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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
DALLAS, TEXAS

\*Reference is made to your letter captioned  
"Assassination Weapons," dated August 26, 1965, FMV:CWB:pem,  
129-11.

Special Agent in Charge, J. Gordon Shanklin, of  
our Dallas Office has advised that on September 10, 1965,  
the U. S. Marshal, Northern District of Texas, served a  
Warrant of Seizure on the rifle, with appurtenances, used  
to assassinate President Kennedy and the pistol, with  
appurtenances, used by Lee Harvey Oswald which caused the  
death of Dallas Police Officer, J. D. Tippit. The U. S.  
Marshal advised that in serving the Warrant of Seizure, he  
would have constructive custody of these items; however,  
the weapons have been left in the custody of Mr. Shanklin.

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Enclosed for your information is one copy each of  
the Warrant of Seizure, Order Granting Leave to File Libel,  
Civil No. 3-1171, Request For Leave to File Libel, Civil  
No. 3-1171 and Libel of Information, Civil No. 3-1171,  
furnished by our Dallas Office.

The United States Attorney for the Northern  
District of Texas has advised our Dallas Office this is  
the procedure he is following as recommended by the Criminal  
Division of the Department of Justice.

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NOTE:

This matter concerns the forfeiture proceedings currently being taken by the Government to retain the rifle used to assassinate President Kennedy and the pistol used to kill Police Officer Tippit. These weapons were previously furnished to our Dallas Office as the Department notified us the weapons must be in the state where the forfeiture proceedings are being handled. This matter comes within the jurisdiction of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, Internal Revenue Service. We previously advised the Department that the weapons were in the custody of SAC, Dallas and further requested the Department to advise us what disposition was to be made of these weapons upon completion of the forfeiture proceedings. The Department noted that disposition of these weapons would be dependent upon the successful completion of the forfeiture proceedings and the civil action of John J. King v. The Attorney General, U. S. D. C., Denver, Colorado, Civil No. 9168. SAC, Dallas advised by airtel dated 9/11/65, U. S. Marshal, Northern District of Texas, served a Warrant of Seizure on these weapons in connection with the forfeiture proceedings. By doing this, he would have constructive custody of the weapons; however, the weapons remained in custody of SAC, Dallas. The USA, NDT, indicated this is the procedure recommended to him by the Department. The various documents mentioned furnished to us by Dallas are being forwarded to the Department for their information and Xerox copies are being maintained in the file.

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