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Gun Collector Sues to Claim Oswald Weapons

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — A Colorado gun collector has asked a federal court to declare him the rightful owner of Lee Harvey Oswald's guns — identified as those used to kill President John F. Kennedy and Dallas policeman J. D. Tippitt.

The federal government wants to retain the guns — without having to pay the collector, John J. King, for them.

After hearing arguments in the dispute Wednesday, a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals took the case under advisement. There was no indication when a ruling would be made, but the government asked that it be speedy since a new law goes into effect in November which would allow anyone who claims ownership of evidence seized after the assassination of a president to sue the government for just compensation.

King's attorney argued that a payment of \$10,000 was made to Oswald's widow for the guns and that the government's claim that Oswald bought them illegally — under an assumed name — should not affect the purchase.