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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY NOVEMBER
 TWENTY TWO NINETEEN SIXTY THREE, OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS,
 TEXAS. RE DALLAS TELETYPE DATED NOVEMBER TWENTY NINE LAST
 AND BUREAU PHONE CALL TO BOSTON NOVEMBER TWENTY NINE LAST.

RECORDS OF SMITH AND WESSON, INC., SPRINGFIELD, MASS.
 DISCLOSE POINT THREE EIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER, SERIAL NUMBER
 V FIVE ONE ZERO TWO ONE ZERO TAKEN FROM LEE HARVEY OSWALD
 WAS SHIPPED TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, HARTFORD ORDNANCE
 HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT ON JANUARY TEN NINETEEN FORTY-FOUR
 PRESUMABLY FOR SHIPMENT TO ENGLAND UNDER LEND LEASE.

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GUN ORIGINALLY A FIVE INCH BARREL AND BUTT SWIVEL
 FOR BRITISH LANYARD ATTACHMENT. ASSEMBLY AND GRIP NUMBERS
 FURNISHED BY BUREAU ARE USED IN ASSEMBLY OF WEAPONS AT PLANT
 AND NO RECORD CONCERNING THESE NUMBERS IS RETAINED AFTER SHIP-
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SMITH AND WESSON OFFICIALS ADVISED NUMEROUS SUCH WEAPONS SHIPPED TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT WERE APPARENTLY DECLARED SURPLUS AND LATER RECHAMBERED FOR THIRTY EIGHT SPECIAL CARTRIDGE BY FIRMS IN THAT COUNTRY.

AFTER RECONDITIONING WEAPONS HAVE BEEN IMPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR SALE BY MAIL ORDER GUN DEALERS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. RECONDITIONING HAS ALSON BEEN DONE IN PUERTO RICO OF SIMILAR GUNS WHICH WERE IMPORTED FROM ENGLAND. COMPANY HAS NO RECORDS CONCERNING THE IDENTITY OF FIRMS ENGAGED IN THIS WORK. NO RECORDS CONCERNING THE IDENTITY OF DEALERS ENGAGED IN UNITED STATES SALE.

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION BY BOSTON OFFICE ON SIMILAR SMITH AND WESSON WARTIME SHIPMENTS TO HARTFORD ORDNANCE HAS DISCLOSED THAT INSTALLATION IN NINETEEN FORTY FOUR OPERATED UNDER SPRINGFIELD ORDNANCE, SPRINGFIELD, MASS. WHICH AT ONE TIME HAD ORIGINAL RECORDS.

IN NINETEEN FIFTY ALL RECORDS WHICH WERE RETAINED TO THAT DATE WERE SHIPPED TO LETTER KENNY ORDNANCE, PHILADELPHIA PENNSYLVANIA. WILLIAM HART, SECURITY CHEIF, SPRINGFIELD ARMORY MASSACHUSETTS HAS THIS DATE CONFIRMED NO RECORDS RETAINED CONCERNING INSTANT WEAPON. HE HAS STATED ONLY POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER CHECK BEYOND HARTFORD ORDNANCE IS AT MISMA RECORD DEPOT, LETTER KENNY ORDNANCE.
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PHILADELPHIA CONTACT MISMA IN EFFORT TO
TRACE WEAPON.

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