- Mr. 'Belmont - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Shroder

- Kr. Rogge

April 30, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin General Counsel The President's Commission 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 21, 1964, and my letter dated March 27, 1964, relating to the 6.5 millimeter Mannlicher-Carcano Italian military rifle, serial number C2766, and to your request for this Bureau to obtain the originals or photographic copies of all documents relating to this rifle as well as an Italian carbine rifle, serial number 2766.

Enclosed for your assistance are two copies of a twenty-page self-explanatory communication from our Dallas, Texas, Office dated April 22, 1964. This communication describes in a systematic manner the documents obtained by this Bureau in accordance with your request. The documents relating to the rifle bearing the serial number C2766 are described first followed by data on the rifle bearing serial number 2766.

In addition, there are enclosed two photographic copies each of thirty-six documents relating to the above rifles arranged in the same sequence as described in the enclosed Dallas communication.

For your information, copies of exhibits D 17, D 18, D 19, D 77 and J 1 have been previously furnished to you and were consequently not duplicated for this particular request. The originals or copies of the

1 - SAC, Dallas (100-10461) (info)

F. B. I. 105-82555 - 62-109060 (Assassination of Prose sinedy)

1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)

RDR:vhm

1 - Mr. R.A.Frazier SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

22 1964

1 - Mr. I.W.Conrad

1 - Mr. R.E.Lenihan

1 - Mr. J.C.Cadigan

- Mr. W.C. Sullivan

Honorable J. Lee Rankin

enclosed documents obtained by this Bureau are being retained in our Laboratory under the indicated exhibit identification numbers.

This concludes inquiries by this Bureau pursuant to the requests set forth in your letter dated February 21, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (74)

NOTE:

Commission by relet in addition to the above request desired considerable technical data relating to the assassination rifle, C2766. This information was furnished the Commission by Bureau letter 3/27/64 at which time the Commission was apprised of the fact that the additional document request made by them was involved in nature requiring seven Bureau offices to conduct investigation including investigation in Canada. Sufficient information has been developed to show the carbine bearing serial number 2766 is dissimilar to the assassination rifle.