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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 11/29/63

FROM : R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS; 11/22/63

A teletype was received from the Dallas Office dated 11/27/63, and received at the Bureau on 11/28/63, regarding questions about Oswald's .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver. A copy of this teletype is attached.

On 11/29/63, at 12:20 a. m., ASAC K. G. Clark, Dallas Office, was telephonically advised of the following information:

- (1) Oswald's revolver is known as a .38/200 British Service Revolver and was originally chambered for the .38 Smith and Wesson cartridge.
- (2) The serial number of this weapon is V510210; Assembly number 65248; and these numbers appear in all the usual places indicating that all major parts of this weapon, except for the grips, are original parts. It was pointed out that the inside of the right grip bears the number 74149. The number on the grip would usually correspond with the serial number of the weapon.
- (3) Alterations - The cylinder of this weapon has been re-chambered to .38 Special; The barrel has been cut off at the first "S" in the word "WESSON" on the barrel (present barrel 2 1/4" long); Front sight put on at muzzle; Butt swivel hole has been plugged; "CAL .38 SPECIAL" has been stamped on the left side of the frame (probably by converter).
- (4) On the basis of the English proof marks present on the barrel, cylinder and frame, this weapon has been sent to England. The barrel also bears the stampings ".38".767" 3 1/2 TONS. "There is nothing unusual about this weapon

Enclosure

- 1-Mr. Belmont
- 1-Mr. Mohr
- 1-Mr. Rosen
- 1-Mr. DeLoach
- 1-Mr. Sullivan, Attention: Mr. Bartlett
- 1-Mr. Handley, Room 5710

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being sent to England, since weapons of this type were produced for England and Canada during World War II. (All weapons entering England must be proof-tested and marked.)

(5) Although the Laboratory does not know who made the conversion of this weapon, the following firms have been known to sell weapons of this type:

Dave's House of Guns, 2544 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas

Vic's for Guns, Galveston, Texas

Golden State Arms, 386 West Green Street, Pasadena, California

Klein's, 227 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois

(Interarmco, Alexandria, Virginia, does not sell this particular conversion)

Mr. Clark stated he wanted photographs of this weapon. He was advised that the Laboratory will send photographs to Dallas this date. Mr. Clark also wanted Boston to be telephonically advised of the afore-mentioned information so that Smith and Wesson can be contacted regarding tracing this weapon.

On 11/29/63, at 12:40 a. m., Security Patrol Clerk Thomas Cloherty, Boston Office, was telephonically furnished this information and the SAC should be advised. Further, Boston should furnish the results of the contact at the Smith and Wesson factory to Dallas and the Laboratory. Photographs of this gun will be sent to Boston only if they are needed per instructions of Mr. Clark.

ACTION:

For information.