11/25/63 W. D. Griffith Assassination of president John F. Kennedy By letter 11/24/63, Dallas furnished an enlarged copy of a photograph of suspect Oswald holding a rifle and wearing a pistol strapped to his hip. enlargement was furnished by Dallas Police Department, the original photograph having been found in the residence of Mrs. Michael R. (Ruth) Paine in Irving, Texas, where suspect's wife has been living. Because the photograph of Oswald shows very little detail, a comparison between the rifle in the picture and the photographs made by us of the murder rifle does not permit definite determination that the gun held by Oswald is the murder weapon. However, based on this comparison it has been determined that the gun shown in the photographs is similar in all respects and possibly depicts the same gun. There is a rather long cut mark on the stock of the murder weapon just above the trigger guard and by use of highlighting we have located a mark on the gun in the photograph of Oswald holding the gun which supports the "possibility" that they are one and the same. A copy of the photograph of Oswald referred to above is attached ACTION: None. For information. Enclosure 1 - Mr. Belmont - Mr. Sullivan 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Evans - Mr. Mohr - Mr. DeLoach WDG:mb