

Mail Order Firm Tells Data on 6.5-MM Rifle

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CHICAGO, Ill. (UPI) — The president of a Chicago mail order firm said Sunday records show that the rifle used to assassinate President Kennedy "probably was purchased" from his company.

Milton Klein, 53, of suburban Glencoe, said he had obtained permission from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to reveal facts surrounding the purchase of the rifle.

The FBI announced Saturday that the 6.5-mm Italian military rifle had been purchased by "A. Hidell" for \$12.78 and delivered to a Dallas postoffice box.

Klein said Sunday, "We have been told by the FBI that there is no longer any need for secrecy."

He said microfilm records of Klein Sporting Goods showed that "the rifle was purchased from us through an advertisement in the National Rifle Association's Feb. 1963 publication, American Rifleman."

Klein said the rifle was shipped to Dallas last March. He said all records regarding the purchase of the weapon, including the name and address to which it was sent, were furnished the FBI Saturday morning.

"The exact rifle, as well as similar types, can be purchased in thousands of stores and from hundreds of mail order companies all over the United States," he said.