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RE: Six point five mm Mannlicher-
Carcano Cartridges, Southern
Trading Company, Houston, Texas

The following investigation was conducted by SA
TERENCE D. DINAN, on December 5, 1963:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

JOSEPH SMITH, Secretary, Southern Trading Company, 4012 Griggs, advised that Southern Trading is strictly a wholesale business, which distributes surplus goods to six Southern Sales Company stores in the Houston, Texas, area. He added that in addition to its retail outlets, Southern Trading distributes goods to eight G. I. Surplus Stores in Texas. The location of these stores is as follows:

- (3) Corpus Christi, Texas
- (2) Beaumont, Texas
- (1) Nederland, Texas
- (1) Port Arthur, Texas
- (1) Orange, Texas

SMITH further advised that Southern Trading has in excess of one hundred other wholesale accounts located in smaller towns around Texas, such as Silsby, Kountze, and Dayton. He stated that sales are also made to FRANK GREEN of Dallas, Texas, who has in that city two Army-Navy Stores. GREEN was formerly a partner in the ownership of Southern Trading Company.

SMITH advised that, if necessary, shipping orders could be located to reflect the exact distribution of six point five mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridges purchased in December, 1962. He advised, however, that these shipping orders would reflect only the names of retail outlets, such as Southern Sales Stores and G. I. Surplus Stores, and would not reflect the names of any individuals purchasing Southern Trading Company ammunition.

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SMITH also advised that, as Director of all retail sales for Southern Trading affiliated companys in the Houston, Texas, area, he personally knows of no retail outlet which keeps individual records of persons purchasing ammunition. He stated that such records are required only when the purchaser has bought a gun.

BEATRICE FURIA, Manager, Southern Sales Store Number Four, 3615 Washington, advised that this store, as a retail outlet for Southern Trading Company, keeps no record on those persons purchasing ammunition of any type. She stated that a person's name and address is taken only when they have purchased a gun from the store.