Nr. Edwin L. Weisl, Jr. Assistant Attorney General

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This will acknowledge your letter dated January 24, 1958, concerning the civil actions filed against the United States by Mr. John J. King and Marina N. Oswald Porter pursuant to Public Law 89-318.

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You mentioned that Mr. W. A. Gershuny intends to arrive in Dallas on January 30, 1968, and desires to meet the Special Agent in Charge of our Dallas Office, Mr. J. Gordon Shanklin, and Special Agents Vincent E. J. Drain and Robert P. Gemberling to discuss this matter with them.

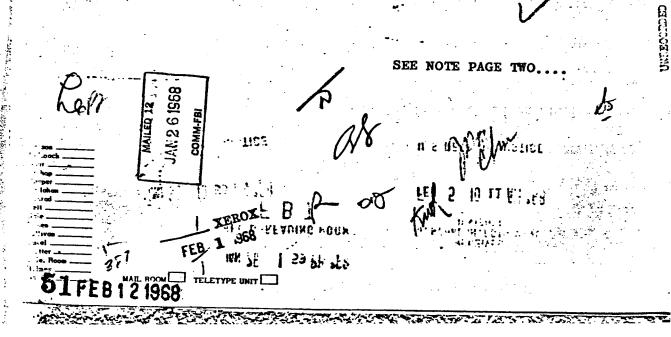
Hr. Shanklin has been advised of Mr. Gershuny's anticipated arrival, and he will be expecting him. Our Dallas Office is located in Room 200, 1810 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas, telephone number Riverside 1-1851.

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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 the 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 that John J. King previously purchased the right to ownership of these weapons from Marina Oswald Porter. Porter's suit contains other evidence that was taken.

The Civil Division of the Department is defending the Government, and we previously furnished receipts for these weapons and investigative reports as requested by "the Department. Mr. W. A. Gershuny of the Department has requested to discuss this matter with SAC Shanklin and SAS Drain and Gemberling in Dallas to fully develop the circumstances surrounding the release of these weapons on 11/26/63 by the Dallas Police Department to our Dallas Office.

SAC Shanklin is being telephonically notified of Mr. Gershuny's anticipated arrival on 1/30/68. He is also being instructed that he or the other Agents are to be present when depositions are obtained from Marina Oswald.

NOTE: