

Under date of December 5, 1963, the FBI Laboratory advised Honorable JAMES J. ROWLEY, Chief, United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, Washington, D. C. 20220, as follows:

Specimen:

Evidence received from the Secret Service and personally delivered by Special Agent Orrin Bartlett of the FBI on December 3, 1963

Q 177 - Q178 Two cartridges

Results of examination:

The two cartridges, Q177 and Q178, from Lee Harvey Oswald's revolver are a .38 Special Western "Jabalcoy" cartridge and a .38 Special Remington-Peters cartridge. No firing pin impressions were found on these cartridges. Further, no marks suitable for comparison with Oswald's revolver were found.

No latent fingerprints were developed on Q177 or Q178.

It is pointed out that test bullets and cartridge cases obtained from the K3 revolver of Oswald were microscopically compared with all similar specimens in the National Unidentified Ammunition File and no identification was effected.