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SECOND LEAD EVIDENCE

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DALLAS, NOV. 24 (AP)-A PALM PRINT IDENTIFIED AS THAT OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS FOUND ON THE UNDERSIDE OF THE RIFLE THAT BALLISTICS TESTS SHOWED FIRED THE BULLETS THAT KILLED PRESIDENT KENNEDY, DIST. ATTY. HENRY WADE SAID TONIGHT.

WADE CALLED A NEWS CONFERENCE TO MAKE PUBLIC WHAT HE SAID WAS THE COMPLETE MASS OF EVIDENCE ACCUMULATED TO PROVE OSWALD WAS THE PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN.

ALTHOUGH HE REVEALED MORE DETAILS THAN HAD BEEN DIVULGED PREVIOUSLY, WADE MADE NO STARTLING DISCLOSURES.

BUT HE SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT HE HAD AN AIR-TIGHT CASE.

"I HAVE SENT MEN TO THE ELECTRIC CHAIR WITH LESS EVIDENCE," WADE SAID.

"THE GUN WAS HERE, HIS PRINTS WERE ON THE GUN, THE GUN WAS THE GUN THAT KILLED KENNEDY, HIS PALM PRINTS WERE ON THE BOX ON WHICH THE KILLER SAT, AND WITNESSES PUT HIM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING.

AMONG THE SPECIFIC LINKS IN THE CHAIN OF EVIDENCE AGAINST OSWALD, IN ADDITION TO THE PALM PRINT ON THE RIFLE, WADE CITED:

--THE ASSASSINATION RIFLE HAD BEEN PURCHASED BY OSWALD LAST MARCH FROM A CHICAGO MAIL ORDER FIRM. AN FBI CHECK SHOWED THE SERIAL NUMBER OF THE RIFLE THAT FIRED THE SHOTS AT KENNEDY MATCHED THAT OF THE MAIL ORDER RIFLE.

--A PHOTOGRAPH WAS FOUND SHOWING OSWALD HOLDING THE RIFLE.

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--A PALM PRINT IDENTIFIED AS OSWALD'S HAD BEEN FOUND ON A BOX AT THE WINDOW AREA IN THE BOOK WAREHOUSE FROM WHERE THE SHOTS WERE FIRED.

THREE EJECTED SHELLS, OF AN ODD CALIBRE THAT CAME FROM THE ASSASSINATION RIFLE FOUND ON THE FLOOR, WERE DISCOVERED BY THE BOX WHERE OSWALD'S PRINT WAS FOUND.

WADE SAID THE INVESTIGATION INTO KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION WILL CONTINUE, "BUT THERE IS NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE TO GO ON THAT THERE IS ANYONE ELSE CONNECTED WITH THE ASSASSINATION. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT OSWALD WAS THE KILLER."

ASKED IF HE BELIEVED OSWALD WAS SLAIN TO KEEP HIM FROM TALKING, WADE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD POLICE WERE LOOKING INTO THAT ANGLE BUT SO FAR NO CONNECTION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN OSWALD AND HIS KILLER, JACK RUBY.

ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY EVIDENCE LINKING OSWALD TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY, WADE SAID:

"NO, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT SAID HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. HOWEVER, THERE WAS LOTS OF MATERIAL DEALING WITH COMMUNISM, SUCH AS THE DAILY WORKER, AND THERE WAS EVEN MORE MATERIAL DEALING WITH THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA ORGANIZATION."

EARLIER, WHILE OSWALD WAS STILL ALIVE, OFFICERS SAID OSWALD WAS PROUD OF BEING A COMMUNIST.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAID RUBY'S SLAYING OF OSWALD WAS AN ASSASSINATION AND BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE CRIME, "I AM CERTAIN THAT I CAN GET THE DEATH PENALTY FOR RUBY. RUBY WALKED UP TO A MAN WHO WAS HANDCUFFED AND DEFENSELESS AND COLD BLOODEDLY ASSASSINATED HIM."

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IN RETRACING THE EVENTS INVOLVING OSWALD LAST FRIDAY, WADE DREW THE FOLLOWING PICTURE:

THAT MORNING A NEIGHBOR BROUGHT OSWALD INTO TOWN FROM IRVING (A DALLAS SUBURB).

IT WAS UNUSUAL FOR OSWALD TO BE IN IRVING ON FRIDAYS, SINCE HE LIVED IN A RENTED ROOM IN DALLAS DURING THE WEEK AND SAW HIS WIFE IN IRVING ONLY ON WEEKENDS.

OSWALD WAS CARRYING A PACKAGE, WHICH HE SAID CONTAINED WINDOW SHADES.

BUT OSWALD'S WIFE SAID THE RIFLE HE OWNED WAS IN IRVING THURSDAY NIGHT BUT WAS NOT THERE FRIDAY.

LATER, AT THE BOOK WAREHOUSE, "WE SAW THIS MAN IN THE CORNER OF THE BUILDING AND STARTED TO ARREST HIM. THE MANAGER SAID OSWALD WAS AN EMPLOYEE AND WE LET HIM GO.

"WE LOCATED EVERY OTHER EMPLOYEE BUT HIM. A DESCRIPTION WENT OUT TO LOOK FOR HIM.

"HE GOT ON A BUS AT LAMAR STREET AND TOLD A LADY ON THE BUS THE PRESIDENT HAD BEEN SHOT. THE LADY TOLD THE BUS DRIVER, AND THE DRIVER ASKED WHERE SHE HAD HEARD THIS. SHE SAID FROM A MAN IN THE BACK, AND HE (OSWALD) LAUGHED VERY LOUD.

"HE GOT OFF THE BUS AND CAUGHT A TAXI TO HIS OAK CLIFF ROOMING HOUSE.

"THEN A BLOCK FROM THE ROOMING HOUSE WITNESSES SAW A POLICE OFFICER (TIPPIT) MOTION TO HIM. OFFICER TIPPIT GOT OUT OF HIS CAR AND CAME AROUND AND OSWALD SHOT HIM THREE TIMES.

"THEN HE WALKED ACROSS A VACANT LOT, EJECTED THREE SHELLS, AND RELOADED THE GUN. HE WALKED AWAY AND WENT INTO THE TEXAS THEATER.

"DALLAS POLICE SPOTTED HIM. HE STRUCK AT AN OFFICER AND PUT HIS GUN AGAINST OFFICER M.N. MCDONALD'S HEAD. " THE FIRING PIN MISSED THE FIRING CAP, WADE SAID, AND THE SHELL DIDN'T EXPLODE. "SIX OFFICERS SUBDUED HIM AND TOOK HIM TO CITY HALL."

"PARAFFIN TESTS ON BOTH HANDS SHOWED HE HAD RECENTLY FIRED A GUN."

A REPORTER ASKED ABOUT THE STARTLING EVIDENCE THAT POLICE ANNOUNCED WAS DISCOVERED SATURDAY MORNING. WADE SAID HE DID NOT MAKE ANY STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT.

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URGENT

FIRST LEAD EVIDENCE (A147)

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DALLAS, NOV. 24 (AP)-POLICE CHIEF JESSE CURRY TODAY LISTED EVIDENCE TO BACK UP HIS CONTENTION THAT DALLAS POLICE HAD "A CONCRETE CASE" PROVING LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS THE ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

THE EVIDENCE, HE SAID, INCLUDES A CLEAR PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING OSWALD HOLDING A RIFLE OF THE SAME TYPE USED IN THE ASSASSINATION. THIS WAS A 6.5 MM BOLT-ACTION MODEL OF ITALIAN MAKE WITH A 4X18 TELESCOPIC SIGHT.

THE CHIEF SAID THIS PROOF THAT OSWALD POSSESSED A RIFLE OF THE SAME TYPE AS THE ONE THAT FIRED THE FATAL SHOTS WAS THE MOST CONCLUSIVE ELEMENT OF THE EVIDENCE.

DISTRICT ATTY. HENRY WADE SAID HE WOULD NOT RELEASE THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.

BACKING UP THE PHOTOGRAPH, CURRY SAID, IS A WRITTEN ORDER IN OSWALD'S HANDWRITING TO A CHICAGO MAIL ORDER HOUSE FOR A RIFLE COSTING \$12.78. HE SAID THE FBI NOW IS CHECKING THE SERIAL NUMBER OF THE RIFLE USED IN THE ASSASSINATION WITH THAT OF THE MAIL ORDER WEAPON.

A SECOND VITAL LINK IN THE CHAIN OF EVIDENCE TYING OSWALD TO THE ASSASSINATION, CURRY SAID, IS TESTIMONY FROM WITNESSES THAT OSWALD WAS IN THE TEXAS BOOK DEPOSITORY--FROM WHERE THE SHOTS WERE FIRED--AT THE TIME THE PRESIDENT WAS ASSASSINATED.

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PRIOR TO OSWALD'S DEATH, AUTHORITIES SAID THERE WAS CERTAIN STRONG EVIDENCE WHICH WAS NOT GOING TO BE RELEASED AT THIS TIME. WADE DECLINED TO DIVULGE THIS EVIDENCE EVEN AFTER THE ALLEGED ASSASSIN DIED IN PARKLAND HOSPITAL.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE CITED BY CURRY WAS FOUND IN THE IRVING, TEX. RESIDENCE OF OSWALD'S RUSSIAN-BORN WIFE. CURRY SAID THE PICTURE SHOWED OSWALD IN "AT ATTENTION POSTURE," HOLDING THE RIFLE BY THE STOCK IN ONE HAND. IN HIS OTHER HAND, CURRY SAID, OSWALD HELD COPIES OF "THE DAILY WORKER", A COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER, AND "THE MILITANT," A FASCIST PUBLICATION.

EARLIER IN THE INVESTIGATION, MRS. OSWALD TOLD OFFICERS THROUGH A RUSSIAN INTERPRETER SHE HAD SEEN HER HUSBAND AT HOME THURSDAY NIGHT IN POSSESSION OF A RIFLE SIMILAR TO THE ASSASSINATION WEAPON.

CURRY SAID SHE TOLD POLICE THE WEAPON WAS NOT THERE FRIDAY.

THE MAN WHO GAVE OSWALD A RIDE TO WORK FRIDAY MORNING NOTICED HE WAS CARRYING A LONG PACKAGE WRAPPED IN BROWN PAPER, CURRY SAID. OSWALD TOLD THE MAN IT CONTAINED WINDOW SHADES. CURRY SAID IT WAS LONG ENOUGH TO CONTAIN A RIFLE.

AND HE SAID INVESTIGATORS FOUND SOME HEAVY PAPER CRUMPLED ON THE FLOOR NEAR THE WINDOW FROM WHICH THE ASSASSIN FIRED THE BULLETS AT THE PRESIDENT.

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THE DISTANCE FROM THE WINDOW TO THE PRESIDENTIAL CAR WAS ABOUT 75 YARDS AT AN ANGLE OF ABOUT 45 DEGREES, CURRY SAID.

POLICE SAY OSWALD WAS A MARKSMAN WHEN HE WAS IN THE MARINES. THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED A PALM PRINT FOUND ATOP STACKS OF BOOK BOXES NEAR THE AMBUSH WINDOW AS THAT OF OSWALD'S.

OSWALD ADMITTED TO POLICE HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, CURRY SAID, AND APPARENTLY WAS NOT ASHAMED OF THE FACT.

OSWALD CLAIMED HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LEFT-LEANING FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE.

OSWALD ADMITTED UNDER QUESTIONING HE WAS IN THE BUILDING AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING, CURRY SAID. OSWALD WORKED AS A LABORER FOR THE BOOK COMPANY AND HAD ACCESS TO ALL FLOORDS OF THE BUILDING.

A PORTER TOLD OFFICERS HE TOOK OSWALD IN THE ELEVATOR TO THE SIXTH FLOOR ON FRIDAY AND SAID "LET'S GO SEE THE PRESIDENT."

HE SAID OSWALD DECLINED BUT ASKED HIM TO SEND THE ELEVATOR BACK UP.

OSWALD WAS FOUND BY POLICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING SHORTLY AFTER THE SHOOTING, CALMLY OPENING A SOFT DRINK. THE POLICEMEN DREW A GUN ON HIM AND ASKED THE MANAGER IF HE KNEW OSWALD. THE MANAGER SAID OSWALD WAS AN EMPLOYE AND THE POLICE LEFT.

ANOTHER POLICEMAN LET OSWALD OUT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BUILDING AFTER CONFIRMING AGAIN THAT HE WAS AN EMPLOYE.

POLICE HAVE STATEMENTS FROM A BUS DRIVER WHO TOOK OSWALD FROM NEAR THE BOOK BUILDING TO THE OAK CLIFF AREA.

OSWALD HAD NO ALIBI WITNESSES FOR ANY OF THE TIME AFTER HE LEFT THE BUILDING, POLICE SAID. HE WAS STOPPED ON AN OAK CLIFF STREET NOT LONG AFTER THE ASSASSINATION BY POLICE PATROLMAN J. D. TIPPIT. AT LEAST FOUR PERSONS TOLD POLICE THEY SAW OSWALD SHOOT TIPPIT AND THEN FLEE.

POLICE SEIZED OSWALD IN THE TEXAS THEATER.

CURRY SAID PARAFFIN TESTS ON OSWALD'S HANDS AND CHEEK SHOWED HE HAD FIRED A GUN RECENTLY.

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