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**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63  
DALLAS, TEXAS**

By arrangement through Inspector J. R. Malley, Mr. Howard Williams of the President's Commission telephoned on 3/11/64, to arrange for representatives of the Commission to microscopically view the bullet and cartridge case evidence involved in the assassination of President Kennedy.

In accordance with the above arrangement, Mr. Melvin Eisenberg and Mr. David Bellin came to the Laboratory on the afternoon of 3/11/64, to view the evidence. Preliminary to viewing the evidence, it was explained to them that the interpretation of bullet and cartridge case examinations depended upon a detailed and searching analysis and correlation of all microscopic phenomena appearing on the bullet or cartridge case by an expert in the field of firearms identification. Very little could be accomplished by a layman making a casual observation other than see the complexity of the examination. After observing several items of evidence under a microscope, both Eisenberg and Bellin admitted that it was indeed a very complex subject for a layman and stated that very little could be gained for members of the Commission to view the evidence in this manner.

Mr. Eisenberg indicated that additional bullets had been recovered from the body of Officer J. D. Tippit who was shot to death by Oswald and requested that the Bureau arrange to obtain these additional bullets for comparison with Oswald's revolver. We advised him that the necessary action would be taken to procure these bullets if possible from the local police department that has jurisdiction over this evidence.

Mr. Bellin advised that the Commission was considering having the firearms evidence examined independently and in reply we advised him that this was of course strictly up to the Commission; however, we wanted to make it very

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clear to him that the results of our Laboratory's examinations were true and accurate and to supply depth to the conclusions arrived at, that three separate expert firearms identification specialists had examined the evidence independently and had arrived at the same conclusions.

Mr. Eisenberg advised that they were also contemplating asking for official testimony of the firearms expert as well as those involved in the handwriting, the fabric and the powder residue examinations probably during the week beginning 2/22/64, or 2/30/64.

**ACTION:**

In connection with the request for the additional bullets from the body of Officer Tippit, a teletype is being sent to the Dallas Office today in regard to this matter.