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Marxist Linked To Walker Shot

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation had been told where Lee Harvey Oswald, suspected assassin of President Kennedy, was working about a month prior to the slaying, an Irving woman who befriended the family said Friday night.

Mrs. Ruth Paine, a Russian-speaking friend of Oswald's wife Marina, told The Dallas News she told agents sometime between Oct. 16 and Nov. 9, that Oswald was working at the Texas School Book Depository.

Earlier Friday, officers investigating the assassination said an entry in a small notebook and a statement by Oswald's widow convinced them the 24-year-old Communist worker fired the rifle shot which narrowly missed Edwin A. Walker.

The sniper, who hid in a dark alley, shot at the controversial ex-general April 10 as he worked on an income tax return in his home at 4011 Turtle Creek.

Mrs. Paine said the FBI asked if she or Mrs. Oswald knew where Oswald was living or working on the agents' two visits to the Paine home.

"Their primary purpose was to extend Marina a courtesy—as they do all persons who lived behind the Iron Curtain," Mrs. Paine said. She explained that the agents made two trips to tell her that if blackmail or pressure was exerted from the Soviet Union, she should tell the FBI.

Mrs. Paine said she knew the agents were informed between Oct. 16 and Nov. 9, because Oswald went to work for the depository on Oct. 16, and that she had re-arranged her furniture Nov. 9.

"The furniture was the way it was before I rearranged it," Mrs. Paine recalled.

The agents had made a first trip between Oct. 4—when Oswald first arrived in Dallas, and Oct. 16, with the same purpose, to inform Marina of the courtesy, she said.

"When they asked where he was working on the second trip, I told them, but I never knew where he was living," Mrs. Paine said.

Mrs. Oswald, 23, was living with

Mrs. Paine at the time of the assassination of President Kennedy.

The FBI earlier had denied interviewing Oswald or having him under surveillance during recent months.

At the Walker residence, the bullet struck a window sash and whizzed past the former Army officer's head. A metal fragment pierced the skin of his right arm.

Oswald scribbled the notebook entry which focused suspicion on him in the Walker shooting.

Officers found the notebook in Oswald's room after he was arrested as the No. 1 suspect in the assassination of President Kennedy. They found the name "Walker" and the former general's phone number in the book. Investigators recalled Walker had reported getting threatening calls before the bullet was fired at him.

Federal agents concentrated on Oswald's Russian-born wife, who was held in protective custody.

Now she has told them her husband came home the night of April 10 and boasted he had shot at the onetime general who quit the Army to devote himself to right-wing causes.

Officers speculated at the time that a .30-06 rifle fired the bullet which almost hit Walker.

The official report states, however, that crime lab technicians were unable to determine the caliber of the weapon because of the condition of the slug.

The shots which killed President Kennedy came from a 6.5-mm. Italian-made Carcano rifle.