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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,  
DALLAS, TEXAS

Investigation to Identify the Italian  
Carcano Carbine, Number 2766, Shipped  
to Alden's of Chicago in July, 1962.

On March 17, 1964 Mr. Albert C. Penney, Office Manager for H. P. Welch Company, Motor Transportation, 400 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts, produced a photostatic copy of his company's shipping order dated June 29, 1962 for a shipment of twenty-five cases containing seven hundred rifles from Century Arms, Inc., St. Albans, Vermont, and consigned to Alden's, 5000 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Penney noted that this shipping order bore the following stamped impression in the lower right-hand corner, "E. Ward Truck Number 499 July 5, 1962". He stated that this indicates that Elmer Ward, a company driver at St. Albans, Vermont, had picked up this shipment at St. Albans, Vermont on July 5, 1962 and had taken it to the company terminal at Burlington, Vermont.

Mr. Penney also made available a yellow duplicate copy of his company's way bill, number B-3686, dated July 6, 1962 for this same shipment. He stated this way bill indicates the shipment was loaded onto a McLean trailer, number 7526, on Friday, July 6, 1962 and transported to Somerville, Massachusetts on the same date by an H. P. Welch Company driver where it laid over until Monday, July 9, 1962 as Saturday, July 7, 1962, was not a work day.

Mr. Penney further advised that this way bill indicates that on July 9, 1962 the shipment was unloaded at the Somerville terminal of H. P. Welch Company from trailer number 7526, and was reloaded on company truck number 344739, operated by driver J. Dillon as noted on the stamped impression in the upper left-hand corner of the way bill.

This shipment was then transported by Dillon on July 9, 1962 to the Eastern Express Company Terminal at 260 Western Avenue, Allston, Massachusetts, where it was again unloaded as Eastern Express Company was to transport the shipment to the consignee in Chicago.

Mr. Penney pointed out that the yellow duplicate copy bears the signature of one "Conway" for receipt of twenty-five cases received at Eastern Express Company as noted in the lower left-hand corner of the way bill.

On March 17, 1964 Mr. James Mooney, Office Manager, Boston Terminal, Eastern Express Company, 260 Western Avenue, Allston, Massachusetts, produced a photostat of the customer's copy of H. P. Welch Company way bill Number B-3686 containing the pencilled notation "191947", which according to Mr. Mooney was the way bill number assigned by Eastern Express Company to this shipment.

Mr. Mooney stated that his company's manifest for this particular shipment had been destroyed on or about January 1, 1964 along with numerous other old records in order to make additional storage space at their location. Therefore, he had no record to show the date the shipment was received by Eastern Express Company from H. P. Welch Company and no record of the date when the shipment was sent to the consignee at Chicago.

Mr. Mooney noted that when the shipment was received at his company's terminal, it was signed for by Charles Conway, their outbound dock supervisor. Mr. Mooney advised that he had no further information concerning this shipment at this office.