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(190) KENNEDY RIFLE

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 8 (AP)-A BILL TO GIVE THE GOVERNMENT PERMANENT POSSESSION OF THE RIFLE WITH WHICH PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS KILLED HAS PASSED THE HOUSE AND GONE TO THE SENATE.

THE RIFLE--AND THE .38 CALIBER REVOLVER USED BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD, KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN, TO KILL DALLAS POLICEMAN J. D. TIPPITT--ARE IN AN FBI STORAGE VAULT.

BUT JOHN J. KING OF DENVER IS SUING THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO GET POSSESSION OF THE WEAPONS. HE SAID HE PAID OSWALD'S WIDOW \$10,000 FOR THEM, WITH ANOTHER \$35,000 TO BE PAID ON DELIVERY.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS OBTAINED TWO POSTPONEMENTS IN THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT SUIT. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT LAWYERS MUST FILE AN ANSWER BY SEPT. 23.

DURING HOUSE DEBATE, REP. H. R. GROSS, R-IOWA, ASKED IF THE LEGISLATION WOULD PROVIDE GOVERNMENT PAYMENT TO KING. REP. BYRON ROGERS, D-COLO., SAID THAT IS A MATTER FOR THE COURTS TO DECIDE.

A HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE BILL SAID THAT ALLEGATIONS AND THEORIES ABOUT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION MIGHT ARISE IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

"TO ELIMINATE QUESTIONS AND DOUBTS THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE SHOULD BE SECURELY PRESERVED," IT SAID.

ANOTHER BILL APPROVED BY THE HOUSE AND SENT TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON WOULD PROVIDE SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION FOR THE WIDOW AND CHILDREN OF A PRESIDENT FOR FOUR YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH.

REP. WILLIAM M. MCCULLOCH, R-OHIO, SAID THREATS HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST MRS. KENNEDY AND HER CHILDREN "ON AT LEAST MORE THAN ONE OCCASION."

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