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Ruby Knew Oswald, Ex-Sripper Quoted

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WASHINGTON — A former strip-teaser now married to a Texas evangelist told House Assassination Committee investigators that Jack Ruby introduced her to Lee Harvey Oswald two weeks before President John F. Kennedy's murder, according to committee documents.

Ruby, who killed Kennedy's assassin two days after the president's murder, identified him as "Lee Harvey Oswald of the CIA" when he introduced them in his Dallas strip club, a committee investigator says the ex-stripper told them.

The transcript of the secret staff briefing did not identify the former dancer. And the staff told the committee she had never told her story to authorities.

In addition, they said she told them she was near the Texas School Book Depository taking pictures at the time of the assassination. Two days after Kennedy's death two unidentified men who said they worked for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and FBI took her film and it has been missing ever since, according to secret staff testimony to the full committee.

She also told the committee she was on the south side of the street where Kennedy died, facing the controversial "grassy knoll" from which some witnesses contended shots were fired at Kennedy. Her pictures might have shown if a gunman was poised on that hillside, the committee was told by its staff.

Throughout his trial, and until his death from cancer in prison in 1967,

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Ruby maintained he did not know Oswald before the assassination. The Warren Commission investigating Kennedy's death and its aftermath rejected suggestions of a tie between Oswald and Ruby.

The stripper's story is among the evidence which assassination committee members refused to divulge on the House floor yesterday in successfully fighting to win approval for continuation of the committee for the rest of the year.

On a 230-181 vote, the House agreed yesterday to continue the investigation and give it a one-year budget of \$2.7 million.

(Seven of the 10 Western Pennsylvania Congressmen voted to continue the life of the committee.)

(The three voting against were Reps. Joseph M. Gaydos, D-McKeesport; John P. Murtha, D-Johnstown, and E. G. Shuster, R-Altoona.)

Among other leads in the Kennedy assassination being pursued, according to the secret staff report are:

✓ A report from the head nurse of Parkland Memorial Hospital where Kennedy died that four or five bullet fragments were removed from the body of Texas Gov. John B. Connally, who was wounded when Kennedy was killed.

The fragments may be from the so-called "pristine bullet" the Warren Commission maintained went through Kennedy's neck and wounded Connally in five different places — and may disprove the "cornerstone" of the Warren Commission's account of the slaying, according to committee investigators.

If the fragments can be located, scientific tests may determine whether more than one bullet was involved in Kennedy's neck wound and Connally's injuries — destroying the Warren Commission theory, the investigators said.

✓ A doctor on duty at the hospital also reportedly noted that some of Connally's bullet wounds appeared "somewhat inconsistent" with the Warren Commission account of the single bullet, according to the staff report.

Efforts are being made to locate the physician — who also told friends that security personnel barred him from examining Kennedy's body, despite the fact he was on duty in the emergency rooms, according to the committee staff.

✓ Committee investigators also had hoped to question George De Mohrenschildt, a Russian-born friend of Oswald's.

But Mohrenschildt committed suicide in Florida Tuesday only an hour after being told committee investigators wanted him to testify. Mohrenschildt allegedly had said he felt responsible for Kennedy's killing.

Officials in Palm Beach disclosed that the suicide shooting was accidentally taped by a recorder in the bedroom of Mohrenschildt's sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Tilton, who had told her maid to record a television program while she was away. Authorities were able to pinpoint the exact time of the suicide, 15 seconds past 2:21 p.m. Tuesday, because of the recording.