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Probers Bare Lead Hinting Oswald Not Lone Assassin

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Assassinations Committee investigators say they have a lead indicating there may be too many bullet fragments to support the Warren Commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in assassinating President John F. Kennedy.

Investigators also told the committee at a secret March 17 briefing, according to a transcript released accidentally, that a former Dallas night club worker is ready to testify that Jack Ruby introduced Oswald to her and others as "Lee Harvey Oswald of the CIA" two weeks before the Kennedy assassination.

The Warren Commission concluded that Ruby, who killed Oswald, did not know Oswald before the assassination. It also said it investigated numerous reports of them being seen together in Ruby's nightclub and "found none which merits credence."

The investigators told the committee in the secret briefing that the head nurse in the operating room the day Kennedy was killed told them four or five fragments — not one clean bullet

— were removed from former Texas Gov. John Connally.

If the fragments weigh more than a missing piece of bullet, the Warren Commission's conclusion that a single bullet went through Kennedy's body and wounded Connally would be destroyed, the investigators said.

Robert Tannenbaum, chief committee investigator of the Kennedy assassination, said such a finding would mean that "the very cornerstone and basis of the entire Warren Commission report is no longer valid."

A doctor's statement included in the Warren Commission report says "small bits of metal were encountered at various levels throughout the wound."

That statement was made by Dr. Charles Gregory, now dead, one of three doctors who operated on Connally. He said the bits of metal were turned over to Parkland Memorial Hospital's pathology department.

Connally told the Warren Commission he did not believe the same bullet went through Kennedy's body and then wounded him.

Investigators also said the former Dallas night club worker is prepared to

testify that she took pictures at Dealy Plaza during the assassination that would show the grassy knoll from which an unproved conspiracy theory has a second gunman firing.

They also said she would testify that two men identifying themselves as an FBI agent and a CIA agent took the film from her two days later.

And they said the statement in the committee's interim report that Oswald may have been associated with anti-Fidel Castro groups — not pro-Castro groups as widely believed — is based on interviews with witnesses in Louisiana.

The investigators recommended in the report that a man who allegedly worked for reputed Louisiana Cosa Nostra boss Carlos Marcello and who was near the scene of the Kennedy assassination should be called as a witness. Marcello also should be called, they said.

Tannenbaum said police stopped the man in a building from which the investigator said a shot could have been fired but let the man go when he said he was looking for a telephone to tell his wife of the assassination.