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Under date of December 2, 1963, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

Specimens received 11/27/63

Evidence personally delivered by SA Warren C. DeBrueys and SA Vincent E. Drain of the Dallas Office on November 27, 1963

Q47 Enco map of Dallas and Fort Worth

Q48 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge case from building

Also submitted: Map of Dallas (Chamber of Commerce)

Palm print found on box by window of sixth floor, 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas

Four cardboard boxes from depository

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Q6 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge case from building

Q7 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge case from building

Q8 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge from rifle

Q9 Metal fragment from arm of Governor John Connally

Q10 Wrapping paper in shape of a large bag

Q11 Suspect's shirt

Q12 Blanket

Q13 Bullet from Officer Tippit

K1 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, with telescope sight, Serial No. G2766

K3 .38 Special Smith and Wesson revolver, Serial No. V510210, Assembly No. 65248

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Results of examination:

Specimen Q48 is a 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge case. It was manufactured by the Western Cartridge Company, East Alton, Illinois.

The cartridge case, Q48, was compared with test cartridge cases fired in the K1 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, serial number C2766. As a result, Q48 was identified as having been fired in this rifle.

No fingerprints were located on Q48.

It has been determined by actual firing tests that a skilled person can fire three accurately aimed shots with the rifle, K1, in five seconds.

Specimen K3 (Oswald's revolver) is known as a .38/200 British Service Revolver and was originally chambered for the .38 S and W cartridge. The serial number of this weapon is V510210, the assembly number is 65248 and these numbers appear in all the usual places indicating that all major parts of this weapon, except for the grips, are original parts. It is pointed out that the inside of the right grip bears the number 74149. The number on the grip usually will correspond with the serial number of the weapon.

Specimen K3 has the following alterations:

1. The cylinder has been rechambered to .38 Special.

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2. The barrel has been cut off at the first "S" in the word "WESSON" on the barrel. The barrel is now 2½" long. According to information available in the Laboratory, a 5" barrel was standard length for the .38/200 British Service Revolver.
3. The front sight was mounted on the barrel at the muzzle.
4. The butt swivel hole has been plugged.
5. "CAL .38 SPECIAL" has been stamped on the left side of the frame (probably by converter).

On the basis of the English proof marks present on the barrel, cylinder and frame of K3, it is apparent that this weapon has been sent to England. The barrel also bears the stamping ".38" .767" 3½ TONS." There is nothing unusual about this weapon being sent to England since weapons of this type were produced for England and Canada during World War II (all weapons entering England must be proof tested and marked).

Although the Laboratory does not know who made the conversion of this weapon the following firms have been known to sell weapons of this type:

1. Dave's House of Guns, 2544 Elm Street,  
Dallas, Texas
2. Vic's For Guns, Galveston, Texas

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3. Golden State Arms, 386 West Green Street,  
Pasadena, California
4. Klein's, 227 West Washington Street,  
Chicago, Illinois

It is pointed out that Interarmco, Alexandria,  
Virginia, does not sell this particular conversion.

No indented writing was found on Q47. The  
significance of the ball-point pen ink marks on Q47 is  
not subject to determination by laboratory examination.

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