UNITED STATES GOVER Mr. Belmont FROM ! SUBJECT: Assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY 11/22/63; DALLAS, This is to advise that a request has been received from. the President's Commission concerning the rifle utilized in the assassination. The Commission requested information regarding the manufacturer, serial number, and other related information concerning the shipment of this rifle and similar weapons to the United States and subsequently sold through United States distributors. The Commission's request necessitates that inquiry be conducted by Legat, Rome, of Italian munition industries. In this respects the Laboratory has furnished photographs of the rifle revealing various identifying marks and serial number, including a physical description of the weapon. RECOMMENDATIONS: If approved, the attached memorandum with photographic enclosures be forwarded to Legat, Rome, requesting investigation be handled immediately. When results are received from Legat, Rome, this information will be promptly furnished to the Commission. Enclosures (10) 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan 1 - Mr. I. W. Conrad 1 - Mr. R. A. Frazier 1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review) KMR/kat kat (12)