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To: SAC, Dallas (89-43)
From: Director, FBI (62-109060)

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

Reference is made to Bureau teletype to Dallas on 12/6/63, in which Dallas was requested to endeavor to trace the sling on Oswald's rifle.

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Enclosed are four photographs of each side of this sling.

The sling is composed of cowhide which has been finished on the outside with a smooth black surface. The inside is a rough, natural brown, unstained surface. The wide portion of the sling as shown in the photographs is 2" wide and 9 1/2" in length. A chrome-plated ring is fastened to each end of this wide piece by a strap riveted to the wide piece with two black rivets. To each ring is riveted a 3 1/2" piece of 3/4" strap. A buckle is riveted to the end of each of the short straps. Onto this buckle is fastened a 3/4" strap which is 43" in length. It is apparent that this strap was longer since each end has been cut off subsequent to manufacture. Fourteen buckle-tongue holes appear in each end of the long strap, apparently made during manufacture. The holes used to mount the sling to the rifle, however, appear to be handmade and are located 1/2" from each end.

No manufacturer's data appears on any part of the sling except for the inscription "United Carr" which appears on two snaps which have been mounted on the wide section of the sling.

Enclosures (8)

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Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
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DALLAS, TEXAS
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The purpose for which these snaps were intended is not known.

The sling appears to have been adapted from a carrying strap from a photographer's equipment bag or similar source.

It is anticipated that two or more of these straps may be purchased by the Bureau in the event the source of the sling can be located.