

# FBI files on JFK pose new questions

WASHINGTON (A.P.) — Newly disclosed FBI documents on the assassination of John F. Kennedy raise, but do not answer, questions about Lee Harvey Oswald's movements in the days before Dallas, and about the source of the bullets that killed the president.

The documents show that the FBI speculated at the time that the bullets came from a supply ordered by the CIA.

The 597 pages of documents are the first of more than 40,000 the FBI will release Dec. 7 to comply with requests under the Freedom of Information Act for its material on the investigation of Kennedy's death in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

## TRACED BULLETS

The documents, many heav-

ily censored, show that the FBI attempted to trace the fatal bullets from the time they were manufactured until they reached the assassin's hands.

Agents initially were perplexed by a piece of evidence they found.

The bullets were 6.5-millimeter Mannlicher-Carcano ammunition. Agents determined that the manufacturer was the Western Cartridge Corp. of East Alton, Ill.

Agents in Illinois examined the company's production records and found that the firm produced four million rounds of this type of ammunition for the U.S. Marine Corps in 1954.

"The interesting thing about this order is that it is for ammunition which does not fit and cannot be fired in any of the USMC weapons," said an FBI memo dated Dec. 2, 1953.

## COVER SUSPECTED

"This gives rise to the obvious speculation that it is a contract for ammunition placed by CIA with Western under a USMC cover for concealment purposes," the memo continued.

In other words, FBI officials speculated that the CIA was using the Marine Corps as a cover to purchase ammunition in secret.

A memo written at FBI headquarters the next day noted that the George Zucker Sales Co. of Chicago had purchased about two million rounds for commercial resale in 1962.