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Key File -
General Walker

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

December 31, 1963
Note: Police ignore this evidence + use Marina to put her in the frame
Note

~~Handwritten scribbles and initials~~

Subject: General Edwin A. Walker
Burglary by Firearms
Offense # F 48156

Sir:

General Walker was seated at his desk at approximately 9:00 p.m. on April 10, 1963, when a bullet was fired through the window of the room and continued on through the wall to the left of General Walker.

The bullet was recovered and released to Detective G. B. Brown of the Crime Scene Search Section of the Dallas Police Department.

Kirk Coleman W/M/14, 4338 Newton heard the shot from his room and was listed as a witness. (See attachment I)

Detectives D. E. McElroy and I. F. VanCleave made a follow-up investigation a few minutes after the original report was received. They also interviewed a business associate of General Walker by the name of Robert Surrey W/M/35, 3506 Lindenwood, LA6-7741. (See attachment 2)

Detectives C. R. Dellinger and F. M. Rose continued the investigation on April 11, 1963, and came to the conclusion that the unknown assailant fired the shot from the alley directly north of the rear of General Walker's house. Mr. Surrey was re-interviewed. (See attachment 3)

Detective W. C. Chambers contacted Kirk Coleman, W/M/14, 4338 Newton on April 11, 1963, and obtained information regarding the suspects being in one of several cars that were on the church parking lot that is adjacent to General Walker's house. No definite information was obtained. (See attachment 4)

Detective J. B. Toney contacted Mrs. Knecht, 5332 DeLoache, EM3-3389 on April 12, 1963. Mrs. Knecht who was employed by General Walker listed a "Bill Duff" as a possible suspect. She

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stated that Duff was a voluntary worker for General Walker. Mr. Duff had been engaged to a Miss Whitley who was employed at 4228 Oak Lawn Avenue. Miss Whitley found that Mr. Duff had been borrowing money from Mrs. Whitley's mother. After this was known Mrs. Whitley checked with the British Embassy in Houston regarding Mr. Duff being an emigrant from Great Britain. Mrs. Whitley could obtain no confirmation and the engagement was broken. (See attachment 5)

Lieutenant E. L. Cunningham and Detective J. B. Toney contacted Mr. Robert Surrey, 3506 Lindenwood, LA6-7741 on April 12, 1963. Mr. Surrey was re-interviewed. Mr. Surrey gave additional information regarding "Bill Duff". (See attachment #6)

Lieutenant E. L. Cunningham contacted Mrs. Whitley at 4228 Oak Lawn who gave additional information on William MacEwan Duff, W/M/32, 4919 San Jacinto, Apartment 214, TA4-6134. Mr. Duff is an emigrant from Scotland who came to America on November 4, 1957. He joined the Air Force in December, 1957 and was discharged in December, 1960. He came to Dallas from Los Angeles, California in October, 1962 and married Frances Barnard, 5201 Willis, TA7-2583. The marriage was annulled after three weeks. Mr. Duff had not held a regular job since arriving in Dallas.

Mr. Duff was arrested, questioned, photographed and fingerprinted and then released pending further investigation. (See attachments 7, 8 and 8-A.)

In June, 1963, two private investigators, Mr. Bill Keester, MU5-2745, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Mr. Cliff Roberts, MU5-1587 contacted Lieutenant E. L. Cunningham saying they were employed by General Walker's attorneys, Looney, Watts and Looney of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They were investigating a "Bill Duff". They had contacted Mr. Duff and brought up the subject of killing General Walker. Apparently both Mr. Duff and the investigators considered the others serious as the investigators contacted this Department and Mr. Duff reported their actions to Special Agent Hostie of the local F.B.I. Office. The investigators furnished a tape of part of their conversation with Mr. Duff. (See attachment 9 and separate exhibit H.)

William McEwan Duff was given a polygraph examination by Detective R. D. Lewis on June 12, 1963 and the operator does not believe that Mr. Duff had any knowledge of the identity of assailant who fired at General Walker. (See attachment 10 and 11).

*Duff was
fingerprinted
& cleared*

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Threat on Walker post 11/22

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General Walker received a threat by a long distance telephone prior to 8:55 p.m. on December 20, 1963. The call was from Kaplan, Louisiana. This information was given to Special Agent Carl Underhill of the local FBI Office.

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Special Agent Bob Barrett of the local FBI Office notified this Department on December 30, 1963, that the long distance call on December 20, 1963 was made by Gerald Crawford Vincent, White male of Kaplan, Louisiana. The Federal District Attorney at New Orleans declined to authorize a complaint being filed on Vincent. (See attachments 12 and 13).

The bullet recovered in General Walker's home on April 10, 1963, was released to Special Agent Bardwell Odom of the local F.B.I. on December 2, 1963 to be forwarded to the F.B.I. Laboratory in Washington. The laboratory made comparison tests with this bullet and the bullet and fragments recovered in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy. It was also compared with test bullets fired from the rifle recovered in the assassination investigation.

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There were not sufficient markings to reach a positive conclusion although several similarities were present. (See attachment 14)

Mr. Forrest Sorrells, Special Agent in charge of the local Secret Service Field Office, forwarded to this Department of December 26, 1963 an excerpt of an interview with Mrs. Marina Oswald in which she stated her husband, Lee Harvey Oswald, returned home on the night of April 10, 1963 very late and was extremely nervous. He finally told her that he had shot General Walker with his rifle.

*Bingo
Marina puts her in the frame*

The excerpt also mentions a note that was left on a dresser with a post office key for her to use in case of his arrest. This note was written during the Walker episode and had nothing to do with President Kennedy's assassination. (This note is in hands of a federal agency) (See attachment 15.)

Although definite and absolute proof has not been obtained, there is a strong probability that the shot fired at General Walker at 9:00 p.m. on April 10, 1963 was fired by Lee Harvey Oswald.

Based only on Marina's testimony + the note

Respectfully,

O. A. Jones
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Captain of Police

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*Note -
What other evidence or reason to make this conjecture -
but to tie it to Oswald, a dead man.*