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Police Chief Jesse Curry  
Dallas Police Department  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Chief Curry:

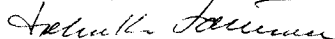
I am a medical historian, interested in comparing the shooting of President Kennedy and Mr. Oswald, with the shootings of President Lincoln and Mr. Booth. I am sympathetic with the problems of any modern police department which must be harassed by the demands of television crews and hampered by the over liberalization of current law interpretation.

In reviewing the Kennedy-Oswald case, I have been unable to find a definite statement as to the make of revolver used by Jack Ruby, to shoot Oswald. The report of the Warren Commission shows photographs of it, but does *not* mention the maker. I would assume it was either a Colt or Smith and Wesson, but there are so many other makers now in the field that I am seeking definite information from an authoritative source, such as yourself. It would be interesting if it was a Colt revolver, since Booth was almost undoubtedly shot down by a Colt percussion revolver of the well-known "ARMY" type.

If it was possible for me to get a good photograph of the revolver, I would certainly be glad to pay the usual fee as I so often have to do with the Smithsonian Institution or National Park Service, for photographs of historic items.

Many thanks for any help you can give me with this.

Sincerely,



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