

UNITED STATES GOVERN.

# Memorandum

TO : MR. CONRAD

DATE: 3/16/64

FROM : W. D. GRIFFITH

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

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By letter dated 3/11/64, The President's Commission advised they had noted certain discrepancies between the photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald holding a rifle and the rifle used to kill the President; that the discrepancy appears in the stock of the rifle, in that the stock appears straight in the photograph whereas the rifle itself has a curve at the point of the hand grip. The Commission requested that the Laboratory attempt to photograph the rifle at the exact angle it appears in the Commission photograph, Exhibit 133, so that they could compare the two photographs to determine if they are photographs of the same rifle.

In accordance with the Commission's request, photographs have been made of the rifle at the same angle shown in Commission Exhibit 133 and are attached to a proposed letter to The President's Commission.

For your information, the photograph referred to as Commission Exhibit 133, containing apparent discrepancies in the stock, was previously examined in the Laboratory but because of the lack of clarity and detail in the photograph, as previously reported in a Laboratory report to Dallas dated 11/26/63, it is not possible to determine definitely whether the photograph shows the murder rifle. In those areas where detail can be observed, no differences were noted between the rifle in the photograph of the Commission and the murder rifle itself to suggest that they are different rifles.

RECOMMENDATION:

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That the attached letter to The President's Commission be forwarded.

- Enclosure sent 3-17-64
- 1-Mr. Belmont
- 1-Mr. Rosen
- 1-Mr. Sullivan
- 1-Mr. Sullivan (Mr. Stokes, 645 RB)
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