



JOHN CONNALLY
Texas governor

'Connally Was Not The Target'

Washington

The Warren report officially discounted yesterday the idea that Texas Governor John B. Connally might have been the real target of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

As the Governor fell into his wife's lap, blood covering his chest, he thought last November 22 that he had been mortally wounded in what he instantly judged was an assassination attempt.

"Oh, no, no, no," he cried, "they're going to kill us all."

Then the presidential car leaped forward toward Parkland Hospital, where the President was later pronounced dead and a medical team performed a series of operations that saved Connally's life.

TESTIMONY

Oswald's Russian-born wife, Marina, testified she thought her husband "was shooting at Connally rather than President Kennedy."

Mrs. Oswald based her theory on Oswald's having written a letter Jan. 30, 1962, to Connally, the Secretary of the Navy, seeking reversal of an undesirable discharge from the Marine Corps. And she could not think of any reason why Oswald should want to kill President Kennedy.

According to the testimony, Oswald's discharge from the Marines had been reclassified as "undesirable" after it was learned he had tried to defect to the Soviet Union.

LETTER

Oswald wrote Connally that he intended to "employ all means to right this gross mistake or injustice." Connally, however, had just resigned to run for Governor of Texas, so he advised Oswald he was sending the letter on to his successor.

The commission said it was clear Oswald "knew that Governor Connally was never directly concerned with his discharge."

Associated Press