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Assistant Attorney General

January 10, 1968

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

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

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Reference is made to your letter dated December 1, 1967, captioned, "John J. King v. Nicholas deB. Katzenbach (U.S.D.C. Colo., Civil Action No. 9163), John J. King v. United States of America (U.S.D.C. Colo., Civil Action No. 67-C-518), Marina N. Oswald/Porter, et al. v. United States (U.S.D.C. N.D. Tex., Civil Action No. CA-3-2282, Dallas Div.), ELWJr:HFL:WAGershuny:sao, 145-12-979, 78-13-29, 78-73-131."

This letter will also confirm the conversation between Mr. William A. Gershuny and Special Agent Kenneth M. Raupach of this Bureau on January 3, 1968, concerning the suit filed by John J. King. Mr. Gershuny advised he was interested in the location of the 6.5 millimeter Mannlicher-Carcano Rifle and the .33 Smith and Wesson Revolver used by Lee Harvey Oswald to kill Dallas Police Officer J. D. Tippit subsequent to the assassination. He was advised that a chronology concerning the location of these weapons was previously furnished to Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., by letter dated November 23, 1965. Mr. Gershuny also said he had been in contact with the Assistant United States Attorney in Dallas who advised that receipts were in possession of our Dallas Office concerning the transfer of these weapons from the Dallas Police Department and requested copies of these receipts to assist him in preparing his defense.

Enclosed are four Xerox copies of the receipts pertinent to this matter which were furnished by our Dallas Office. In addition, Xerox copies of these receipts have been furnished to Assistant United States Attorney B. H. Timmins, Jr., Dallas, Texas, who is handling certain phases of the civil suit filed by John J. King.

Enclosures (4)

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. DeLoach _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Bishop _____
- Mr. Casper _____
- Mr. Callahan _____
- Mr. Conrad _____
- Mr. Felt _____
- Mr. Gale _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Sullivan _____
- Mr. Tavel _____
- Mr. Trotter _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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NOTE:

By letter dated 12/1/67, Assistant Attorney General Edwin L. Weisl, Jr., 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.

Mr. William A. Gershuny has a primary interest in the suit filed by King. He desired to know the location of the assassination rifle and .38 revolver subsequent to the assassination. He was referred to a chronology concerning location of these weapons previously furnished to the Department 11/23/65. He also requested copies of receipts concerning these weapons which were furnished by Dallas and are being furnished per his request.

Department letter 12/1/67 indicated that in connection with Porter's suit, they needed to know how exhibits came into custody, who obtained them originally, time custody was initially obtained by Federal officers, and location at the time of original custody. Department letter 1/4/68 indicated due to the voluminous research involved concerning Porter's suit, it was asked that nothing further be done in regard to this matter.