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The following investigation was conducted by SA MALCOLM L. JENNINGS:

AT RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS

AUGUST E. FULTON, 3609 Hardisty, telephone AT 4-7390, advised that he is an independent manufacturer's agent for Crescent Firearms, Inc., and others.

He advised he does not have any local customers in the Dallas or Fort Worth, Texas, area to whom he has sold a 6.5 Italian military weapon. He pointed out several thousand of these guns were imported into the United States by several importers and sold during 1961 and 1962. He stated that basically there are five different models of the Italian 6.5 military gun.

He advised he saw on television the gun allegedly used in the assassination of President KENNEDY. This gun is an Italian military gun, probably a T-38 Carcano and it could be a Terni. He pointed out this gun when imported normally has a straight bolt and usually before sale to the public it is altered in some cases for telescope mounting. The gun is normally furnished with no sling. The gun is a 5 shot clip-fed weapon and normally a throw-away military clip is used.

Mr. FULTON advised that the 6.5 Italian military weapon can be purchased from numerous sources by mail.

Mr. FULTON advised that the customers that he sells being nearest to the Dallas-Fort Worth area are as follows:

Kinlon Distributing Company, Corpus Christi, Texas;
Harlingen Hardware, Harlingen, Texas
Academy Super Sales Company, Austin, Texas
Higginbottom Brothers, Comanche, Texas
B & S Sales (now defunct), San Angelo, Texas

Mr. FULTON advised that without examining the gun he could not furnish more positive information regarding the proof marks on the end of the bolt and barrel or make, or be more positive as to the distributors of this weapon. He stated that the scope bearing the printing "Ordnance Optics, Inc., Hollywood, California", was probably made in Japan and an import to this country.

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