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Dallas, Tex., Nov. 25 (AP) "This is it -- I've sent men to the electric chair on less evidence than we have against Lee Harvey Oswald."

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade made the claim as he revealed the evidence which convinced Dallas officers they had an airtight case against the accused assassin of PresidentJohn F. Kennedy.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Oswald was the killer," Wade said.

Nine hours before Wade spoke to newsmen last night, 0swald, 24, was fatally shot by Jack Ruby, owner of a Dallas lounge. The shooting occurred in the police headquarters basement in front of hundreds of police, Secret Service, FBI men and newsmen, as Oswald was being escorted to an armored car for transportation to new jail quarters.

Not long after Wade finished describing what he said was all the evidence against Oswald, the Dallas Morning News said in a copyrighted story that officers had found a map in Oswald's room which marked the path of the bullets which killed Kennedy and wounded Gov. John Connally Friday afternoon. Wade had made no mention of this.

The newspaper said the map outlined Kennedy's motorcade route, and a line was drawn from the Texas School Book Depository building to Elm Street, where the President and Connally were shot.

Police officers available said they knew nothing of any map. In Washington, the Secret Service and FBI had no comment.

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Wade said two facts stood high in the mass of evidence linking the slim, brown-haired Oswald to the slaying.

First, a palm print on the underside of the rifle which fired the bullets that killed Kennedy was identified as Oswald's.

Secondly, Wade said, Oswald had definitely been placed inside the building at the time the shots were fired from there at Kennedy.

"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."

Asked if he believed Oswald was slain to keep him from talking, Wade said police were looking into that angle but so far no connection has been established between Oswald and Ruby.

"There is no concrete evidence to go on that there is anyone else connected with the assassination," Wade said, but added that some aspects of the case may still be/investigated.

The district attorney said that because Ruby's slaying of Oswald was an assassination "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."

Wade added several specific details to evidence previously brought out.

He said Oswald bought the Italian-make assassination rifle last March from a Chicago mail order firm, at a cost of slightly more than \$12. The FBI, he said, confirmed the serial number of the mail order rifle matched that of the rifle that fired the shots at Kennedy.

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There was no evidence that showed Oswald was a member of the Communist Party, Wade said. "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."

Officers said earlier Oswald told them he was a communist, and was proud of it.

Wade also said three ejected shells, of an odd calibre that came from the assassination rifle found on the floor, were located near the box at the ambush window where a palm print of Oswald's was impressed

In his calm, deliberate voice, the silver-haired district attorney retraced Oswald's actions last Friday as follows:

He was driven into town by a neighbor from Irving, a Dallas suburb. Wade said Oswald usually stayed there with his wife only on weekends, and at other times lived in a rented room in Dallas.

Oswald was carrying a package, which he said contained window shades. The package was long enough to have held a rifle. Oswald's wife said the rifle he owned was in Irving Th ursday night but was not there Friday.

Several witnesses told of seeing the assassin's weapon protruding from a sixth floor window at the time President Kennedy was shot.

After the shooting, Wade said, "We saw this man in the corner of the building and started to arrest him. The manager said Oswald was an employe and we let him go.

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"We located every other employe but him. A description went out to look for him:

"Oswald 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 the rest of the way to his Oak Cliff rooming house."

Wade said Oswald changed clothes hurriedly and left.
"Then a block from the rooming house witnesses saw a police officer (patrolman J.D. 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 Theatre.

"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. After a scuffle, six officers subdued Oswald and took him to the police station.

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