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Under date of April 10, 1964, the FBI Laboratory furnished the following information concerning an examination requested by the Boston Office on March 18 and 24, 1964:

Specimens received from FBI, Boston on 3/19/64

Q555 C306 Hunting knife with black and silver striped handle in sheath received from Imperial Knife Company, Incorporated, Providence, Rhode Island

Specimens received from FBI, Boston on 3/26/64

Q559 C308 Hunting knife with black and gold striped handle in sheath received from Imperial Knife Company, Incorporated, Providence, Rhode Island

Results of examination:

The knife, C306, has a black and silver striped handle and in this respect only is different from the knife, B5, previously submitted to the Laboratory by the Dallas Office as having been recovered by the Dallas Police Department from the residence of Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas, Texas.

The knife, C308, is identical in all respects to B5. C308 and B5 are 3 1/4" in length and have four inch blades. The blade of each knife bears the stamped inscription "Imperial Prov. R. I. USA." A small figure representing a crown appears over the second "i" in the word "Imperial" on each blade. The die used to stamp the inscriptions in C308 and B5 produced individual microscopic characteristics. Comparison of these marks resulted in identifying the marks on C308 as having been produced by the same die as that used on B5.

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C308 and B5 have black and gold striped handles.

C306, C308 and B5 are contained in sheaths of identical construction and physical characteristics. These sheaths could have originated from the same source; however, in the absence of individual characteristics, it cannot be definitely stated that they were made by the same manufacturer.