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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (89-43) (P)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS
11/22/63
MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING
OO: DALLAS

Enclosed is a small piece of metal believed to be a mutilated spent cartridge of unknown caliber made available to SAs [REDACTED] and ROBERT P. GEMBERLING on 12/1/76 by RICHARD HAROLD LESTER, 1440 Hansboro, Dallas, Texas, telephone 337-0812. 070

LESTER has advised he has frequented the assassination area with a metal detector as a hobby since shortly after the assassination and about two years ago discovered the enclosed cartridge next to the railroad tracks above the triple underpass. He believes it is a 6.5 mm cartridge and feels if it is this caliber, it could well be the bullet that killed President KENNEDY. He states he told no one about this until 11/22/76 when he called a KRLD radio talk show at 11:45 p.m. and told "Dallas Times Herald" investigative reporter HUGH AYNESWORTH about finding said bullet. Thereafter, he showed it to several friends whose identities he could not or would not reveal, several of whom he states told him they thought it was a 6.5 mm spent cartridge. He claims no one was with him when he found the spent cartridge about two years ago and did not think it was of any significance until recently when he heard the investigation was being reopened.

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Mr. LESTER has advised he has been interviewed by "Dallas Times Herald" staff writer HOWARD SWINDLE and that photographs of this spent cartridge as well as himself and the location where it was found have been taken.

The report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 11/30/63, captioned "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka, etc." on pages 162 to 165 reflects results of FBI Laboratory examination of bullet fragments recovered immediately after the assassination and comparison of same with test bullets fired from the 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, SN C2766 traced to LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

REQUEST OF THE FBI LABORATORY

The Laboratory is requested to examine the enclosed alleged spent cartridge to determine its caliber and if possible whether it could have been fired from the foregoing described assassination weapon. The cartridge should then be returned to the Dallas Office for return to Mr. LESTER.

Dallas will submit LHM, including results of FBI Laboratory examination, promptly upon receipt of the results of the laboratory examination.