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Re: Assassination of President Kennedy
Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963

On January 2, 1964, there was received at the St. Louis Office of the FBI from the Browning Arms Company, 1706 Washington, St. Louis, Missouri, a letter dated December 24, 1963, which had been directed to the Browning Arms Company, and an envelope postmarked at New York, New York, addressed to the president of that company.

The letter forwarded by Browning Arms Company is as follows:

"December 24th 1963

"Dear Sir:

"The guns I asked to receive were to defend the President of the United States. I wrote on Nov. 22, 1962 to the Commanding General, United States Marine Corps Academy, Quantico, Virginia that they plan to kill the President on Nov. 22nd 1963 at 1:00 PM from a big apartment house 6th floor corner room window that is overlooking the highway and the underpass to Dallas, Texas, coming from the airport. This I heard of Mr. Antonio La Rocca, alias Al Capone living in Bari, Italy saying that he himself did live in that room and the assassin shall be his son. Cops had picked me up in 1956 and I overheard them say 'He is supposed to save Kennedy's life, this way we got them both' and I am kept detained since on false charges. Kindly deliver to me personally two guns Browning target pistols with vents and left as well as right holster, with 48 round of ammunition, oiling and cleaning equipment, both guns charged to my credit, please. You may have to deliver them to me at gun point.

"I am held at [redacted] Manhattan State Hospital, Ward's Island, New York 35, N. Y.

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"I own one fast Masurat; 4 door blue sedan,
the dealer of the Masurat in New York and would
appreciate this car with both my guns.

"Thankfully yours,
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