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FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461) P

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Re Buairtel to Dallas 2/24/64 enclosing copy of President's Commission Letter dated 2/21/64 and Dallas airtel to Bureau 3/2/64.

Enclosed to receiving offices are one copy each of referenced Buairtel and its enclosure, except Philadelphia 2 copies each.

Receiving offices will be concerned only with Items 2 and 3 (Paragraphs 2 and 3) of enclosed Commission letter. It is noted Page 2, Line 5, of Commission letter lists a rifle bearing Serial No. 2776, which should read "2766".

Following set forth for assistance of offices in obtaining necessary documents:

C O. WISE ITEM NO. 2 (ASSASSINATION RIFLE-LABORATORY SPECIMEN K1.)

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 - 2 - Albany (Enc 2)(RM)
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CRESCENT FIREARMS, INC., 2 West 37th
Street, New York City

LOUIS FIELDSOTT, President, Crescent, and Treasurer, Tolson Firearms of New York City, advised Crescent employs Agents in Italy to act in their behalf in purchase surplus firearms. Weapons secured by Agents under supervision Italian Military. Weapons packed ten to carton and serial numbers recorded at time of packing in Italy. Recording of serial numbers in each packed carton reflected on Form 3620 by Italian Agent for Crescent. One copy of form affixed to exterior of carton and other copies mailed to Crescent. Cartons shipped to United States bearing name of Adams Consolidated Industries, 405 Fifth Avenue, New York City, as consignee. Upon arrival in United States, cartons placed in bonded warehouse under supervision United States Customs.

Adams Consolidated Industries and Crescent Firearms use customs broker FREEDMAN and SLATER, 8 Bridge Street, New York City, to clear shipments through United States Customs from incoming ship to warehouse. After arrival of cartons in U. S., paper transactions for transfer of ownership enables Crescent to become owner, and clear from warehouse for sale.

When sufficient orders received by Crescent, it advises FRED RUPP, Perkasio, Pennsylvania. RUPP personally trucks unopened cartons of rifles from warehouse to Perkasio, services them, and repacks rifles for shipment to purchaser, utilizing services of North Penn Transfer-Lifschultz of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, for shipping. Carton containing Rifle C2766 at time of packing in Italy was designated as Carton No. 3376. After shipment by RUPP, Crescent receives copies of invoices reflecting shipment. Crescent Invoice No. 3178 reflects shipment by RUPP in name of Crescent on February 7, 1963, via North Penn to Klein's Sporting Goods, Chicago, Illinois, which included Carton No. 3376.

FRED W. RUPP, RFD 2, Mink Road,
Perkasio, Pennsylvania

RUPP has subcontract with Crescent Firearms, Inc. to clean various types of Italian made rifles, which he thereafter ships to customers designated by Crescent. He obtains these guns from Harborside Warehouse Terminal, Jersey City, New Jersey.

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He keeps no record of the number of the carton or serial numbers of the rifles when he picks them up from Harborside Warehouse Terminal, but when he repacks the rifles in a new carton, it is numbered with the same number it contained at the time he originally obtained same from warehouse.

The only record RUPF maintains is a carton number record of the cartons he ships from his place to various customers designated by Crescent.

His shipping book reflects on February 12, 1963, on Crescent Firearms, Inc., Order No. 3178, he turned over Carton No. 3376 to North Penn Transfer Company, Lansdale, Pennsylvania, for shipment.

NORTH PENN TRANSFER, INC., Route 202 and
53, Lansdale, Pennsylvania

ARTHUR M. ANDERS, President and General Manager, advised his company has undated Bill of Lading No. 3178, indicating shipment of ten cartons-guns or rifles-shipped from Crescent Firearms, Inc., Ottsville, Pennsylvania (near Peikasia, Pennsylvania) to Klein's Sporting Goods, Chicago, Illinois, which was routed via North Penn Transfer Company, c/o Lifschultz East Freight, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Shipment received from Crescent by IRVIN MOORE, driver for North Penn Transfer Company, who delivered to Lifschultz East Freight, Philadelphia, on February 13, 1963.

LIFSCHULTZ EAST FREIGHT COMPANY, 1815 North
Front Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

JOHN GARIS, Terminal Manager, advised his records reflect shipment of ten cases of firearms received 2/13/63 from North Penn Transfer Company, Lansdale, Pennsylvania, consigned to Klein's in Chicago. It was sent on Flag 4, Pro No. 725, and was to arrive Chicago February 15, 1963.

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LIFSCHULTZ FAST FREIGHT, 28 North LaSalle
Street, Chicago, Illinois

MERRILL BROWN, above company, furnished the following on November 25, 1963:

1. Consignee's Memo, Pro No. A394857 of North Penn Transfer, Inc., Lansdale, Pennsylvania, dated February 12, 1963, reflecting shipment of "10 CR or Case Guns or Rifles" from Crescent Firearms, Inc., Pottsville (Ottsville), Pa., Shipper's No. 3178, consigned to "Kelins Sporting Gds", 4540 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

2. Lifschultz Fast Freight Delivery Receipt No. 3-041342 dated February 15, 1963, reflecting receipt of above shipment by Klein's Sporting Goods on February 21, 1963.

3. Lifschultz Fast Freight Chicago Run Sheet, Run No. 48969, reflecting delivery of above shipment to Klein's by Lifschultz Driver JONES, Employee No. 293.

KLEIN'S SPORTING GOODS, INC., 4540
West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois

WILLIAM J. WALDMAN, Vice President, advised his records reflect Italian Carbine, Serial C2766, shipped from Crescent Firearms, Inc., New York City, their Invoice 3178, dated February 7, 1963, to Klein's. Shipment handled by North Penn Transfer-Lifschultz, date of receipt not certain; however, Klein's opened carton on February 22, 1963.

MITCHELL SCIBOR, Office Manager, provided copy of record which he made upon opening gun cases on February 22, 1963 with notations thereon. A notation "RR #1243" indicated Receiving Report Number which details the method of travel and so forth of the guns. This record also indicates company control numbers 770 through 869 and company control number 836 shows a weapon, Serial No. C2766.

WILLIAM J. WALDMAN produced microfilm consisting of photographs of various business documents including a reel of microfilm identified as "Filmfill No. 83, 269688-270596, General Files".

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These records contain photograph of Klein's Sporting Goods "Order Blank" bearing stamped date of March 13, 1963, on Transaction No. 270502 showing purchase of Italian Carbine 6.5, W/4X Scope, Klein's Control No. VC836, Serial No. C2766, which was shipped to purchaser March 20, 1963. The order blank identified purchaser as A. Hidell, P. O. Box 2915, Dallas, Texas. Reel also contained photograph of envelope postmarked Dallas, Texas, dated March 12 (year indistinguishable). Envelope addressed to "Klein's-Dept. 358, Washington Street, Chicago 6, Illinois". Upper left hand corner contains return address "A. Hidell, P. O. Box 2915, Dallas, Texas". Also, included is small advertisement of Klein's Sporting Goods, which contains following inserted in spaced provided "Bulk Item Nos.: C20-J 750". "Enclosed is: \$19.95 (portion indistinguishable)" "Name: A. Hidell". "Address: P. O. Box 2915, Dallas, Texas."

WALDMAN also advised records of company reflect rifle purchased by A. HIDELELL, Post Office Box 2915, Dallas, Texas, was paid for with money order received by company March 13, 1963. Records also reveal Postal Money Order in amount of \$21.45 deposited at First National Bank of Chicago March 15, 1963, the total amount of deposit being \$13,827.98, and the company account at First National Bank of Chicago is 50-91144.

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

JOHN GRIMES, U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C., made available U. S. Postal Money Order No. 2,202,130,462 in the amount of \$21.45 payable to Klein's Sporting Goods, signed A. HIDELELL, Post Office Bcx 2915, Dallas, Texas, issued March 12, 1963 at Dallas, Texas, endorsed in favor First National Bank of Chicago by Klein's. This money order bears Klein's Stamp No. 50-91144.

Application for Post Office Box signed by LEE H. OSWALD, October 9, 1962, indicating Box 2915, opened October 9, 1962, and closed May 14, 1963.

Change of Address Order, POD Form 3575, directed to postmaster, Dallas, Texas, signed LEE H. OSWALD, requesting address change from P. O. Box 2915, Dallas, to 4907 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, with effective date of May 12, 1963, bearing date stamp of May 14, 1963.

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ITEM NO. 3 - (SHIPMENT 6.5 mm ITALIAN CARBINE RIFLES, INCLUDING RIFLE BEARING SN 2766 (NOT 2776)).

CENTURY ARMS, INC., St. Albans, Vermont

-- JAMES QUIMET, owner, advised his records disclose Italian made 6.5 mm carbines and rifles have been sold under name TERNI, which name probably means Mannlicher-Terni. He advised 6.5 mm Italian rifles designated Mannlicher-Terni or Mannlicher-Carcano are similar in outward appearance.

His records disclose his company sent a shipment of 6.5 mm Italian Carbine Rifles to Aldens of Chicago, 5000 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois, on July 5, 1962. Shipment consisted of 700 rifles and included one such rifle bearing Serial No. 2766 (no prefix indicated). Shipment was sent in response to Aldens Order No. 82803.

The above rifle received by Century Arms, Inc. from Empire Sporting Goods, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. This serial number "2766" is contained on invoice prepared by Empire Sporting Goods and invoice reflects these rifles known by trade name Carcano.

It is noted further investigation regarding this rifle was not made after it was determined Klein's Sporting Goods, Chicago, sold an Italian 6.5 mm Carbine, Serial No. C2766 to A. HIDEEL, and the signature of "A. HIDEEL" was identified as being written by LEE HARVEY OSWALD. No previous contact has been made with Empire Sporting Goods or Aldens of Chicago.

Review of all information available in Dallas Office pertaining to data desired by Commission under Items 2 and 3, reveals Dallas aware of only following items having been obtained and furnished to Bureau. These items are set out below with identifying numbers:

D-77. Reel of microfilm from Klein's Sporting Goods, Chicago, Illinois, described as "Filmfill No. 83, 269688-270596, General Files", which include various business documents.

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J-1 also identified as Laboratory Specimen Qc16. Photographs made from microfilm (D77), of envelope, order form and order blank of Klein's Sporting Goods. Envelope and order blank bear return address "A. Hidell, P. O. Box 2915, Dallas, Texas." Order blank shows Italian Carbine No. C2766 with '4x' scope shipped March 20, 1963.

D-19 - also identified as Laboratory Specimen Q30. U. S. Postal Money Order No. 2,202,130,462 in amount of \$21.45 payable to Klein's Sporting Goods signed A. HIDELL, Post Office Box 2915, Dallas, Texas, issued March 12, 1963 at Dallas, Texas.

D-17 also identified as Laboratory Specimen Q34. Application for Post Office Box dated October 9, 1962, signed by LEE H. OSWALD indicating Box 2915 opened October 9, 1962, and closed May 14, 1963. Application directed to W. B. HUDSON with address of OSWALD given as 3519 Fairmore Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

D-18 also identified as Laboratory Specimen K18. Change of Address Order (POD Form 3575) addressed to Postmaster, Dallas, Texas, signed LEE H. OSWALD, effective date May 12, 1963, changing address from P. O. Box 2915, Dallas, Texas, to 4907 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Form bears date stamp of "May 14 1963".

D-102 - Century Arms, Inc., 54 Lake Street, St. Albans, Vermont, Order No. 8934, dated June 29, 1962, reflecting sale of 700 6.5 calibre Italian Carbines to Aldens, 5000 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois (their Order No. 82803), shipped 7/5/62.

D-103 - Original list of serial numbers of 700 Carcano Italian Carbines received by Century Arms, Inc. from Empire Sporting Goods, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (Serial No. 2766 appears on the last page of numbers). List consists of seven pages.

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It is noted Bureau teletype to all offices 1/31/68 instructed all exhibits in possession of various offices be submitted to Bureau and it is possible some additional items desired by President's Commission have already been sent Bureau, however, such information is not known to Dallas.

LEADS

For information Bureau, Dallas, by separate communication is replying to Buairtel of 2/24/62, with respect to information desired by Commission.

ALL OFFICES WILL SUBMIT EXHIBITS OBTAINED TO BUREAU, ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY, WITH REQUEST THAT LABORATORY ASSIGN IDENTIFYING NUMBER AND MAKE FOUR PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES OF EACH EXHIBIT SO TWO MAY BE FURNISHED TO PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION, ONE FOR BUREAU FILES AND ONE FOR FILES OF DALLAS OFFICE. THESE EXHIBITS SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO BUREAU UNDER CAPTION OF INSTANT AIRTEL.

IN ADDITION, RESULTS OF CURRENT INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN REPORT UNDER THE CAPTION "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, IS-R-CUBA", DALLAS, ORIGIN, AND BUFILE 105-82555.

ALBANY AT ST. ALBANS, VERMONT

Contact Century Arms, Inc., 54 Lake Street, obtaining all information and documents as requested by President's Commission under Item 3 of its letter of February 21, 1964, bearing in mind contents Dallas airtel to Bureau 3/2/64, copy furnished Albany.

AT MONTREAL, CANADA

Through RCMP, will obtain desired documents from Empire Sporting Goods, as requested by Commission under Item No. 3 of its letter of 2/21/64 bearing in mind contents Dallas airtel to Bureau 3/2/64, copy furnished Albany.

CHICAGO

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

At Lifschultz Fast Freight, 28 North LaSalle Street, obtain shipping documents previously set forth in this airtel regarding Item No. 2.

At Klein's Sporting Goods, 4540 West Madison Street, obtain additional documents requested by Commission with respect to Item 2. It is noted items already obtained are set forth above.

At Aldens of Chicago, 5000 West Roosevelt Road, will obtain documents as requested by Commission under Item No. 3 of its letter of 2/21/64, bearing in mind contents Dallas airtel to Bureau 3/2/64.

NEWARK

AT JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY

At Harborside Warehouse and Terminal, will obtain all information and documents with respect to Mannlicher-Carcano Rifle C2766, (Item 2) it being noted this rifle was stored at this warehouse and obtained by FRED W. RUPP prior to being shipped to Klein's Sporting Goods, Chicago.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

At Crescent Firearms, Inc., 2 West 37th Street, obtain all documents with respect to Item No. 2 of Commission's letter of 2/21/64. Will also report in report form results of all previous investigation conducted with respect to tracing assassination rifle. Reference to New York teletypes of November 23 and 24, 1963, may be of assistance.

PHILADELPHIA

AT PERKASIE, PENNSYLVANIA

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Contact FRED W. RUPP, RFD 2, Mink Road, obtaining all documentary exhibits relating to Item No. 2.

AT LANSDALE, PA.

-- Contact North Penn Transfer, Inc., Route 202 and 63, and obtain documents requested by Commission with respect to Item No. 2.

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Contact Lifschultz Fast Freight Company, 1815 North Front Street, and obtain documents requested by Commission with respect to Item No. 2.