

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (89-43)

DATE: 11/26/63

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
KENNEDY, 11/22/63
AFO

Bureau called on morning of 11/26/63 re letter of transmittal of some evidence dated 11/23/63 of SA DRAIN, page 2, last paragraph pertaining to two prints which had been dusted by the Dallas PD and then photographed, copy of photo furnished Bureau. This print was on the left part of the trigger guard of the rifle.

What the Bureau would like to get ahold of is the negative of that photo that the Police took down there. Call Bureau back on this.

SA DRAIN advised of above and instructed to make effort to get negative.

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*Juss. Sawyer advised Drain
picked up 3 negatives of the
photos of the trigger guard
prints when he picked up
the case material for the Bureau
on 11/26/63. Serial 89-43-653 is
transmittal let to Bureau*

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Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

April 20, 1965

Honorable J. Lee Rankin,
33 West 44th Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Lee:

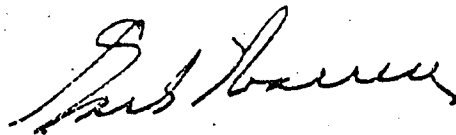
Enclosed is a copy of the letter I received from Kilgore & Kilgore which I talked to you about yesterday. It concerns the two weapons of Lee Harvey Oswald.

I do hope that the Department of Justice will not relinquish the weapons because it is important to have them in their present condition in order to support the testimony of the experts before the Commission. Also, I have no doubt that if released they will find their way to some collection which will be used commercially to exploit the assassination of our President.

I would appreciate it if you would make whatever reply is necessary to Kilgore & Kilgore.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



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States cartridges of foreign manufacture. Those I have seen for this rifle were of Italian manufacture. They have pulled the military bullets from those cartridges and reloaded hunting type or soft point bullets into the cartridges. In doing that, they did not, apparently, take any great pains in loading them. Occasionally, the mouth of the case would be bent over and the bullet driven in right on top of the bent case.

I have seen split cartridge cases, even before they were fired; badly corroded cartridge cases. All in all, the ammunition is of generally poor over-all appearance, and it has been reported to me that it was of poor firing quality.

I have not fired any of it, personally.

Mr. Eisenberg. Have you heard anything about the dependability of the Italian made ammunition unreloaded?

Mr. Frazier. No, sir, not as such.

However, I have experienced the examination of Italian ammunition of various years of manufacture and, of course, various makes. ~~It is rather poor quality.~~ In this particular caliber ~~is~~ the very short seating depth to which bullets of this type are seated in the cartridge, ~~which~~ causes the bullets to loosen very readily in the cartridge case even before they are loaded into a clip or fired.

Mr. Eisenberg. Did you notice, Mr. Frazier, in your examination of targets and so forth whether there was any marked degree of yaw or tumbling by the bullets?

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62-109060 Bulky Bin 41