

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/26/63

On November 22, 1963, I, SA VINCENT E. BRATH, contacted Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY relative to the following listed items of evidence which had been collected by the Dallas Police Department in their investigation of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY on November 22, 1963. Chief of Police CURRY, accompanied by Lieutenant CAL DAY, made available these items for examination by the FBI Laboratory. Chief CURRY made available the following listed items which were received from Captain WILL FRUTZ and Lieutenant CARL DAY of the Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas:

1. Live round rifle shell 6.5 millimeter, which was found in rifle, Serial Number 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, Serial Number C 2766, believed to have been the gun used in the assassination. (2 spent hulls)
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.
6. Sample of brown paper used by Texas School Book Depository and sample of paper tape used by Texas School Book Depository.
7. Fragments of spent bullet found in the body of Governor JOHN CONNALLY.

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8. One Smith and Wesson snub-nose revolver, Serial Number V 510210, which was taken from suspect OSWALD at the time of his arrest.
9. One bullet recovered from the body of deceased Officer J. D. TIPPETT.
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 "Roeca" 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."

On November 23, 1963, at 3:10 a.m., I left with the above mentioned items aboard a U. S. Air Force C-135 Tanker made available by the Commanding Officer of the Carswell Air Force Base, and arrived in Washington, D.C. at 6:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, November 23, 1963. I was accompanied aboard this flight by the crew and U. S. Secret Service Agent WINSTON LAWSON. Upon arriving in Washington, D. C., I immediately delivered this evidence to the office of Assistant Director IVAN CONRAD of the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D.C.

I remained at the FBI Headquarters while this evidence was being examined, and after examination by the FBI, Assistant Director IVAN CONRAD of the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., returned this evidence to me for transportation back to Dallas, Texas.

I departed Andrews Air Force Base aboard a U. S. Air Force Air Craft November 23, 1963, arriving at Dallas, Texas November 24, 1963. Upon arrival at Dallas, Texas, I went directly to the FBI Office, Dallas, where the above mentioned items were deposited in a locked vault.

On the morning of November 24, 1963, I contacted Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY, Dallas Police Department, who stated that he would be available to take possession of the

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above listed items of evidence from me on that date. I immediately made arrangements to take this evidence to the Dallas Police Department, and was accompanied by SA C. RAY HALL of the FBI, Dallas Division, and SA JOHN J. FLANAGAN of the FBI, Oklahoma City Division, who was on special assignment at that time to the Dallas FBI Office.

Upon arrival at the Dallas Police Department, I was notified that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been shot during his removal from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail, and that Chief CURRY was at that moment preoccupied.

I waited with this evidence until 3:40 p.m. in Deputy Chief M. W. STEVENSON's Office at the Dallas Police Department where I maintained personal custody of this evidence until 3:40 p.m., November 24, 1963, at which time it was delivered into the custody of Chief of Police CURRY of the Dallas Police Department, for which a receipt was received from him.

The sample of brown paper used by Texas School Book Depository, and sample of brown tape used by Texas School Book Depository were not returned since Chief CURRY stated these were not evidence and had only been sent to the FBI laboratory for comparison purposes.