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Dallas police failed to refute acoustical evidence that a second gunman fired at President John F. Kennedy in 1963, House investigators said. The House Assassinations Committee reported a week ago that a "stuck mi-

crophone" on a police motorcycle had produced the evidence pointing to a second gunman. But on Thursday, Dallas police said the motorcycle had been 2½ miles away from the assassination scene at the time the recording was made. G. Robert Blakey, committee chief counsel, said there were photos showing the motorcycle still at the scene after the Kennedy motorcade had sped away. "His memory is just no good," Blakey said of Dallas motorcycle officer H.B. McLain, who had repudiated his congressional testimony and said the recording could not have been made from his vehicle's radio.