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TO DIRECTOR, AND SACS CHICAGO AND DALLAS AND PHILADELPHIA
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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

CONCERNING SUBJECT MATTER RIFLE, SERIAL NUMBER C TWO SEVEN SIX SIX, EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW OF MR. LOUIS FELTSOTT, SEVENTY ONE STONELEIGH ROAD, SCARSDALE, NY, PRESIDENT OF CRESCENT FIREARMS, TWO WEST THIRTY SEVENTH STREET, WHO IS ALSO TREASURER OF FOLSON FIREARMS OF NYC, ASCERTAINED THE MOVEMENT OF SUBJECT MATTER WEAPON. ACCORDING TO FELTSOTT, CRESCENT FIREARMS EMPLOYS AGENTS IN ITALY TO ACT ON THEIR BEHALF IN THE PURCHASE OF SURPLUS FIREARMS. HE ADVISED THAT HIS AGENTS ACQUIRE AND PACK THESE SURPLUS WEAPONS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE ITALIAN MILITARY. THESE WEAPONS ARE PACKED TEN TO A CARTON AND A RECORDING OF THE SERIAL NUMBERS OF THESE WEAPONS IS MADE AT THE TIME OF THE PACKING IN ITALY. FELTSOTT RELATED THAT THIS RECORDING OF THE SERIAL NUMBERS IN EACH INDIVIDUAL PACKED CARTON IS REFLECTED ON A FORM THREE SIX TWO ZERO BY THE ITALIAN AGENT FOR CRESCENT FIREARMS COMPANY DURING THE ACTUAL PACKING.

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WHEN THE PACKING OF THE WEAPONS IS COMPLETED, ONE COPY OF FORM THREE SIX TWO ZERO IS AFFIXED TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE CARTON AND OTHER COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE MAILED TO CRESCENT AT TWO WEST THIRTY SEVENTH STREET, NYC. ACCORDING TO FELDSOTT, ALL OF THESE CARTONS ARE SHIPPED FROM ITALY TO THE UNITED STATES BEARING THE NAME OF ADAMS CONSOLIDATED INDUSTRIES, FOUR ZERO FIVE FIFTH AVENUE, AS THE CONSIGNEE. UPON THE ARRIVAL OF THESE CARTONS IN THE UNITED STATES, THEY ARE PLACED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF UNITED STATES CUSTOMS IN A BONDED WAREHOUSE.

ADAMS CONSOLIDATED INDUSTRIES AND CRESCENT FIREARMS UTILIZE THE LICENSED CUSTOMS BROKER, FREEDMAN AND SLATER, EIGHT BRIDGE STREET, NYC, TO CLEAR THE SHIPMENTS THROUGH UNITED STATES CUSTOMS FROM THE INCOMING SHIP TO THE WAREHOUSE.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE ARRIVAL OF THESE CARTONS, PAPER TRANSACTIONS FOR THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP ENABLES THE CRESCENT FIREARMS COMPANY TO BECOME THE OWNER OF THE CARTONS AND COMMENCE

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ACTION TO CLEAR THEM FROM THE WAREHOUSE FOR SUBSEQUENT SALE. THESE CARTONS REMAIN IN THE BONDED WAREHOUSE UNTIL CRESCENT RECEIVES A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF ORDERS FOR WEAPONS AND THEN ADVISES ONE FRED RUPP OF PERKASIE, PA., TO ACT IN THEIR BEHALF IN ORDER THAT THE WEAPONS BE SERVICED AND CLEANED PRIOR TO SALE. ACCORDING TO FELDSOTT, RUPP PERSONALLY TRUCKS THE YET UNOPENED CARTONS FROM THE BONDED WAREHOUSE TO PERKASIE PA., WHERE THEY ARE OPENED BY HIM AND THE INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS PREPARED FOR SALE. FELDSOTT RELATED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO THE CLEANING AND SERVICING OF THE RIFLES BY RUPP, THEY ARE REPACKED BY HIM IN THE CARTONS, TEN TO A CARTON. FELDSOTT STATES THAT OFTEN THE WEAPONS ARE NOT REPACKED IN THE SAME CARTON IN WHICH THEY WERE SHIPPED FROM ITALY. HE ADVISED THAT HIS ORDERS ARE RECEIVED BY CRESCENT IN NY FOR QUANTITIES OF THESE RIFLES. THESE ORDERS ARE RELAYED TO RUPP WHO, IN TURN, SHIPS THE DESIRED QUANTITIES TO THE PURCHASER. IN THIS REGARD, RUPP UTILIZES NORTH PENN TRANSFER DASH LIFSCHULTZ OF LANSDALE, PA., FOR SHIPPING.

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ACCORDING TO FELDSOTT, THE PARTICULAR CARTON WHICH CONTAINED SUBJECT MATTER RIFLE, SERIAL NUMBER C TWO SEVEN SIX SIX, WAS DESIGNATED AT THE TIME OF ITS PACKING IN ITALY AS CARTON NUMBER THREE THREE SEVEN SIX AND SUBJECT MATTER RIFLE IS INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN AS MODEL THIRTY EIGHT E. HE ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO THE SHIPPING OF THE WEAPONS FROM RUPP, CRESCENT FIREARMS RECEIVES COPIES OF INVOICES REFLECTING SUCH SHIPMENTS. HE ADVISED THAT CRESCENT INVOICE NUMBER THREE ONE SEVEN EIGHT, REFLECTING A SHIPMENT BY RUPP IN THE NAME OF CRESCENT ON FEBRUARY SEVEN SIXTY THREE, VIA NORTH PENN TO KLEINS SPORTING GOODS, CHICAGO, REFLECTED THAT THE CARTON SHIPPED UNDER THIS INVOICE CONTAINED SUBJECT MATTER RIFLE, SERIAL NUMBER C TWO SEVEN SIX SIX.

ADDITIONAL RECORDS OF CRESCENT WILL BE REVIEWED ON NOVEMBER TWENTY FIVE SIXTY THREE WHEN THEIR RECORD SAFE IS OPENED.

NEW YORK IS CONTINUING TO REVIEW ALL RECORDS OF FREEDMAN AND SLATER AND OF UNITED STATES CUSTOMS TO ESTABLISH CHAIN OF POSSESSION OF RIFLE AND TO CLEARLY ESTABLISH INDIVIDUALITY OF RIFLE, SERIAL NUMBER C TWO SEVEN SIX SIX.

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