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Synopsis:

Records of Klein's, Incorporated regarding assassination rifle set forth. Klein's employees report rifle and scope attached when shipped. Alden's, Chicago mail order firm, has destroyed records reflecting serial numbers of rifles purchased in 1962. MARCELINO RAMON GARCIA, also known as MARCELINO RAMON GARCIA CASTRO, advised he did not meet or see OSWALD while in Mexico in September and October, 1963. No record of a SAM GANTRY located at Chicago.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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William J. Waldman, Vice President, Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc., 4540 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the Italian Carbine, serial number C2766, sold to A. Hidell, Post Office Box 2915, Dallas, Texas, and shipped on March 20, 1963, was an advertised "package deal" composed of described rifle pre-mounted with a four power riflescope, for the sale price of \$19.95, exclusive of postage and handling. Mr. Waldman noted that several factors corroborated the fact that the riflescope was mounted before shipment to the customer. These are as follows:

1. Klein's Sporting Goods catalogue number covering this particular sale is the number for the described rifle with a pre-mounted riflescope.
2. Had the rifle and riflescope been ordered as separate items, each would have been listed by separate catalogue numbers and would have been billed as such.
3. The order for the rifle and riflescope in question was placed by customer using a coupon clipped from a Klein advertisement. On this order, customer has inserted the catalogue number, C20T750, which number corresponds with that appearing on Klein's order blank. This is the catalogue number, Mr. Waldman explained, for the "package deal" consisting of described rifle with pre-mounted riflescope.
4. In order for the "package deal" to have been shipped with the riflescope unmounted, specific instructions of the customer would have had to appear on the order itself. Mr. Waldman noted no such instructions were on the order in question.

Mr. Waldman stated that these rifles were received by Klein's without riflescopes, scope mounts, or without the receivers

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of the rifles having been drilled and tapped for such mounting. He stated upon receipt of the order for the "pre-mounted package deal" the rifles are drilled, tapped and mounted with the riflescope by Klein's personnel on Klein's premises.

Mr. Waldman continued that once the rifle is drilled and tapped it is simply a matter of using a screwdriver to remove or replace a riflescope or scope mount on the rifle itself. Further, he stated that no notations are made a matter of record with their firm regarding the drilling and tapping of a specific rifle, nor are records maintained identifying individual employees doing such work in connection with a given sale.

Mr. Waldman identified the following as employees who handle the processing of orders for firearms, which process also includes the mounting of riflescopes where necessary, the handling of the orders themselves, and the packing and shipping of the orders:

Edward Stanislawski
Warehouseman and Order Clerk

William Sharp
Gunsmith

Antho[n] Schmidt
Warehouseman and Order Clerk

Witold Ratynski
Assistant to Gunsmith

Ray Lee Coleman
Packer, Shipping Department

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William Sharp, 5808 West Superior, Chicago, Illinois, advised he is employed as a gunsmith at Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc., 4540 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Sharp stated that one of his responsibilities as a gunsmith is the mounting of rifles with riflescopes. He explained that in this connection he drills, taps, and mounts the scope without knowledge of the order itself or of the identity of the customer ordering the weapon. He continued that he performs this service normally on a group of rifles at one time, upon being advised that an order for a specific number of rifles mounted with scopes has been received. He then turns the rifles over to the shipping room for matching with orders and for packing and shipping.

Mr. Sharp stated that no notations are made indicating he or an assistant had fitted or mounted a specific rifle with a riflescope, nor are records maintained showing a specific rifle had been so fitted or mounted.

Mr. Sharp stated that because of the number of rifles mounted by him he would be unable to recall a specific rifle and he had no knowledge of the order for the rifle in question.

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Anthony Schmidt, 1216 Elmwood, Berwyn, Illinois, advised that he functions as a warehouseman and order clerk for Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc., 4540 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Schmidt stated that he is one of the individuals employed by Klein's who assists in the processing of orders including those for rifles, both with and without riflescopes.

Mr. Schmidt examined the order for the rifle in question and advised he had no knowledge of this order or of the specific weapon identified thereon.

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Witold Ratynski, 2646 West Cortez, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he is employed as an assistant to the gunsmith for Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc., 4540 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Ratynski stated following examination of the order for the rifle in question, that he had no personal knowledge of this specific rifle or of the order for such a rifle.

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Ray Lee Coleman, 8026 South Champlain, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he is employed as a packer in the shipping room of Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc., 4540 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Coleman stated that after mail orders are processed through the warehouse, they are turned over to him for packing and shipping.

Mr. Coleman examined the order for the rifle in question and advised that according to the initials appearing thereon he is the individual who packed this order for shipment to Dallas, Texas. He stated, however, he could not recall the order or rifle specifically, nor could he furnish further information regarding the processing or transaction.

Mr. Coleman advised that all rifles of this description, namely the Italian Carbine, are shipped in the same size carton, whether or not they are mounted with a rifle scope.

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WILLIAM J. WALDMAN, Vice President, Klein's Sporting Goods, Incorporated, 4540 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, furnished reproduced copies of the following records from the files of his firm:

1. One purchase order of Klein's Sporting Goods, Incorporated, showing effective date of January 15, 1962. This purchase order made to Crescent Firearms, 2 West 37th Street, New York 18, New York, is for the purchase of 100 Italian Mannlicher-Carcano rifles, Klein's catalog #C20-T749.

Mr. WALDMAN pointed out that the catalog number as shown above is for the Italian Carbine without a telescopic rifle scope. He noted that as previously explained the combination rifle and rifle scope is catalog #C20-T750.

2. Five pages of "Customer's Invoice" of Crescent Firearms, Incorporated, 2 West 37th Street, New York 18, New York. Mr. WALDMAN explained these accompanied shipment of weapons as a result of above described purchase and these customers' invoices listed the individual firearms contained in each shipping carton.

He noted that Customer's Invoice #3620 for carton number 3376 shows item #3 as serial #C2766. This is the Italian Carbine sold to H. HIDEELL, Post Office Box 2915, Dallas, Texas, by Klein's Sporting Goods, Incorporated, and shipped by that firm on March 20, 1963.

3. One invoice of Crescent Firearms, Incorporated, 2 West 37th Street, New York 18, New York, bearing invoice #3178, dated February 2, 1963, made to Klein's Sporting Goods, Incorporated, 4540 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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This invoice, Mr. WALDMAN noted, is concerned with the shipment of above described weapons, including weapon with serial #C2766, previously mentioned.

4. One check with attached voucher of Klein's Sporting Goods, Incorporated, 4540 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Both check and voucher bear the same number, 28966. Check dated March 1, 1963, in the amount of \$850.00, made payable to Crescent Firearms, Incorporated, 2 West 37th Street, New York 18, New York.

The voucher attached to this check shows date "2-7" for invoice #3178 in the amount of \$850.00.

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Mr. MERRILL BROWN, Lifschultz Fast Freight, 28 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that all records pertaining to the shipment of rifles from Crescent Firearms to Klein's in February, 1963, have been furnished the FBI as of November 25, 1963. He advised that a search of company records reflects no additional record pertaining to the ten cases of firearms received by Lifschultz from the North Penn Transfer Company. He stated that it was possible that the Consignee's memorandum, Pro Number A394857 of the North Penn Transfer Company, previously furnished the FBI by Mr. BROWN was the alleged fourth document purportedly in the possession of the Lifschultz firm.

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