

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

Mr. Conrad

DATE 3/26/64

FROM :

R. H. Jewons

SUBJECT :

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, DALLAS,
TEXAS, 11/22/63

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
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Mr. Callahan	
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Mr. Gale	
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As you will recall the Dallas Office recently submitted the three bullets from Officer J. D. Tippit's body which had been obtained from the Dallas Police Department. The Laboratory has completed the examination of these bullets and the results are set forth below. The President's Commission is being advised of the results by letter and is being furnished photographs of the bullets. The Dallas Police Department is being furnished a report of the results. The Dallas Office is being given a teletype report as well as a copy of report to Dallas Police Department along with photographs of the evidence.

The three bullets are .38 Special bullets which had been fired from a barrel rifled with five lands and grooves, right twist. A portion of the surface of each bullet is mutilated; however, microscopic marks remain on these bullets for comparison purposes. The bullets were compared with each other and with test bullets obtained from Oswald's revolver. No conclusion could be reached as to whether or not these bullets were fired from the same weapon or whether or not they were fired from Oswald's revolver. In addition, it was found that even consecutive .38 Special bullets test fired from the C15 revolver could not be identified with each other. In this connection, it should be noted that the barrel of C15 was designed for .38 S & W bullets and, therefore, it is slightly larger in diameter than barrels designed for .38 Special bullets. Firing of undersized bullets could cause erratic passage of the bullets down the barrel, resulting in individual microscopic characteristics which are not consistent. The barrel of the weapon could also be changing due to the accumulation of lead in the barrel or to wear.

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