

Denver Post Staff Writer Denver oilman John L-King that killed former President

John F. Kennedy. CA U.S. District Court jury in Therefore, King couldn't have surchased it from Oswald's

ridow, the jury ruled. The jury set the value of the weapon as a collector's

item at zero. The panel of three women pay to see it. and nine men awarded King claim, and told the jury it obtain the rifle or compensaa \$350 return from the government for rights to the .38-caliber pistol Oswald used to mur-

der a pursuing Dallas pairolman, J. D. Tippit. King had paid Mrs. Oswald \$10,000 for the weapons.

The jury was asked to determine whether King should receive any compensation for the rifle and pistol.

The abandonment question wasn't connected with the pistol, which was taken from Oswald on his arrest.

King, 27 Sunset Drive, Cherry fills Village, testified that as gun collector he valued the hurder weapon at \$450,000. as sold to Oswald by a Chicago mail order firm for \$21.45, **REC** 27

including telescoric sight. King based his bid for the 6.25 mm Manlicher Carcano Italian military rille on a Dec. 31, 1964, contract with Mrs. Os; ST-110 wald.

Mrs. Oswald was to get an additional \$35,000 if King ever fot possession of the weapons which were taken by the Warren Commission.

After the contract was signed, several communications from Congress passed a law obtaining Mrs. Oswald, including a depo-Jost his attempt Monday to ob-tain compensation for the rifle dent Kennedy's slaying. It speci-belong to the United States.

sought \$5 million for the rifle Henry, U. S. attorney for Co and the .38-caliber pistol.

the rifle could be shown around the world to persons willing to decided if the case will be ap-

could only consider the value tion for it. of the weapon as a collector's

The government resisted King's claims on grounds he acquired together. didn't own the rifle, regardless of the contract. Lee Harvey Oswald aband- It was sealed for reading Mononed the rifle at the Texas day. School Book Depository imthe government maintained.

have any claim upon it or authority to sell it, the government claimed.

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The government also used

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the rifle and hundreds of other sition taken for the trial, that fied owners of the property would receive "just compensa-torney W. C. Garrett, Dallas, Denver ruled that Lee Harvey Barred from ever getting the tr. Odell Lawytte to the of Denver ruled that Lee Harvey weapon he'd never seen, King ernment were Lawrence M and Denver attorney William Barred from ever getting the G. Odell Lawyers for the govand the .38-caliber pistol. He based his claim on com-David J. Anderson, U.S. Justice the rifle could be characteristic the rifle could be

Odell said Monday it wasn't pealed. King has estimated he

King testified he valued the item, not for any historical pistol which Oswald bought for \$29.95 at \$25,000 by itself; \$50,000 if it and the rifle were

The jury reached its unanimous verdict Friday morning.

mediately after the shooting the outcome of the case. His King wasn't present to hear Therefore, Mrs. Oswald couldn' ment.

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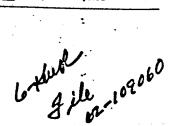
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