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## The Oswald Relics

Assassin Lee Harvey Oswald's rifle and personal effects may indeed have a much higher value in the sick-interest market than the \$3,000 allowed here to the widow by federal district court.

But the court isn't in the crime-sensation market and has the best of reasons for not being in it.

First, sensation aside, the Oswald relics are nothing more than evidence rightfully seized and held. They are not up for bids.

Second, the government has no business even acknowledging the fictitious value given these drab trifles by people seeking profit.

For the court to pay a sensation

bounty because these things belonged to the alleged murderer of a president would be to concede that terrible crimes pay public dividends in unhealthy public barter and interest in a killer's relics. Worse yet, it would be to concede that courts take note of such transactions in terms of reward.

This kind of dismal glamour only tempts other sick minds. If the court had a duty, it was to diminish and discourage any glamorization of the event, the man or his relics. This was done. No conceivable public interest could have been served by the court's stooping to any acknowledgment that private gain had a part in the proceedings.

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