

Memorandum

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 DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. Conrad *[Signature]*

DATE: 12/2/63

FROM : R. H. Jevons *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

My memorandum of 11/23/63, set out additional information relating to the sale and distribution of the Western manufactured 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano ammunition used in the assassination. That memorandum was written in response to Mr. Belmont's instructions that every effort be made to trace the ammunition on the possibility that some of it may be traced into Oswald's hands.

The Springfield Office has advised that they have obtained, through contact at the Western Cartridge Corporation, East Alton, Illinois, copies of that Corporation's records relating to the manufacture of this ammunition. Western manufactured four million rounds of this ammunition for the United States Marine Corps during 1954.

Attached is a two-page copy of the records of Western relating to the complete manufacture of this order of ammunition which was authorized under Government contract DA-23-196-ORD-27.

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.

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.

ACTION:

This information is being furnished Divisions 5 and 6 for whatever further investigative activity is deemed warranted.

- 1 - Mr. Telson (Enclosures 2)
- 1 - Mr. Belmont (Enclosures 2)
- 1 - Mr. Mohr (enclosures 2)
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (enclosures 2)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Enclosures 2)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Enclosures 2)
- 1 - Mr. Thompson, Room 5713 (enclosures 2)

Enclosures 2

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**WINCHESTER**  
*Western*



**WINCHESTER-WESTERN DIVISION**

EAST ALTON, ILLINOIS 62024  
TELEPHONE 258-2000 AREA CODE 618

**Olin**

August 23, 1978

Mr. Edgar F. Tatro  
51 Edgemont Road  
Braintree, MA 02184

Dear Mr. Tatro:

Your letter of August 11, 1978 regarding 6.5mm Mannlicher-Carano military ammunition allegedly involved in the Kennedy assassination was referred to me for handling.

Ammunition of this caliber was manufactured by Olin Industries Inc. only as a military cartridge. It was manufactured on a one time basis at the East Alton, Illinois plant of that company under contract with U. S. Ordnance Department and shipped to Raritan Arsenal, Nixon, New Jersey between April 1, 1954 and May 28, 1954. The letter from H. J. Gebelein, Assistant Sales Service Manager, dated July 14, 1965, is incorrect as to date of manufacture, probably due to a typing error. It should have read 1954 instead of 1944.

Sincerely,

OLIN CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. S. Hill".

A. S. Hill  
Technical Consultant  
Winchester-Western Division  
Ammunition Operations

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

Edgar F. Tatro  
51 Edgemont Road  
Braintree, MA 02184

29 APR 1980

Dear Mr. Tatro:

This is in response to your letter of 12 April 1980 in which you requested information from the files of this Agency under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Specifically, you asked several questions concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

We would like to assist you in your research efforts. It is the established policy of the Agency not to obstruct the work of historians and researchers, but only to protect intelligence sources and methods and to perform other protective actions as required by law.

There is, however, a common misapprehension among scholars that the FOIA requires agencies to undertake research, or at least to collaborate in ongoing research. Actually, the Act requires us to release, whenever we can, files, documents, tapes, etc., already in existence and produced as part of our regular mission. Since our files cannot be opened to browsing by the public, document search must be performed by our own people. The expense of this borne by the requester. Thus, if you could be more specific in describing the records you seek, rather than asking a series of questions, we may be able to conduct a search for you.

We are enclosing our schedule of search fees. You will note that these are based on an hourly rate. Please let us know if there is a maximum charge you wish to bear. I might add that there can be no guarantee that the results of the search will be productive, or worth the cost to you. Above all, please be as specific as possible in describing the documents you seek.

We will await your further instructions. Per paragraph (b) of the enclosed schedule, we are suspending the running of the response time for processing your request until we receive your firm commitment to pay any resultant processing fees. Thank you for your patience and consideration.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Savige  
Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

### Fees for Records Services

(a) Search and duplication fees shall be charged according to the schedule set out in paragraph (c) of this section for services rendered in responding to requests for Agency records under this part. Records shall be furnished without charge or at a reduced rate whenever the Coordinator determines that waiver or reduction of the charge is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public. The Coordinator also may waive or reduce the charge whenever he determines that the interest of the government would be served thereby. Fees shall not be charged where they would amount, in the aggregate, for a request, or a series of related requests, to less than \$4.

(b) Where it is anticipated that the fees chargeable under this section will amount to more than \$25, and the requester has not indicated in advance his willingness to pay fees as high as are anticipated, the requester shall be promptly notified of the amount of the anticipated fee or of such portion thereof as can readily be estimated. In appropriate cases an advance deposit may be required. The notice or request for an advance deposit shall extend an offer to the requester to confer with the Coordinator in an attempt to revise the request in a manner which will reduce the fees and meet the needs of the requester. Dispatch of such a notice or request shall suspend the running of the period for response by the Agency until a reply is received from the requester.

(c) The schedule of fees for services performed in responding to requests for Agency records is established as follows:

- (1) For each one quarter hour spent by clerical personnel in searching for a record, \$1;
- (2) For each one quarter hour spent by professional personnel in searching for a record, \$2;
- (3) For computer search, \$55;
- (4) For copies of paper documents in sizes not larger than 8 1/2 x 14 inches, \$0.10 per copy of each page; and
- (5) For duplication of non-paper media or any document that cannot be reproduced on a standard office copier actual direct cost.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

MAY 10 1980

Mr. Edgar F. Tatro  
51 Edgemont Road  
Braintree, Massachusetts 02184

Dear Mr. Tatro:

This is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 12, 1980, and to your letter dated April 19, 1980, for information pertaining to the assassination of President Kennedy.

Enclosed is the two-page copy of the records of Winchester-Western which you requested. No excisions have been made from this material.

In response to the questions you raised in the above-referenced letters, the FOIA was passed to compel release of material maintained in agency files. We are not required to answer questions which may arise from the release of that material which are not answered within the material itself. However, a search was conducted of the central indices and of the Dallas Special Indices on the assassination and no further documents could be located in our files pertaining to the assassination which may be responsive to your request.

If you so desire, you may appeal to the Associate Attorney General from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Associate Attorney General (Attention: Office of Privacy and Information Appeals), United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530, within thirty days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

Sincerely yours,

*David G. Flanders*

David G. Flanders, Chief  
Freedom of Information-  
Privacy Acts Branch  
Records Management Division

Enclosure

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 Contract DA-23-196-CRD-7

Task No	Job No	Start Date	End Date	Contract No	Contract Value	Contract Date
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29-54	6001	4-15-54	4-20-54	1,000,000	2,002,000	1,000,000 4/16
28-54	6002	5-6-54	5-18-54	1,000,000	3,002,000	1,000,000 5/16
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