

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Conrad *us*
FROM: R. H. Jevons *us*
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY

DATE: 12/4/63

EDWIN A. WALKER, RETIRED MAJOR
GENERAL; INFORMATION CONCERNING

By letter dated 12/2/63, the Dallas Office submitted a rifle bullet obtained from Lieutenant Carl Day of the Dallas Police Department. This bullet was recovered from the home of Edwin A. Walker, Retired Major General, U. S. Army, on 4/10/63, by the Dallas Police Department following a report of a bullet having been fired into Walker's home through a window.

Investigation in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy discloses that the rifle used in the assassination was shipped to Lee Harvey Oswald at Dallas, Texas, on 3/20/63, and that Oswald continued to reside in Dallas until 4/29/63.

It was requested that the Laboratory compare the bullet from Walker's home with the test bullets obtained from Oswald's rifle.

It was determined that the Walker bullet has the same physical characteristics as the assassination bullet and fragments. It is a 6.5 mm caliber bullet which has been fired from a four land and groove, right twist barrel. Mannlicher-Carcano rifles of the type used in the assassination are among those weapons which produce rifling characteristics such as are on the Walker bullet.

It is noted that this bullet is extremely distorted and mutilated; also, that it reportedly was fired on 4/10/63, some seven months ago. No test bullets known to have been fired from the subject gun near 4/10/63, are available. The only known test bullets from the assassination weapon are those recently fired in the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the bullet and fragments involved in the assassination. Accordingly, because of the extreme

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mutilation and distortion of the bullet and because the individual characteristics produced by the gun barrel may have changed during the intervening seven-month period, it could not be determined whether or not the Walker bullet was fired from Oswald's rifle.

The results of the Laboratory examination as set out above were arrived at independently by three of our top firearms examiners in the Laboratory.

If test bullets known to have been fired near the date of 4/10/63, are subsequently located, it may be possible to further resolve this question. Efforts are being made to see if similar earlier known bullets can be located.

ACTION:

The Dallas Office is being advised of the above results by teletype today.

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