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U R G E N T 11-29-63 5-48 PM EST JTA
 TO DIRECTOR, SACS, DALLAS AND SPRINGFIELD
 FROM SAC; PHILADELPHIA /157-916/ 4 P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER
 TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS.

RE BOSTON TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE
 DALLAS TELETYPE NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE AND BUREAU PHONE CALL
 TO BOSTON, NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE.

FOR INFORMATION OF SPRINGFIELD RE BOSTON TEL ADVISED
 RECORDS OF SMITH AND WESSON, INC., SPRINGFIELD, MASS.,
 DISCLOSE POINT THREE EIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER, SN V FIVE ONE
 ZERO TWO ONE ZERO, TAKEN FROM LEE HARVEY OSWALD, WAS
 SHIPPED TO U. S. GOVERNMENT, HARTFORD ARMS, HARTFORD,
 CONN., ON JANUARY TEN, FORTYFOUR, PRESUMABLY FOR SHIPMENT
 TO ENGLAND UNDER LEND LEASE.

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GUN ORIGINALLY A FIVE INCH BARREL AND BUTT SWIVEL FOR BRITISH LANYARD ATTACHMENT. ASSEMBLY AND GRIP NUMBERS FURNISHED BY BUREAU ARE USED IN ASSEMBLY OF WEAPONS AT PLANT AND NO RECORD CONCERNING THESE NUMBERS IS RETAINED AFTER SHIPMENT.

SMITH AND WESSON OFFICIALS ADVISED NUMEROUS SUCH WEAPONS SHIPPED TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT WERE APPARENTLY DECLARED SURPLUS AND LATER RECHAMBERED FOR THIRTYEIGHT SPECIAL CARTRIDGE BY FIRMS IN THAT COUNTRY.

AFTER RECONDITIONING WEAPONS HAVE BEEN IMPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR SALE BY MAIL ORDER GUN DEALERS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. RECONDITIONING HAS ALSO BEEN DONE IN PUERTO RICO OF SIMILAR GUNS WHICH WERE IMPORTED FROM ENGLAND. COMPANY HAS NO RECORDS CONCERNING THE IDENTITY OF FIRMS ENGAGED IN THIS WORK. NO RECORDS CONCERNING IDENTITY OF DEALERS ENGAGED IN UNITED STATES SALE.

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PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION BY BOSTON OFFICE ON SIMILAR SMITH AND WESSON WARTIME SHIPMENTS TO HARTFORD ORDNANCE HAS DISCLOSED THAT INSTALLATION IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR OPERATED UNDER SPRINGFIELD ORDNANCE, SPRINGFIELD, MASS., WHICH AT ONE TIME HAD ORIGINAL RECORDS.

IN NINETEEN FIFTY, ALL RECORDS WHICH WERE RETAINED TO THAT DATE WERE SHIPPED TO LETTERKENNY ORDNANCE, CHAMBERSBURG, PA. WILLIAM HART, SECURITY CHIEF, SPRINGFIELD ARMORY, MASS., HAS THIS DATE CONFIRMED NO RECORDS RETAINED CONCERNING INSTANT WEAPON. HE HAS STATED ONLY POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER CHECK BEYOND HARTFORD ORDNANCE IS AT MISMA RECORD DEPOT, LETTERKENNY ORDNANCE.

ON NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE, CHARLES MELLOTT, BASE SECURITY OFFICER, LETTERKENNY ORDNANCE DEPOT, CHAMBERSBURG, PA., ADVISED SA WILBUR S. METCALF, JR. THAT ON NOVEMBER TWENTYONE LAST ALL MISMA RECORDS WERE SENT TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL, U. S. ARMY WEAPONS COMMAND, ROCK ISLAND, ILL., VIA ALLIED VAN
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LINES TRANSPORTATION COMPANY. HISNA W KION AS AMSWE-SMD-1.

SPRINGFIELD CONTACT APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL AT ROCK ISLAND
ARSENAL, ROCK ISLAND, ILL., RE FURTHER TRACING OF WEAPON.

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