in its work. "We shall make all resources which we have in the State of Texas available to support the task of this commission," he announced.

The Chief Justice warned of possible dangers of a Texas public inquiry in a letter to Carr. The latter said that the court of inquiry procedure could be useful at a later time if the Commission desires to take the testimony of witnesses in Texas.

Chief Justice Warren handed the letter to Carr when the two met at 5 p.m.

Earlier yesterday the Warren Commission met for an hour and approved the draft of a joint congressional resolution that would give it subpoena powers.

Awaits Report

The Chief Justice told newsmen that the Commission has not yet received the exhaustive FBI report that is now in the hands of Deputy Attorney Katzenbach for final screening.

Until the report is turned over to his panel, Justice Warren said, the Commission cannot organize its staff since "we have no idea of the magnitude of our work."

It was understood that the report, which will go directly to President Johnson after a final Justice Department review, contains no major departures from already published material on the assassination and Oswald's subsequent murder.

The major finding is understood to be that Oswald, as the assassination suspect, and Jack Ruby, who killed Oswald in the Dallas police station 48 hours after the President's

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death, both acted individually. The only significant new twist in the investigation was Oswald's implication in the Walker assassination attempt.

Investigators talked to Mrs. Oswald last week about the firing into Walker's Dallas home last April 10 after their own suspicions were aroused that Oswald may have played a role in that shooting. It was understood that she recalled the incident only when she was questioned on that point and did not volunteer it spontaneously.

Dallas police sent the shattered bullet recovered from Walker's home to Washington for FBI ballistic examinations.

It was understood that the bullet was too badly damaged for tests to either confirm or rule out the possibility it was fired from Oswald's Italian carbine rifle.

Investigators are trying to recover additional shells fired from the Oswald rifle for comparison tests. They also are attempting to learn where Oswald purchased his ammunition.

No Arrest Made

The near-miss shot at Walker was fired by a sniper from an alley some 50 yards where the retired General was working on his tax returns. No arrest was made by Dallas police in the incident.

At the time, Oswald was working for a photoengraving establishment in Dallas. But he lost his job soon afterwards and left for New Orleans, ostensibly to find work.

In another development it was learned that Oswald paid \$19.95 for the suspected assassination weapon, an Italian rifle that he purchased last March from a Chicago mail order house. It was equipped with a telescopic sight that was ready for mounting, according to new reports.

This conflicts with earlier information that Oswald bought the weapon without sights for \$12.95 and had them

mounted by a Dallas gunsmith.

Investigators also are checking a report that Oswald was observed in Irving, Tex., early in November driving a blue and white Ford sedan. Associates said he had no car and did not know how to drive.

The car was spotted by the proprietress of a second-hand furniture store, who said Oswald came in with his wife and two young children last Nov. 6 or 7 and inquired about guns. He was told that the store did not sell guns.