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Robert L. Keuch

Special Counsel to the Attorney General

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SUBJECT:

House Select Committee on Assassinations

Claim of General Edwin A. Walker

I have received the attached letter from the legal counsel for former General Walker concerning allegations that the bullet fragments examined by the Select Committee which were reportedly fragments of the bullet fired at Walker, could not in fact be such fragments.

I would appreciate any information which can be provided that would enable me to provide a response to General Walker's counsel.

Enclosure

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June 7, 1979

Robert L. Keuch, Esquire
Deputy Attorney General
United States Department
of Justice
10th and Constitution Avenues, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20537

Subject: Investigation into the
Assassination of President
John P. Kennedy

## Dear Sir:

I have been informed by the House of Representatives that the Select House Committee on Assassinations has ceased investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. My client, Mr. Edwin A. Walker, sought to correct what appeared to him to be an error in that proceeding. However, because the proceedings have ended, it does not appear possible to do that. However, Mr. Walker has written a letter to the Attorney General expressing his reservations on the accuracy of this investigation from his own personal knowledge of an attempt by Lee Harvey Oswald to assassinate him. Mr. Walker has attempted to inform the Select Committee of his opinion with regard to their error; however, for whatever reason the Committee staff refused to reply to him.

His essential concern is the Committee received and displayed on national television a substitute bullet for that which Mr. Lee Harvey Oswald fired at Mr. Walker some six months before he assassinated President Kennedy. At the time Oswald attempted this assassination, Mr. Walker either was or had been a candidate for Governor of Texas. The attempt against his life took place on April 21, 1963, and was investigated by the Dallas Police Department. The spent bullet in question was retrieved by a police officer and shown to Mr. Walker who held it in his hands and examined it.

Mr. Walker spent over thirty years as a career Army officer and was involved in combat in World War II to a substantial extent. In addition to his combat experience, he was highly decorated, rose to the rank of Major General, and was designated by General Eisenhower to accept the surrender of the German forces in Norway in 1945. It is more probable than

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not that a person of this experience would know and recognize the bullet that was fired at him when he and the Dallas police retrieved and examined the spent bullet at the time of the attempted assassination on him.

For these reasons I feel that it is of some weight that the Select Committee and the Department of Justice consider his opinions with respect to the possibility of substituted evidence in the House Committee investigation.

Copies of his correspondence are forwarded to you as enclosures to this letter. A statement of your views and action in this matter is respectfully requested.

truly yours,

Jos. Dinsmore Murphy

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Enclosures

EDWIN A. WALKER

5304 Mt Vernon St. 4016 FURTLE CREHK BLVD. DALLAS, TEXAS 75249 75205

April, 24, 1979

The Honorable Griffin Bell US Attorney General Wash., D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have received no repy to my letter of Feb.12, 1979, with one enclosure, the mailogram to G. Robert Blakey heading the Select Committe on Assassimations. House of Representatives .

I enclose copies of both for your information. To these I add a copy of my letter to the Dallas Chief of Police , D.A. Byrd, -- Feb. 15, 1979-

## EDWIN A. WALKER CONTROL OF THE CABBIN DLWD. DALLAS, TEXAS 75HD 7.205 5304 Mt. Vernon Avenue

February 15, 1979

Chief of Police D.A. Byrd Dallas Folice Department City Hall Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Chief Byrd:

Reference two enclosures:

My mailgram 9/12/78 to Frof. G. Robert Blakey, Select Committee on Assassinations.

My letter to U.S. Attorney General 2/12/79.

The withdrawal of the substitute bullet can only be in the best interest of the public.

Your cooperation and assistance will be appreciated.

Sincerely.

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THIS MAILGRAM IS A CONFIRMATION COPY OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

2145214115 TOBN DALLAS TX 59 09-12 0724P EST
PMS PROFESSOR G ROBERT BLAKEY, SELECT COMMITTE ON ASSASSINATIONS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON DC
THE BULLET BEFORE YOUR SELECT COMMITTEE CALLED THE HALKER BULLET IS
NOT THE WALKER BULLET. IT IS NOT THE BULLET THAT WAS FIRED AT ME AND
TAKEN OUT OF MY HOUSE BY THE DALLAS CITY POLICE ON APRIL 10 1963.
THE BULLET YOU HAVE WAS NEVER GOTTEN FROM HE OR TAKEN OUT OF MY
HOUSE BY ANYONE AT ANYTIME.
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February 12, 1979

U.S. Attorney General Department of Justice Washington DC 20335

Reference: the attached telegram; copies of FBI records pertaining to Dallas City Folice, Walker, and a bullet.

The Dallas City Police Department will verify that the bullet fired at Walker, 9 pm, April 10, 1963, passed through the center wood cross strip of the outer screen, through the wood frames of both panes of the window--upper and lower, to include the copper weather strip between and through an inside masonry wall reinforced with solid tin and metal lathing, vintage 1926, to fall spent below the exit hole in the mortar blown from the wall.

The bullet used and pictured on the TV, by the US Senate G. Robert Blakey Committee on Assassinations is a ridiculous substitute for a bullet completely mutilated by such obstruction, baring no resemblance to any unfired bullet in shape or form.

I saw the hunk of lead, picked up by a policeman in my house, and I took it from him and I inspected it carefully. There is no mistake. There has been a substitution for the bullet fired by Oswald and taken out of my house.

It is requested that you withdraw the substituted bullet from all records and files pertaining to the assassination of John F. Kennedy and the attempted assassination of Walker, and that you assure the security of the withdrawn bullet for future comparisons.

I desire to be informed of your actions.

Sincerely,

Edwin A. Walker

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