

Docs Seek Connally Bullet Fragments

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Washington — John F. Kennedy assassination researchers asked the Justice Department yesterday to try to recover bullet fragments from the body of the late Texas Gov. John Connally before he is buried.

Connally was wounded while riding with President Kennedy when he was killed in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. The Warren Commission concluded that one shot hit both men almost simultaneously before Kennedy was hit by another, fatal bullet.

In a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno, the head of the nonprofit Assassination Archives and Research Center, James Lesar, said that if one bullet did not cause all the wounds the two sustained before the fatal shot, "then more than one assassin must have hit the president."

Lesar was joined in his request by Cyril Wecht, a forensic pathologist, and five other doctors. They said that neutron activation analysis and other tests of the fragments "may be able to resolve the controversy."

Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern said the request was forwarded to the FBI's Dallas Field Office for a determination.

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