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January 11, 1968

Director, FBI (62-107063)-8026

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach

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

This will confirm the conversation between [redacted] and Special Agent Kenneth M. Raupach on January 5, 1968, concerning the civil actions filed against the United States by Mr. John J. King and Marina N. Oswald Porter pursuant to Public Law 89-313 which vested title to the Warren Commission exhibits in the United States and permitted claims for just compensation to be filed against the United States.

[redacted] advised that in preparing for the defense for these civil actions, he desired to know what action caused the transfer of evidence, which was obtained by the Dallas Police Department, to this Bureau.

Files of this Bureau indicate former Assistant Attorney General Herbert J. Miller, Jr., was in contact with Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade and Dallas Chief of Police Jesse Curry, who requested the FBI to take possession of all of the evidence concerning the assassination in the possession of the Dallas Police Department. As a result of this request, on November 26, 1963, evidence in possession of the Dallas Police Department was acquired by our Dallas Office for temporary retention awaiting the decision as to its final disposition. Evidence obtained was inventoried and appropriate receipts were obtained.

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- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
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- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
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- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
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- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTE:**

By letter dated 12/1/67, [REDACTED] advised that John J. King and Marina N. Oswald Porter had filed civil complaints against United States under Public Law 89-318 for just compensation for evidence acquired during the assassination investigation. King's suit concerns the assassination rifle and the .38 caliber revolver used by Lee Harvey Oswald to kill Police Officer J. D. Tippit. It is noted John J. King previously purchased the right to ownership of these weapons from Marina Oswald Porter. Porter's suit concerns other evidence that was taken.

The President, by Executive Order 11130, dated 11/29/63, created the President's Commission to investigate the assassination. Mr. William A. Gershuny, who is handling the defense for the Department, is aware that the President ordered the Bureau to conduct an investigation of the assassination following the incident. Gershuny indicated it was pertinent to his defense to determine how the evidence which had been acquired by the Dallas Police Department came into our possession prior to the creation of the Warren Commission.

On 11/26/63, Deputy Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach called the Director and advised that Assistant Attorney General Herbert J. Miller said the Dallas Police were anxious to get rid of all the evidence they had. Mr. Katzenbach asked if it would be accepted, and the Director said there was no objection to accepting, (62-109060, Serial 188.) All evidence including the guns are now in the possession of the National Archives.