

WIFE OF OSWALD SAID TO LINK HIM TO WALKER CASE

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Quoted as Saying He Boasted of Firing at Former General

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 6—Lee

Harvey Oswald is reported to have boasted to his wife that he was the sniper who took a shot at former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker in Dallas, Tex., last spring.

Mrs. Marina Oswald, widow of the man accused of assassinating President John F. Kennedy, told investigators that Oswald came home the night of April 10 and told her that he had tried to kill Walker, government sources said today.

The Russian-born Mrs. Oswald, 22 years old, was quoted as saying her husband was excited as he told her of his escapade.

The Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation refused to comment on the report, but it was learned that Mrs. Oswald's statement is being investigated.

Walker Hit By Glass

An unseen rifleman fired a shot through a window into Walker's home. Walker, a right-wing leader, was working at a desk. The bullet missed him, but he was sprayed with slivers of glass from the smashed window.

The Chicago Sun-Times said evidence on the Walker incident is included in the FBI report on the assassination of Mr. Kennedy. Its story did not mention the reported boast Oswald made to his wife.

A Washington Star story by Jerry O'Leary Jr. gave an account of the reported statement by Mrs. Oswald. Two separate government sources independently confirmed this account to the Associated Press.

O'Leary's story said:

"Ballistic tests apparently have been inconclusive as to whether

the same rifle fired the shots at President Kennedy and Gen. Walker."

Rifle Practice Report

It was reported in Dallas today that investigators have gathered empty shell casings at a spot where Oswald could have practiced shooting a rifle. Dallas police and FBI agents declined to comment.

The Dallas news said: Officers found numerous cas-

ings and a target about the size of a man's head near the Trinity river outside Irving, between Dallas and Fort Worth. Oswald's wife and two children had been living in the home of an Irving woman, and he visited them there.

A police source said that Secret Service agents have found witnesses who saw Oswald at a rifle range in Grand Prairie, immediately southwest of Irving, between Nov. 10 and 16.

Persons at the range are said to have been impressed at seeing Oswald fire several shots and put all but one into a bull's-eye five inches in diameter.

Other developments in the Oswald case:

Grievance committeemen of the state bar of Texas discussed what a spokesman described as an ethical point with Tom Howard, principal attorney for Jack Ruby, at a three-hour closed session last night. Ruby shot and killed Oswald two days after Mr. Kennedy's assassination.

The bar committee, headed by Wayne O. Woodruff, said District Attorney Henry Wade was an invited witness and "the committee has no charges against Mr. Wade and in no manner criticizes any conduct or action on his part."

Woodruff said that his group had discussed with Howard and other lawyers the matter of interviews about pending litigation, banned by the state bar's canon of ethics.

Later, as Howard sat among patrons at Ruby's downtown strip joint, he turned to an acquaintance and said: "After what happened to me tonight I've made up my mind what I'm going to do — I'm going to beat 'em on this case."

In New York, the American Civil Liberties Union said:

"It is our opinion that Lee Harvey Oswald, had he lived, would have been deprived of all opportunity to receive a fair trial by the conduct of police and prosecuting officials in Dallas, under pressure from the public and the news media."

Dallas Police Capt. Glenn King said, in turn, that Oswald was informed of his civil liberties and rights by at least three lawyers who visited him after he was charged with murder.