

Walker

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Bullet Marks Match, Say Dallas Cops

Dallas police reported today that ballistic tests of the mail-order rifle believed to have killed President Kennedy indicate it was the same weapon used in an attempt on the life of former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker.

Mrs. Marina Oswald, widow of Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin of the President, told the Warren Commission two

Mrs. Oswald at Town Hall
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weeks ago that Oswald had admitted to her that he fired the shot at Walker last April.

The Dallas ballistics report tended to support Mrs. Oswald's story.

A Contradiction

But it apparently contradicted earlier ballistics conclusions. At the time of the Walker shooting, Dallas police identified the sniper's weapon as a 30-06-caliber rifle.

President Kennedy was killed by a 6.5 mm. Italian Army surplus carbine traced to Oswald, investigators have determined. FBI ballistics tests also pointed out the discrepancy between the two weapons, it was reported.

The latest ballistics data were disclosed by Dallas Police Chief Jesse Curry and Chief of Detectives M. W. Stevenson.

'Cannot Be Final'

"The ballistics report cannot be final or conclusive," Stevenson said, "but generally the comparison points of the slugs were good."

Walker, who was relieved of his command in Europe after he was accused of mixing right-wing politics with his Army duties, was near a window in his home working alone on his income tax return when the sniper fired.

The slug tore through a window casing, narrowly missing him, pierced a 1/2-inch wall and fell on a stack of packaged pamphlets in the adjoining room.

Oswald's widow said the alleged Presidential assassin had written her a letter before leaving home on the night of the Walker attack. She said he told her of the location of the city jail, in case something should happen to him, and also instructed her how to contact the Russian embassy if he should be arrested.

The word "fell" implies that the bullet was intact - not shattered or deformed.