

Bill Signed to Preserve Assassination Evidence

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JOHNSON CITY, Tex.— Legislation granting the federal government authority to acquire and preserve all items of evidence in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was signed Tuesday by President Johnson.

The measure gives the United States full ownership of the rifle used by Lee Harvey Oswald to murder Mr. Kennedy and of the revolver which he used to kill Dallas police officer J. D. Tippitt the same day.

Presidential press secretary Bill D. Moyers, announcing Mr. Johnson's signing of the bill, said:

"In years ahead allegations and theories regarding the assassination may arise and this evidence should be

preserved to eliminate questions and doubt."

The new law, Moyers reported, will nullify a suit by John King, a wealthy Denver oilman, to claim title to

the rifle and revolver which he purchased from Oswald's widow, Marina.

But, Moyers said, the government will have to make some financial compensation to King Oswald's widow valued the two weapons at \$10,000.

Among the many items to be preserved are maps discovered in Oswald's rooming house outlining the route of the Kennedy motorcade through Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

The assassination evidence will be turned over to the General Services Administration and probably will be deposited in federal archives. *END*