

200 Mercantile Continental Building
Dallas, Texas 75201
November 18, 1965

Honorable Melvin M. Diggs
United States Attorney
Northern District of Texas
Fort Worth, Texas

Attention: B. H. Timmins, Jr.
Assistant U. S. Attorney

Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request of Assistant U. S. Attorney B. H. Timmins, Jr., to Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling of this office on November 15, 1965, the following chronology reflecting the location of the assassination rifle and revolver used in the killing of Dallas police officer J. D. Tippit, the following is set forth:

Chronology Reflecting Location
of Assassination Rifle Bearing
Serial No. C2766 From November 22,
1963 to November 18, 1965

November 22, 1963

Rifle discovered in southwest corner of sixth floor, Texas School Book Depository, Dallas, Texas, by Deputy Sheriff S. Boone, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, who called rifle to attention of Deputy Constable Seymour Weitzman, Dallas County Constable's Office. Possession of rifle assumed by Captain Will Fritz and Lieutenant J. Carl Day of the Dallas Police Department.

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November 22, 1963

Received by Special Agent (SA) Vincent E. J. Drain of the FBI, Dallas, Texas, from Chief of Police Jesse E. Curry, Dallas Police Department, through Captain Will Fritz and Lieutenant J. Carl Day of the Dallas Police Department.

November 23, 1963

Personally flown to FBI Laboratory by SA Vincent E. J. Drain, Dallas FBI Office, departing 3:10 AM, November 23, 1963, and arriving Washington, D.C., 6:30 AM. SA Drain returned with the rifle to Dallas, Texas, departing Washington, D.C., late on the night of November 23, 1963.

November 24, 1963

SA Drain arrived in Dallas from Washington, D.C., with rifle and placed it temporarily in a locked vault in the Dallas FBI Office. SA Drain subsequently delivered this rifle to Chief of Police Jesse E. Curry, Dallas Police Department, at 3:40 PM.

November 26, 1963

Rifle obtained by SA Drain from Lieutenant J. Carl Day, of the Dallas Police Department, and taken to the Dallas FBI Office.

November 27, 1963

Personally taken by SA Drain and flown to FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C.

February 5, 1964

To President's Commission on Assassination of President Kennedy, Washington, D.C.

February 6, 1964

FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C.

February 17, 1964

President's Commission

February 17, 1964

FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C.

March 11, 1964

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March 17, 1964	President's Commission
March 30, 1964	FBI Laboratory
March 31, 1964	President's Commission
May 8, 1964	FBI Laboratory
July 2, 1964	President's Commission
July 2, 1964	FBI Laboratory
August 13, 1964	Shipped to FBI, Dallas.
August 16, 1965	Received at Dallas FBI Office, where still maintained as of November 18, 1965.

It is pointed out that the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy had the assassination rifle tested by Ronald S. Simmons, Chief, Infantry Weapons Evaluation Branch, Ballistic Research Laboratory, Department of the Army, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, during the period March 17, 1964 to March 30, 1964, but the date received by Simmons and the date returned to the President's Commission is unknown and is not reflected in Simmons' testimony before the President's Commission. Furthermore, it is pointed out that the President's Commission had the assassination rifle tested by Dr. Alfred G. Olivier, Supervisory Research Veterinarian, Department of the Army, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, but the pertinent dates are unknown and are not reflected in the testimony before the President's Commission.

Chronology Reflecting Location
of .38 Caliber Smith and Wesson
Snubnose Revolver, Bearing Serial
No. V510210, Which Revolver Was
Used by Lee Harvey Oswald in the
Killing of Dallas Police Officer
J. D. Tippitt

November 22, 1963

SA Robert M. Barrett, Dallas FBI,
observed Dallas Police Officer,
Detective M. N. McDonald, take a .38
snubnose revolver from the hand of
Lee Harvey Oswald at approximately
2:00 PM., at the Texas Theater, Dallas,
Texas. Detective McDonald gave the
revolver to Detective B. K. Carroll,

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Dallas Police Department. Revolver later observed at Dallas Police Department by SA Barrett who noted it was a Smith and Wesson Revolver, bearing serial number 510210. On chamber hinge was number 65248. This revolver was delivered to Dallas Police headquarters by Sergeant Jerry Hill.

Revolver received by SA Vincent E. J. Drain, Dallas FBI, from Chief of Police Jesse E. Curry, through Captain Will Fritz and Lieutenant J. Carl Day, Dallas Police Department.

Revolver personally flown to FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., by SA Drain, departing Dallas at 3:10 AM, November 23, 1963, and arriving Washington, D.C., 6:30 AM. SA Drain departed Washington, D.C., with this revolver for return to Dallas late on the night of November 23, 1963.

SA Drain returned to Dallas FBI Office with revolver where it was temporarily placed in a locked vault at Dallas FBI Office. This revolver was delivered to Chief of Police Jesse E. Curry, Dallas Police Department, at 3:40 PM.

Revolver obtained by SA Drain from Lieutenant J. Carl Day of the Dallas Police Department, and taken to Dallas FBI Office.

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President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, Washington, D.C.

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April 1, 1964	President's Commission
May 1, 1964	FBI Laboratory
August 13, 1965	Shipped to FBI, Dallas.
August 16, 1965	Received by FBI, Dallas, where such revolver still maintained as of November 18, 1965.

Very truly yours,

J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

NOTE:

The above chronology is supported by the following communications contained in Dallas files:

Pages 84, 124, 125, 159, 160, 166, 181 and 182 of the report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING, Dallas, dated 11/30/63 (Dallas file 89-43-1768);
LHM dated 9/11/64 at Dallas, Dallas file 100-10461-7921, and receipts in 89-43-1A34, 1A251, 1A252, 1A253.