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		CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING	

REFERENCES

Dallas airtel to Bureau, 3/4/64.

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Investigation at Dallas and Chicago reflected that the rifle used in the assassination of the President was shipped on 3/29/63, by parcel post to A. HIDEELL, Post Office Box 2915, Dallas Texas. This gun was ordered by air-mail letter bearing postmark Dallas, Texas, 3/2 or 12/63, with the return address of A. HIDEELL, Post Office Box 2915, Dallas, Texas.



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Report of: EUGENE W. O'NEILL
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Title: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

Character: MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Synopsis: Assassination rifle purchased from Klein's Sporting Goods, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois. Klein's supplier was Crescent Firearms, Incorporated, NY, NY.

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Details:

Investigation at Dallas reflected that the rifle that was used in the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY on November 22, 1963, was an Italian rifle, 6.5 caliber, serial number 02700, and that similar rifles were sold in that city by the H. L. Green Company. However, records at this company failed to reflect the sale of this particular rifle. It was ascertained that the supplier for this company was the Crescent Firearms Company of New York, New York.

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Mr. LOUIS FIELDSOTT, 71 Stoneleigh Road, Scarsdale, New York, advised that he was Treasurer of the H&D Folsom Arms Company, 154 Ludlow Street, Yonkers, New York, and President of Crescent Firearms, Incorporated, 2 West 37th Street, New York 18, New York. He stated that the Crescent Company was organized to handle importation of foreign surplus rifles, especially those of an Italian origin, and is a distinct and separate company from the Folsom Company.

Mr. FIELDSOTT stated that the purchases of these Italian rifles were made by him personally in Italy from the Italian Ministry of Defense. He also advised that the procedure for the shipment of these rifles was as follows:

The rifles were packed by a Crescent Company agent in Italy in the presence of Italian authorities, and at that time the serial number for each rifle was checked. The rifles were packed in cartons of ten each, and the Crescent Company shipping slip bearing the serial number for each rifle was attached to the outside of each carton. Other copies of the shipping slip bearing the rifle serial numbers were forwarded to the Crescent Company in New York City. Adam Consolidated Industries, 400 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, was the importer of the rifles and stored them in a bonded warehouse upon their arrival in this country. They were subsequently cleared by Freedman and Slater Company, New York, New York, who are custom brokers.

Since the rifles were used and in need of repair, they were subsequently trucked by Mr. FRED RUPP under Crescent Company instructions to Perkasio, Pennsylvania, where Mr. RUPP serviced the rifles and shipped them to purchasers as directed by the Crescent Company.

Mr. FIELDSOTT made available the original sales order from Crescent Firearms, Incorporated, 2 West 37th Street, New York 18, New York, their number 3178, to Klein's Sporting Goods, Incorporated, 4540 West Madison

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Street, Chicago 24, Illinois, customer's number 1242, reflecting the sale of ten cases of T-38, 6.5 caliber Italian rifles at \$35.00 each, total cost \$350.00.

He also made available ten shipping slips reflecting the carton number and the rifle numbers in each carton. Mr. FIELDSOTT advised that rifle number C2766 was among this shipment.