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WASHINGTON AP -A 1961

letter found in the Pentagon's personnel files raises a question whether Gov. John Connally of Texas rather than President Kennedy was the primary target of an assassin's bullets in Dallas, Tex. Friday.

The letter, dated Jan. 30, 1961, was written in long hand from Minsk in the Soviet Union by Lee Harvey Oswald, a former Marine who is accused of killing Kennedy and wounding Connally.

Oswald returned about a year ago after spending three years in the Soviet Union.

The letter was addressed to Connally, then secretary of the Navy, asking a reversal of Oswald's undesirable discharge from the Marine Corps.

He did not receive the reversal, and if he is proved to be the man who shot Kennedy and Connally the question of which one he had more reason to want to injure could be raised.



Connally, who left the Naval secretary's post on Dec. 20, 1961, sent a brief reply to Oswald on Feb. 23, 1962 in which he said he was no longer connected with the Navy. Connally said he had referred Oswald's letter to the office of the secretary of the Navy.

A copy of Connally's letter was sent to the then Secretary Fred Korth. Records show Korth referred Oswald's request to the Marine Corps, which passed it to a Marine Review Board. The board sustained the undesirable discharge.

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