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U.S. Attorneys Claim Oswald

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — Government attorneys, claiming a Colorado collector only paid \$10,000 for the right to get into court, said Wednesday that the weapons owned by Lee Harvey Oswald now belong to the government.

The claim was made before the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, where collector John J. King took his suit for possession.

King said he paid \$10,000 to Oswald's widow for the rifle believed to have assassinated

President John F. Kennedy and the pistol believed the one which killed police officer J. D. Tippit in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963. Oswald, called by the Warren Commission the assassin, was killed two days later by Jack Ruby, whose death sentence for murder is on appeal.

The court took the arguments under advisement.

Asst. U.S. attorney B. H. Timmons of Dallas told the court that the guns became the government's property when Oswald bought them under an assumed name, thereby causing

the gun dealer's records to contain false entries.

Timmons claimed that King knew at the time he bought the guns that they were in the pos-

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session of the government. "We feel he just paid \$10,000 for the right to litigate," said the lawyer. Timmons said the government should not have to pay for the weapons. King's lawyer, William C. Garrett of Dallas, argued that his client had no knowledge of the weapons being made government property. He said Congress has passed a specific piece of legislation condemning these weapons,

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along with other evidence, be in question because of the thereby making them government property. He said the government will pay for the property after Nov. 1 but its value will be in question because of the condemnation action. The government asked a decision before the law goes into effect.