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Russian assassin posed as Oswald 2 doctors suggest

DALLAS (UPI) — Pathologists who performed the autopsy on Lee Harvey Oswald in 1963 say there were two discrepancies that could lend support to a British author's theory that another person was posing as Oswald, the Dallas Morning News reported yesterday.

Dr. Earl Rose, Dallas County medical examiner when John F. Kennedy and Oswald were killed, and his assistant, Dr. Sidney Stewart, were commenting in the newspaper on a book by retired London lawyer Michael Eddowes, who speculated that a Russian spy-assassin posed as Oswald.

Where is the scar?

Oswald defected to Russia in 1959 after a hitch in the marine corps and supposedly returned to the United States 18 months before Kennedy was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963.

On Nov. 24, Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby shot and killed Oswald.

Eddowes suggests Oswald was replaced by another man while he was in the Soviet Union.

Marine corps records showed Oswald had a one-inch scar behind the left ear from a mastoidectomy and was 5 feet 11 inches tall. Rose told the News he did not find evidence of the scar and that the body measured 5-9.

"It would seem to me that a man of his age (23 at the time) shouldn't have lost two inches," Rose said. "That's a little much."

"I wouldn't say that we couldn't have overlooked a mastoidectomy. That is a possibility and I certainly won't deny it. You know, it could have been in the hair."

Where is the wound?

Stewart, however, said great care was taken with the autopsy.

In his book, Eddowes suggests authorities exhume Oswald's body to determine whether it showed evidence of a mastoidectomy and for positive identification through teeth records.

Oswald's mother, Marguerite Oswald of Fort Worth, told the paper she would not resist efforts to have her son's body exhumed.

She said she called for another examination of the body several years ago to check reports Oswald slashed his wrists in a suicide attempt while in Russia and accidentally shot himself in the arm while in the marines.