

Government vs. Collector

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A Fight for Oswald's Gun

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The rifle that killed President John F. Kennedy is being sent back to Dallas, the city where he was slain, until the government settles a battle with a private gun collector over its custody.

A Justice Department spokesman said the Internal Revenue Service will place advertisements in Dallas newspapers today announcing its intention to seize the rifle and a pistol with which the President's assassin, Lee

Harvey Oswald, killed a Dallas patrolman, according to the Warren Commission, which investigated the assassination.

Anyone who wants to dispute the IRS claim will have 30 days in which to register his own.

A bill before Congress would give the attorney general authority to declare the weapons—and other evidence used by the Warren Commission—essential to national security. They would then become Government property forever.

Meanwhile, however, gun

collector John King has brought suit to force the Government to turn the weapons over to him on grounds that he paid \$10,000 to Oswald's widow for them.

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