HO 62-2115 CLK:djw

RE: Smith and Wesson .38
Caliber Weapon, Serial
Number V510210

The following investigation was conducted by SA CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR. on November 30, 1963:

AT GALVESTON, TEXAS

MEYER REISWERG, Vic's Jewelry and Loans, 2413 Market Street, advised that they handle purchase sale of firearms and ammunition.

He stated that in regard to a 2½" barrel Smith and Wesson type weapon, his company handles very few of this type of firearms. He advised that in all probability, in the event that he had ever purchased a 2½" barrel Smith and Wesson .38 caliber weapon, that it would probably have been purchased from Dave's House of Guns, 2544 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas. He stated that Dave's House of Guns is a large dealer in firearms and that this company has also converted Smith and Wesson .33 caliber weapons.

He made available his sales records for the years 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963, and no record was located for a Smith and Wesson .38 caliber weapon, serial number V510210. He advised that his sales records go back to 1946 but all records prior to 1960 are located in a warehouse and it would take one or two days to obtain these records from the warehouse to be made available for review.

He further advised that in event a Smith and Wesson .38 caliber weapon was sent from this country to England and converted, it would in all probability have been converted by Cogswell and Harrison, London, England. He stated this company is the Government proved testing house for this type of weapon.

He further stated that the main import companies of weapons in the United States are as follows:

Interarmoo, Limited, 10 Prince Street, Alexandria, Virginia

Golden State Arms, 286 West Green Street, Pasadena, California

Dave's House of Guns, 2544 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas

Martin Retting, 11029 Washington Street, Culver City, California

He further advised that the International Firearms Corporation, which has offices in Montreal, Canada and St. Albans, Vermont, are large importers of weapons.

He also advised that Cogswell and Harrison is a subsidiary of Interarmco, Ltd.

REISWERG advised that he handles 6.5 millimeter ammunition but could locate no record of having sold any of this type of ammunition to LEE HARVEY CSWALD. He advised that he only maintains the names of the purchasers of ammunition that are shipped by mail.