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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached concerns forfeiture proceedings by the Government to retain the rifle used to assassinate President Kennedy and revolver used to kill police officer Tippitt. The weapons must be in the state where forfeiture proceedings are being handled. John J. King on 5/24/65 filed civil action in USDC, Denver, for recovery of weapons as legal owner. We are not aware how he acquired said ownership and the Department has not requested investigation concerning this. A bill "H. R. 9545" is pending which will allow the Attorney General to choose any item of evidence relating to the assassination of President Kennedy which will be registered in the Federal Register and become property of the U. S. Government. Shipment will be handled by the Laboratory and Department will be advised when SAC, Dallas, receives weapons.

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