

Memorandum

Early Evidence

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 11/23/63

FROM :

WJ SAC, DALLAS (89-43)(P)

SUBJECT:

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63
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There is being submitted herewith for examination by the FBI Laboratory the following items which were obtained from Captain WILL FRITZ of the Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, on the authority of Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY, NA, Dallas Police Department:

1. Live round rifle shell 6.5 millimeter, which was found in rifle, SN C 2766, which was believed to be the gun used in the above assassination.
2. Spent hulls of 6.5 millimeter shell believed to have been fired in rifle, SN C 2766, believed to have been the gun used in the above-captioned matter.
3. One blanket found at the scene where the rifle was located, which may have been the blanket used as a cover for carrying this rifle.
4. One shirt taken from suspect LEE HARVEY OSWALD.
5. Brown paper which was found at what was believed to be the point of firing of the fatal bullets used in the assassination. This paper possibly may have been used to carry above rifle to the scene of the building from which it was fired.

Sample of brown paper used by Texas School Book Depository and sample of paper tape used by Texas School Book Depository.

Fragments of spent bullet found in the body of Governor JOHN CONNALLY.

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8. One Smith & Wesson snub-nose revolver, SN V 510210, which was taken from suspect OSWALD at time of his arrest.
9. One bullet recovered from the body of deceased Officer J. D. TIPPITT.
10. One 6.5 millimeter bolt action rifle, inscribed "1940, made in Italy", serial number C 2766. Also inscribed on the rifle is a crown which appears similar to an English crown, and under this is "R-E." Also inscribed is "Rocca" which is enclosed in rectangular lines and that is on the plunger on the bolt action on the rear of the gun. On the scope of the gun is a gun site inscribed "Ordnance Optics, Inc., Hollywood, California, O10 or O10, Japan." Also inscribed is a cloverleaf and inside the cloverleaf is "OSC."

Also being forwarded are the following fingerprints:

1. Fingerprints of suspect LEE HARVEY OSWALD;
2. Palm prints of suspect OSWALD;
3. Fingerprints of Captain J. W. FRITZ, Homicide Detail, Dallas Police Department;
4. Fingerprints of C. N. DHORITY, Crime Laboratory, Dallas, Texas, Police Department;
5. Fingerprints of JOHN CARL DAY, Crime Laboratory, Dallas Police Department;
6. Fingerprints of GEORGE MAX DOUGHTY, Crime Laboratory, Dallas Police Department.

It is requested fingerprints of suspect LEE HARVEY OSWALD be compared with fingerprints on above-described rifle and above-described Smith & Wesson revolver, serial number V 510210.

For information of the FBI Laboratory, Lt. JOHN CARL DAY, Crime Laboratory, Dallas Police Department, advised SA CHARLES T. BROWN, JR. two prints which have been dusted but not lifted by the Dallas Police Department Crime Laboratory appear on the trigger guard on the left side of the rifle. A photograph of these prints taken by the Dallas Police Department Crime Laboratory is being included with this evidence.