DIRECTOR AND SACS, DALLAS AND PHILADELPHIA

FROM- SAC, BOSTON /89-43/ 2-P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER

TWENTY-SECOND, SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS.

RE DALLAS TEL INSTANT DATE.

ON NOV. TWENTYNINE SIXTYTHREE FRED MILLER, SALESMANAGER OF SMITH AND WESSON INC., ADVISED SA THOMAS F. SULLIVAN THAT RECORDS SMITH AND WESSON, INC., SPRINGFIELD, MASS., DISCLOSE THIRTY-EIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER, SN EIGHT NINE THREE TWO SIX FIVE, WAS SHIPPED ON JANUARY THIRTEEN, FORTYTWO, TO U.S. GOVERNMENT, HARTFORD ORDNANCE, HARTFORD, CONN. HARTFORD ORDNANCE AT THAT TIME WAS DIVISION OF SPRINGFIELD ARMORY, SPRINGFIELD, MASS., AND ALL FIREARMS RECORDS AT THAT AGENCY WERE FORWARDED DURING NINETEEN FIFTY TO MISMA RECORDS CENTER, LETTERKENNY ORDNANCE, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

MILLER ADVISED HE BELIEVED SHIPMENTS TO HARTFORD ORDNANCE AT THAT TIME WERE DESTINED FOR ENGLAND UNDER LEND-LEASE AGREEMENT AND STAMPING ON CYLINDER IS PROBABLY A PROOF-MARK OF THAT GOVERNMENT CERTIFYING ITS ACCE SUCH WEAPONS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN SOLD SURPLUS IN END PAGE ONE

PACE THO

ENGLAND, ALTERED AND RECHAMBERED IN THAT COUNTRY TO

ACCOMMODATE THIRTY-EIGHT SPECIAL AMMUNITION. SUCH

WEAPONS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY IMPORTED FOR SALE BY U.S. CUN

DEALERS.

ORDNANCE, IN EFFORT TO FURTHER TRACE THIS WEAPON WHICH,
ACCORDING TO RETEL, WAS FOUND IN A PAPER BAG IN THE
IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF ASSASSINATION AREA.

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