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New Oswald Evidence--- Threads in the Rifle

Washington

Brown threads caught on an assassin's rifle helped to weave what the FBI considers a conclusive case against Lee Harvey Oswald as the slayer of President Kennedy.

Government sources disclosed yesterday that the threads, identified as from Oswald's shirt, were found snagged in the mechanism of the Italian-made bolt action rifle which also bore his palm print.

Meantime, the President's bipartisan investigating commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren began its analysis of the still-secret, five-volume FBI report on the November 22 assassination of Mr. Kennedy in Dallas.

The commission also:

won from Congress the power to force witnesses to testify against their will, under immunity from self-incrimination. The House voted unanimously for the extraordinary subpoena power, as



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J. LEO RANKIN
Probers' counsel

the Senate did Monday.

Appointed J. Lee Rankin, the United States, to be its general counsel for the top-level inquiry. Rankin is a Republican lawyer from Nebraska now practicing in New York. He was a Justice Department appointee of former President Eisenhower in

1953 and became Solicitor General in 1956.

Announced that the contents of the FBI's exhaustive report will not be made public formally until after the commission has studied it, but said a "preliminary statement" would be made by Warren and his six colleagues after the commission's study.

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'Assassin Was Set to Fire Again'

Dallas

The sniper, who already had fired two shots into President Kennedy and one into Texas Governor John Connally, had a fourth ready to fire, it was reported yesterday.

The Dallas Morning News quoted "an investigator" who said "there was a live round in the firing chamber when officers picked up the rifle. We don't know what was in (Lee Harvey) Oswald's mind.

"We can only speculate on the reason for working the bolt and putting a fourth bullet in the firing chamber.

"It's possible he intended to shoot again at President Kennedy or the governor," the paper quoted the unidentified source, "or maybe at Jacqueline Kennedy . . . but found the car out of range."

Dallas police declined to comment on the newspaper report.

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