

1-Mr. Mohr  
1-Mr. DeLoach  
1-Mr. Rosen, Att: Mr. Malley  
1-Mr. Sullivan, Att: Mr. Lenihan  
November 9, 1966

1-Mr. Wick  
1-Mr. Raupach  
1-Mr. Conrad  
1-Mr. Frazier, 7410  
1-Office, 7133

Dr. Robert H. Bahmer  
Archivist of the United States  
National Archives and Records Service  
National Archives Building  
Washington, D. C. 20408

Dear Dr. Bahmer:

Reference is made to my letter dated September 14, 1966, advising that Lee Harvey Oswald's rifle (Commission Exhibit 139), a revolver (Commission Exhibit 143) and holster (Commission Exhibit 144) were in the possession of the FBI and would be transferred to the National Archives and Records Service when litigation was terminated or when title to these items was vested pursuant to Public Law 89-318.

The litigation has now been terminated and these items were turned over to Mr. Marion M. Johnson of your office on November 8, 1966.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Department of Justice memo to the Director dated 11/3/66 advised litigation has been terminated and Oswald's rifle and the revolver (which were returned from Dallas on 11/5/66) are to be turned over to Archives. Receipt for these items along with the associated holster, is attached. Based on memorandum Jevons to Conrad 11/8/66 re "Warren Commission Exhibits"

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TO : Mr. Rosen *JRM*

DATE: November 3, 1966

FROM : J. R. Malley *JRM*

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Conrad

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Mr. Charles Simms, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, called today and advised that the legal action pending with respect to the rifle used by Oswald, as well as the revolver used by Oswald in shooting police Officer Tippit, has been disposed of. He advised that in view of this it would now be permissible to transfer the two weapons from the Bureau to National Archives in accordance with previous correspondence with the Department.

Mr. Simms was requested to furnish the Bureau a letter setting forth the action taken relative to this matter and to put a statement in the letter that the Bureau now has the necessary authorization to transfer these weapons to Archives.

ACTION:

- (1) In view of the foregoing, when the letter is received from the Department, giving the Bureau the necessary authorization, the Dallas Office should be requested to ship the two guns referred to above, as well as the holster for the Tippit murder weapon, to the Bureau so they can be transferred to Archives.
- (2) Upon receipt of the weapons from Dallas the Laboratory, which has handled the transfer of all exhibits to Archives, will make the necessary arrangements for transfer of the weapons to Archives.

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I hereby acknowledge receipt of a Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, Serial Number C2766, designated as Commission Exhibit No. 139, a revolver, Serial Number V510, 210, designated as Commission Exhibit No. 143, and brown leather holster for revolver designated as Commission Exhibit No 144.

November 8, 1966  
Date

Marion M. Johnson  
Signature